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NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, J. Berry, T. Herron, J. Weedon, L. Robbins.

International Members

F. Oliff, T. Herron, P. Knight, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

Membership/Nominations/Elections

A. Koudys, T. Herron.

Seminar

F. Oliff, T. Janzen.

Wade Essay Award

E. Brown.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

A. Leyzack, W. Warrender, J. Dixon, B. Power,
H. Duller, J. Miles; E. Brown.

Social Events

H₂O: E. Brown, B. Power.

BBQ: T. Janzen.

AGM: T. Herron, A. Leyzack.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Dependence on technology can be a dangerous thing! My first attempt at writing this message was thwarted when Microsoft Word crashed, stranding me and just before I could get out and save the document! I wrote it out long-hand but this was deemed unacceptable so here I am again, so please Bill Gates, let me at least save it this time!

Whether it be an electronic calculator, a cash register, a GPS receiver, the latest multibeam sounder, or a computer used for word processing, a complete and utter dependence on technology can lead to disappointment. The Y2K minions are profiting by the fear that all will fail, leading to Armageddon but that is a subject for someone else somewhere else.

Giving a calculator to a child who does not know how to add, subtract, multiply or divide will be to that child's detriment. Have you ever had to wait for change from a cashier whose cash register has just failed? Taking a GPS receiver on a wilderness canoe trip, without having learned the basic essentials of how to "read" a topographic map in conjunction with a compass will leave one literally "up the creek without a paddle" should the technological wizardry fail! Heck, one who has ever used a topo map on a wilderness trip knows they are not ALWAYS accurate! Do not put all your trust in the map, learn by the mistakes others have made and died while making them.

This leads to my next discussion about the "new" boating regulations. Common sense has dictated that we "small craft" users carry a PFD for each occupant (including our dogs!), a sound-signaling device, e.g. whistle, bailer, spare paddle, even a flashlight in the event we are going to be "boating" at night.

Instituting mandatory age restrictions and licensing is not a case of "too much government". Unregulated use of personal watercraft, for instance, has led to many fatalities and many more near misses. Would any of us consider sending our daughter or son out on a motorcycle (some would answer no right now!) without first ensuring that they were licenced, wearing the proper safety equipment, taken an approved Safety Council course? An emphatic NO resounds! Why, then, are personal watercraft users not subject to the same consideration? They will be and for that I am glad.

In closing, be safe, have fun and don't forget the basics, for those times when technology inevitably lets you down!

– Fred Oliff

Note Terese's new address: 25 Hillside Ave, Dundas. From Hamilton, take Highway 8 and turn left at the South Street lights, then left to Hillside Ave. From Highway 5, take Sydenham Road to King Street then Highway 8 to South Street and right at the lights.

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Central Branch 1999 Budget

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues (see Note)	\$ 3,500.00
75 Branch @ \$ 30.00	\$2,250.00
25 Int'l @ \$ 30.00	750.00
4 Sustaining @ \$ 150.00	600.00
Sales	100.00
funds raised/Donations	200.00
Advertising - NewsLetter 2 Ad spots	100.00
Total income:	\$ 4,000.00

Anticipated Expenditures:

National dues	\$ 1,410.00
61 Branch @ \$15.00	\$915.00
24 Int'l @ \$10.00	240.00
2 Sustaining @ \$100.00	200.00
2 Student @ \$ 7.50	15.00
3 Life @ \$15.00	45.00
1 Int'l Life @ \$10.00	10.00
Less 1 Honorary @ \$15.00	(15.00)
Postage - incl. 7 newsletters	700.00
AGM	300.00
Members' Professional Development	200.00
Seminars	250.00
H2O Bonspiel	125.00
Newsletter	125.00
Barbecue	200.00
Wade Essay Award	200.00
Stationery (3 year order)	950.00
CIG MasterCard fees	25.00
Total expenditures:	\$ 4,485.00

Note:

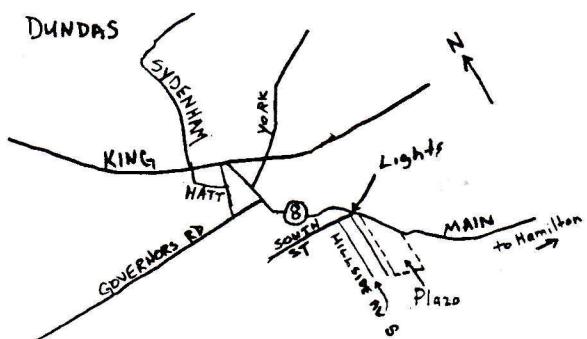
Membership dues revenue estimates do not account for student memberships at the reduced rate of \$15.

Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting will be held at 19:00 on Thursday 18 February 1999 at Terese Herron's home at 25 Hillside Ave., Dundas.

After the short business meeting, our guest speaker will be Dr. Walter Peace of the Red Hill Creek Project. Our traditional beer and pizza will follow the talk.

Hope to see you there!



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 19 January 1999

1) This year's 1st General Meeting was at the Duller residence in Burlington. Fred welcomed everyone, thanked Heimo for hosting the meeting and called the attendees to order at 7:25.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff - V.P.- Chair Tim Janzen - Secretary
Mike Bennett John Medendorp Brian Power
Earl Brown Andrew Leyzack John Dixon
Bill Warrender Dave Willis Jim Weedon
Heimo Duller Herb Pohl, Wilderness Canoe Assoc.

2) The minutes of the 9 December, 1998 Annual General Meeting as circulated in the December newsletter were available for review at the meeting.

- Moved J. Medendorp/E. Brown CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack as past treasurer) Andrew tabled the proposed 1999 budget for review, saying that the year end statement is ready for audit, and it will be presented at the next meeting. Andrew pointed out that there was a shortfall in 1998, especially with sales and membership revenue anticipated for 1998, and that he is still awaiting receipt of the 1999 membership dues. He also stated that there will be a \$950 expenditure in 1999, for a three year supply of CHA stationary, a cost which he would like to pay from the CHA account in 1999, but spread over the next three years on paper, to avoid the appearance of operating at a deficit to the membership. Andrew said that we will have enough money in the CHA account to cover the payment of National Dues and the stationary costs, but will have to reduce funding to certain programs, like the AGM and H20 to have a balanced budget. We would not have to make these cuts if we only realized (on paper) \$350 spent on the stationary in 1999. John Dixon questioned why CHA needed a 3 year supply stationary order. Andrew replied that we have to order this volume to benefit from any discounts, and added that we actually stretched the last 3 year supply to 4 years. Earl inquired why we use such a large volume of stationary, and was answered that Lighthouse mailings represent a sizable portion of this. Earl then asked why Lighthouse did not at least partially cover this cost. Andrew suggested that we could try invoicing Lighthouse for the stationary costs, after the fact of mailing, but pointing out that Lighthouse has its own financial difficulties. John Medendorp offered that we should approach the Lighthouse Treasurer, Rick Sandilands, with this idea. John also suggested using cheaper, generic stationary and superimposing the CHA logo on them digitally, but it was pointed out that it would take an unreasonably long time to run stationary through a colour printer in the midst of a mailing frenzy. It was also suggested that we may be able to defray some of the cost by having a common stationary supply with National Branch and share the expense with them based on the relative volume used by each

Branch. Bill Warrender voiced that if we have the money to pay for the stationary, we should record it as paid entirely in 1999 to avoid future confusion, citing that it doesn't matter how we present the expense on paper. Andrew tried to reinforce the problems he anticipates in how membership, not having the benefit of the evening's discussion, could interpret a deficit budget. Andrew also voiced that we must look at why membership has dwindled, and look seriously at how to generate extra revenue in the coming year.

- Moved to accept the budget as presented J. Dixon/J. Medendorp CARRIED

ACTION: Andrew to realize all stationery costs in the 1999 budget, with the appropriate footnotes to explain that this is a three year supply.

ACTION: Approach Rick Sandilands for feedback on the topic of recovering some of the stationery costs from Lighthouse.

ACTION: Brian to investigate the potential of a combined stationary supply with National Branch to defray costs.

4) Committee Reports:

Note: There is a preliminary committee list for 1999, but the list will not be finalized until a soon-to-be-held Executive Meeting.

Lighthouse: (F. Oliff for T. Herron) Pacific Region has agreed to play a larger role in the production of Lighthouse. Earl asked on the status of Lighthouse and Fred replied that it is currently in production and awaiting advertisers. Earl expressed concern that a 1998 edition had still not been published.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (A. Leyzack) Andrew reported that the launch account is in good shape and \$2,800 in the black. Andrew received much correspondence from the Canadian War Museum, and has been made aware that ownership of the launch is officially released back to the Branch at the end of the 1998 fiscal year, and so is looking for a new home. There is only one confirmed 1999 event for the launch so far, the founding of Halifax re-enactment in June, but other events are being considered:

- an event with the American Sail Training Association.
- Toronto Island (an accompaniment of a baroque musical troop).
- Cootes Paradise.
- Nancy Island in the Wasaga River.

Seminars: The next meeting will be held at Terese Herron's residence and the guest speaker will be Dr. Walter Peace of the Red Hill Creek Project.

5) Other Business:

Throughout the meeting, concerns were voiced with respect to several topics: the status of Lighthouse, the

health of Central Branch with respect to dwindling membership, ways of sparking renewed interest in the CHA by clearly stating to members and potential members the benefits of being a part of the CHA, means of generating revenue, and the apathetic and sometimes dismal views generally expressed by members (including EXECUTIVE members) of the future of the CHA.

ACTION: Schedule a meeting of the executive at the first possible opportunity. Executive members should be prepared to discuss these issues and any other issues of concern to them.

Andrew also stated that we should organize a GPS raffle. He will head this effort and Tim Janzen will assist.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm for beer, pizza and discussion.

- moved F. Oliff/B. Warrender CARRIED

Fred introduced the evening's guest speaker, Herb Pohl of the Wilderness Canoe Association. Herb gave a very enjoyable narrated slide presentation of a Kayak trip he completed several years ago, commencing from the interior of Labrador, to Hopedale, on the eastern coast. The slides showed the rugged beauty of the Labrador landscape, punctuated by Herb's running commentary of his observations and adventures along the way.

***** SPECIAL BRANCH EVENT *****

The Canadian Hydrographic Association would like to extend an invitation to curl in their 28th Annual H2O Bonspiel. Please join us for a day of curling fun. Friends and families are welcome. This is a fun bonspiel and we promise to show you a great time.

H2O BONSPIEL

GRIMBSY CURLING CLUB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Registration fees are \$32.00 per person which includes ice fees, the meal and prizes for all participants. Applications by paid-up CHA Members prior to February 18 receive discount of \$5.

The bonspiel begins at 8:30 hours and includes two eight-end games. We run two draws with the first game starting at 8:30 and the second game starting at 10:45. Dinner is served at 18:00.

If you or your firm could be a sponsor, please give Brian Power a call at (905) 319-6928, Fax (905) 319-6916, or by e-mail to: powerb@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

We have an Internet site for on line registration, come see us.

<http://www.bur.dfo.ca/curling/default.htm>

From the Outhouse
by Jim Berry



The minutes have not left us much space this time so my main column will wait for another occasion. We do have space for some other newsy items to share with you, though.

The important news this month is that fellow Outhouser Joe Delle Fave and his wife Betty are again proud parents. Mathew Alexander was born on January 25th. Everyone is doing fine.

Received an interesting letter from Ron Dreyer last week. When we have more space we'll give you more details but here's some of it to whet your appetite:

Hi Terese and Jim,

As you may have heard I retired last January from the MDA Group of companies, divested my interest therein and moved permanently thereafter to my home away from home in the sunny south. I have been in St. Lucia since Aug. 3 1998 and I am enjoying life (and lifestyle) as a gentleman real estate developer (albeit the "gentleman" reference may be heatedly debated by many, perhaps very strongly pooh-poohed by Jim!).

Our first phase of construction (approximately 50 homes) will commence late this summer and our new offices should be ready in early March of this year....so much for the update! I know Sam Weller comes to these parts often...if he's contemplating a trip this year (usually February) ask him to drop me a line....we can meet and share stories over a few rum punches!

I continue to be involved in my "first love" (hydrography...in case you forgot) and have undertaken a few assignments here that are much more enjoyable than working in the frigid waters of the north...hell, it no longer costs an unfortunate soul a "case of beer" if they accidentally fall overboard...it now costs a "bottle of rum" for those who actually DO go overboard (i.e. it is a terrible waste of time as we chase after our mutineer techies while they swim away to shore...the water never drops below 75 degrees here!)

Anyway, I'd appreciate it if you would revise my mailing and membership data and forward all correspondence to my new address:

rdreyer@candw.lc or: Dreyer Associates Inc., c/o Bonne Terre Developments Ltd, Box 242, Castries, St. Lucia, West Indies,

Also received a copy of The BOUSTROPEDON from Peter Knight and the New Zealand Region of The Hydrographic Society. Run out of space this month but I'll share more with you next time.

How about hearing from you, too?

Till next time.