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## Canadian Hydrographic Association

### Central Branch

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## Central Branch Committees

### NewsLetter/Web site

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

### Lighthouse (Central Branch)

T. Herron, E. Brown, T. Janzen, E. Sinclair, J. Weller.

### Social Events

H2O: E. Brown, B. Power, J. Miles.

BBQ: T. Janzen.

AGM: T. Herron, A. Leyzack.

### 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.

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Notes from the Branch Vice-President

I have just returned from four weeks of Hydrographic Training at the Coast Guard College in Sydney. That's Sydney, Cape Breton not Sydney, Australia. Also in attendance were Shelley Parkhouse and Alexandra Ripco from Pacific Region, June Senay and Bruce Anderson from Atlantic Region, Diane Boudreault from Laurentian Region, Janis Davies, Mina Foroutan, Laura Sandilands, Dan Brousseau, Tim Janzen, Paul Read, Al Shepherd and Glen Toldi from Central & Arctic Region.

Gone are the days when new recruits were sent south to learn how to be hydrographers by doing "cruises" in the Caribbean Sea in the winter. I started here a little too late for that. I happily accept what training I have received and look forward to putting what has been taught into practical use. The CARIS training we received last fall is paying dividends, I expect, for everyone who has taken it.

The hydrographic training was very worthwhile for not only did we learn how to better do our work but we also met some wonderful people from other CHS Regions.

I hope that the CHA will play a larger role, as they did in the past, in providing the means for training, attending conferences, etc. Some of you may not know that there is a Professional Development fund set aside to help members offset the cost of presenting papers at conferences, take extra training, prepare for exams, e.g. CLS or OLS exams, etc.

Membership dues are now being accepted for 1999.

– Fred Oliff

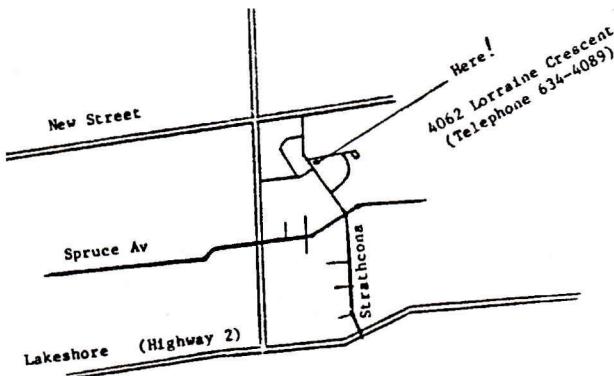
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Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting will be held at 19:00 on Wednesday 7 April at the Weller residence: 4062 Lorraine Crescent, Burlington.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Bob Bukata of the Aquatic Ecosystem Conservation Branch, National Water Research Institute, with an illustrated talk on "Remote Sensing just does not work! [at least, not for me]". Sparks may fly... Hope to see you there!

Our traditional beer and pizza will follow the talk.



Central Branch 1998 Financial Statements

Balance forward December 31, 1997:	\$ 3,413.24
<b>Receipts</b>	
Membership Dues (1997)	\$ 60.00
Membership Dues (1998)	2,633.46
Membership Dues (1999)	210.45
NewsLetter	50.00
AGM	1,475.00
50/50 Draw	104.00
DFO Xmas Party	200.00
H2O Bonspiel	610.33
	\$ 5,343.24

<b>Expenditures</b>	
National Dues (1997)	\$ 1,552.50
Postage	621.79
Seminars	268.48
H2O Bonspiel	860.00
AGM	1,729.67
BBQ	219.18
NewsLetter Paper	108.86
50/50 Draw	50.00
DFO Xmas Party	200.00
CIG MasterCard charges	1.05
1997 AGM Arrears	75.00
	\$ 5,686.53

Working Balance December 31, 1998:	\$ 3,069.95
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Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1997:	\$ 552.93
<b>Receipts</b>	
Subscriptions (1998)	\$ 616.07
Subscriptions (19989)	25.00
Back Issues	20.00
	\$ 661.07

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Postage	\$ 48.55
Shipping (1997)	12.79
	\$ 61.34

Working Balance December 31, 1998:	\$ 1,152.66
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Launch Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1997:	\$ 457.05
<b>Receipts</b>	
Tulip Festival Ottawa (CWM)	\$ 500.00
Int'l Year of the Ocean (DFO)	2,000.00
Pier-Marine Museum (THB)	1,350.00
Battle of Georgian Bay	200.00
BBQ Fund Raiser	342.00
Print Draw	285.00
	\$ 4,677.00

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Int'l Year of the Ocean (DFO)	\$ 874.66
Tulip Festival Ottawa (CWM)	129.62
Simcoe Day, Toronto (THB)	803.99
Maintenance	480.37
Donor Plaque (CWM)	43.53
	\$ 2,332.17

Working Balance December 31, 1997:	\$ 2,801.88
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Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 25 February 1999

1) The 2nd General Meeting was at Terese Herron & Shawn Cook's residence in Dundas. Terese welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Attendees:

Terese Herron	- past V.P.- Chair	
Andrew Leyzack	- A/Secretary-Treasurer	
Jon Biggar	Earl Brown	Ken Dexel
Heimo Duller	Louise Durham	Sean Hinds
Brian Power	Ab Rogers	Jim Weedon
Sam Weller	Speaker: Dr. Walter Peace	

2) The minutes of 19 January 1999 Meeting were circulated and were available at the meeting.

Action item on the use of Branch stationery: Terese said Lighthouse does not use the Branch stationery and she is reassessing the amount of stationery to be ordered. Brian reported that National, because of its limited stationery use presently shares Branch stationery.

**Outstanding Action:** Brian to investigate combined stationery supply with National to defray costs.

- Moved E. Brown/Ken Dexel CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Andrew presented the 1998 year-end statement for the Branch, Launch and Lighthouse convenience account. Earl questioned how a budget can be prepared when 1997 and 1999 dues are reported in 1998. Andrew said there have always been late and early dues payments and the budget recognizes this, usually anticipating an optimistic return on dues in the year to come. To simplify the accounting exercise, the treasurer records and identifies what dues were received. Ed Lewis will audit the 1998 statements.

A Motion to accept the unaudited 1998 statements.

- Moved H. Duller/S. Weller CARRIED

4) Correspondence: (T. Herron) Terese reported correspondence on membership inquiries and dues.

5) Committee Reports:

Membership: (A. Koudys) Terese and Tim Janzen recently did a walkabout through the office to canvas members. Terese reported that 80% of the in-house dues were received as a result of personally approaching the members. Paid up Membership for 1999 now stands at: 35 In-house; 13 International; 15 Out-house. We have two new members: Bill Gray and Roger Cameron, and Brent Beale, Manager of Electronic Charting Division of CHS Central and Arctic Region, has rejoined us after 2 years away. Welcome aboard, gentlemen.

Social Events: (B. Power) Brian reported that the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel is on February 27 at Grimsby Curling Club. 48 Curlers are registered and the team lists drawn up. First draw is 8:30am, the second 10:45am. There was good response from sponsors, with over 10 companies contributing either in cash or by gifts in-kind. Jackie Miles has purchased the prizes and the event is ready to go. [Sponsors are listed on Page 3.]

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (A. Leyzack) Andrew reported that he is organizing events for the 1999 sailing season. He has been in touch with Victor Suthren on the proposed activities at Halifax, NS this June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. At Sean Hinds' recommendation, an offer was put forth to Dave Pugh and Sheila Acheson in Ottawa regarding CHA and *Surveyor's* participation at the International Cartographic Association Conference (ICA) in mid-August (the CHA 1999 AGM is in Ottawa, at the ICA Convention). Gord Lako from Penetanguishene called recently to discuss the possibility of *Surveyor* and crew participating in a film. A Toronto-based company is apparently proposing to recreate American General, George Washington's infamous "Crossing of the Delaware" amid the natural backdrop of Hamilton's Cootes Paradise. The filming may occur late this April.

This year will see the need for the committee to seek out a worthy museum or historical society to be the new owners of our launch. A recent letter received has activated the transfer of ownership of the Launch back to the CHA from the Canadian War Museum. Sean queried the legality of such a transfer. Andrew will call a meeting of the Surveyors to discuss such matters when a rough schedule has been drafted.

**Action 1:** Chair to call a Launch meeting

**Action 2:** Committee to contact CHS Scotia Fundy and former Maritime CHA members to inform them of *Surveyor's* visit to Halifax.

**Action 3:** Committee to contact Marine Museum of the North Atlantic regarding access to accommodations aboard the retired CSS Acadia.

6) Other Business:

Category B Training: Andrew announced the present CHA National initiative to document, on video, the lectures being given at the hydrographic training course entitled Hydro99, in Sydney NS. A video library, some 40 tapes in all, is being compiled for future reference. A film company out of Sydney is presently on site recording the series. When completed, the tapes will be made available for distribution through the CHA.

7) No other business, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

- Moved H. Duller/B. Power CARRIED

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Andrew introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Walter Peace, a professor at McMaster University's Geography Department. Dr. Peace presented an interesting background to the present-day and somewhat controversial issue of the construction of Hamilton's Red Hill Creek expressway. Dr. Peace's slides took us from the valley's Paleo history to this century's urban/industrial development of an area, which only a generation ago, was occupied, by farms. After the show, members were treated to beer & pizza.

CHA 1999 H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel

by Brian Power

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel took place at the Grimsby Curling Club on Saturday, February 27 1999. Forty-eight curlers participated in a fun-filled day of curling and enjoyed a fine dinner later on in the evening.

Over the years, our annual H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel has proved to be one of the most popular events of the curling season for both experienced and non-experienced curlers. Each year many friends and family members enter teams and successfully compete for first and second place trophies.



Brian and Jason Power

This year the **first place trophy** was presented to Brian Power and his rink: Vice Jane Bedford, Second Mel Webber, Lead Jason Power. The **second place trophy** goes to Rick Kiriluk and his rink: Vice Elaine Grahame, Second Andrea Brown, Lead Liam Doherty.

The success and popularity of the H<sub>2</sub>O can be directly attributed to the efforts put forward by the Bonspiel committee and its sponsors. The 1999 H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel committee was Brian Power, Earl Brown and Jacqueline Miles. On behalf of this year's committee I would like to thank Jackie (Jacqueline) for booking the Grimsby Curling Club and arranging the dinner. As well, I would like to thank Earl for his efforts in acquiring this year's list of sponsors. Each year I receive many compliments praising the H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel and in particular the awards table which our sponsors generously contribute to. Without their continued support we would not be able to host such an event. I would like to acknowledge our sponsors in this newsletter. They are:

Kev-Tech Associates  
Universal Systems Limited  
Offshore Systems Ltd.  
NovAtel Communications Limited  
McQUEST Marine Sciences Limited  
Kongsberg Smirad Mesotech Limited  
KNUDSEN Engineering Limited  
Devel-Tech Inc.  
Canadian Hydrographic Service  
GeoNet Technologies Inc.  
Canadian Hydrographic Association.

The International Column

by Larry Robbins

Dear Cassius:

Are you still working on the Y zero K problem? This change from BC to AD is giving us a lot of headaches and we haven't much time left. I don't know how people will cope with working the wrong way around. Having been working happily downwards forever, now we have to start thinking upwards. You would think that someone would have thought of it earlier and not left it to us to sort it all out at this last minute.

I spoke to Caesar the other evening. He was livid that Julius hadn't done something about it when he was sorting out the calendar. He said he could see why Brutus turned nasty. We called in Consultus but he simply said that continuing downwards using minus BC won't work and as usual charged a fortune for doing nothing useful. Surely, we will not have to throw out all our hardware and start again? Macrohard will make yet another fortune out of this, I suppose.

The moneylenders are paranoid of course! They've been told that all usury rates will invert and they will have to pay their clients to take out loans. It's an ill wind....

As for myself, I just can't see the sand in an hourglass flowing upwards. We've heard that there are three wise men in the East who have been working on the problem, but unfortunately they won't arrive until it's over.

I have heard that there are plans to stable all horses at midnight at the turn of the year as there are fears that they will stop and try to run backwards, causing immense damage to chariots and possible loss of life.

Some say the world will cease to exist at the moment of transition. Anyway, we are still continuing to work on this blasted Y zero K problem. I will send a parchment to you if anything further develops.

If you have any ideas please let me know,

Plutonius

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Earl Brown heard from Adam Kerr the other day:

*Best Wishes to all friends at Central Region.*

*The CHA Central Newsletter always arrives faithfully but sadly there are less and less of the gang I knew - not surprisingly really! However I would like you to pass along just how much I appreciate the contact.*

*Not quite sure where the Lighthouse has gone lately. Seems some time since I saw one.*

*I keep in touch with Ross and Steve. Continue to be involved in the international hydrographic world through my contracting to the UKHO and to the IHB. In between enjoy retirement in this remote spot, watching the waves crash in the cove beneath the house. Hope all is well with you and that you also enjoy retirement.*

Adam