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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.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome those new members who have recently joined the Canadian Hydrographic Association. I hope you will join in some of the activities that are planned for the coming summer, most notably the summer BBQ and the heritage launch *Surveyor*.

This will certainly be an interesting year for many of us. Field personnel are preparing themselves for the upcoming field season. Many more people than usual will be staying in this year to deal with the increasing number of charts we have in production.

The new Small Craft regulations are now in effect and, with them, many boaters and personal watercraft users will now have to be licensed before they partake of their favourite summertime activities. Hopefully this will cut down on the number of fatalities on the water.

Contained in this Newsletter is a fax from the Friends of Hydrography, a group started by two former CHS employees in Ottawa. Their prime interest is in preserving the history of hydrography. I would ask that you read it and give me or Ken McMillan, CHA National President, your honest feedback in terms of the merits of this venture, especially as it affects the recently defunct CHA Branch in Ottawa.

Thanks and have a good summer. Keep your paddle in the water and keep the wet side down!

– Fred Oliff

Admiralty Launch *Surveyor*
Proposed 1999 Schedule of Events

Our participation at the following events is dependent on the availability of crew:

June 16	Launch BBQ	Burlington, ON
June 25-27	Founding of Halifax	Halifax, NS
July 31-Aug 1	Georgian Bay Regatta	Thornbury, ON
Aug 14-15	Nancy Island	Wasaga Beach, ON
Aug 16-18	Int'l Cartographic Conference	Ottawa
Aug 22	Festival of the Forty	Grimsby, ON
Oct 1-3	Faire at the Forks	Chatham, ON

Want to learn more about our maritime history, how to sail or gain traditional seamanship and sail-training experience? Perhaps you have a taste for 19th Century grub and grog?

Consider sailing with us this summer.

New crew members are always welcome.

To sign up or to get more information regarding our program please contact the Branch.

Central Branch Financial Statements

Balance forward December 31, 1998:	\$ 3,069.95
Receipts	
Membership Dues (1999)	\$ 1,904.18
NewsLetter Ad	50.00
H2O Bonspiel	1,739.40
	\$3,693.58
	\$6,763.53

Expenditures	
National Dues	\$ 1,420.00
NewsLetter Paper	96.26
Postage	132.73
Seminars	78.85
H2O Bonspiel	1,842.00
Hydro '99 Training	330.50
	\$ 3,900.34

Working Balance March 31, 1999:	\$ 2,863.19
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Note: To help the Lighthouse Editorial team and the Admiralty launch *Surveyor* Committee, the Central Branch treasurer handles some of their income and expenditures (reported below). The balance is held available and is passed on as required.

Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1998:	\$ 1,152.66
Receipts	
Back Issues	\$ 20.00
	\$ 20.00
Expenditures	
nill	\$ -
	\$ -
Working Balance March 31, 1999:	\$ 1,172.66

Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1998:	\$ 2,801.88
Receipts	
nil	
Expenditures	
nil	
Working Balance March 31, 1999:	\$ 2,801.88

Next Meeting

The next Central Branch “meeting” is our Annual Summer Barbecue on Sat 24 July. Terese Herron and Shawn Cook are hosting the barbecue this year at their home: 25 Hillside Avenue, Dundas. All members, families and friends are welcome.

From Hamilton, take Hwy 8 and turn left at South Street lights then left on Hillside. From Hwy 5, take Sydenham Road to King Street (Hwy 8). Turn left and follow Hwy 8 to South Drive. Right at the lights then left on Hillside.

Hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, and beer, pop and wine are laid on. If you can, please bring a lawn chair and an appetizer, munchies, salad or dessert.

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 7 April 1999

1) The 3rd General Meeting was held at the Weller's home in Burlington. Fred welcomed everyone and called the attendees to order at 7:20 p.m.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff	- VP- Chair		
Tim Janzen	- Secretary	Sam Weller	-Treasurer
John Medendorp	Brian Power	Andrew Leyzack	
Dave Willis	Jim Weedon	Heimo Duller	
Mike Bennett	Ken Dexel	Al Koudys	
Dan Dexel	Mike Marsden	Dr. Bob Bukata	

2) Minutes of 25 Feb. 1999 Meeting were circulated and available at the meeting. It was noted that Mina Foroutan also became a new member in February 1999.

Outstanding Action: Brian has not approached National about shared stationery but sees no objection. Andrew said Terese has found more stationery and we may not need to purchase more in the immediate future.

- Moved D. Willis/B. Power CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack, past treasurer) Andrew presented the financial statements to March 31 and is now officially passing responsibilities to Sam. Branch dues are still coming in but National dues are paid. "Hydro 1999 Training" was for CHS as part of the recent training course at Coast Guard College in Sydney, NS. Central Branch will invoice CHS for repayment.

A motion to accept the financial statement.

- Moved F. Oliff/H. Duller CARRIED

4) Committee Reports:

Membership: (A. Koudys) We have 6 new members for a total of 83: 41 In-house; 17 Out-house; 18 International; 4 Life; 2 Sustaining; 1 Honorary. He anticipates over 90 once all dues are in. Brian asked if there is a digital list or database of members. Answer: there are partial lists. Brian said Rob Hare has requested this for a database. Quebec Branch is also interested as they are hosting *Canadian Hydrographic Conference 2000*.

Action: Terese/Membership Committee to prepare and forward this list to Rob Hare.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (A. Leyzack) Andrew said the committee met twice since last CHA meeting. They are working with Toronto Marine Museum as to what they would have to offer as owners of the Launch. Other historical societies have also been approached. Andrew is working on a schedule of events for the summer, to be completed soon. He has not yet contacted Scotia-Fundy Region or Halifax Marine Museum about possible shipboard accommodations for *Surveyor's* crew during the Halifax re-enactment. The Toronto-based company filming a recreation of Washington's *Crossing of the Delaware* will not be using *Surveyor*. Heimo said maintenance work begins soon; volunteers are needed.

Lighthouse: (F. Oliff for T. Herron) Andrew asked about the status of Lighthouse. Fred presumed that it had been sent out to Pacific Region for layout but was uncertain.

Action: Fred to ask Terese for a brief report on the status of Lighthouse and he is to prepare the News From Industry and Branch News columns for Lighthouse.

Summer BBQ: (T. Janzen) The BBQ is slated for Saturday, July 24th to accommodate the Georgian Bay and Arctic Surveys. The location is yet to be determined.

5) Correspondence: Ab Rogers sent a note with regrets as it was his anniversary. Meeting attendees wished the Rogers a happy anniversary.

Fred read a letter from Ross Douglas and Sid Van Dyke about the *Friends of Hydrography* (FOH) volunteer group, stating goals and activities. They have a website that will soon need a custodian to maintain it. FOH requests \$900 per year from CHA for this. The letter was circulated and will be in the NewsLetter [see page 3] for members' information and feedback. Members are asked to send comments to Fred. Andrew gave Ken McMillan's [CHA National President] views: he doesn't see why this Ottawa group wants to operate independently and he would more freely support their website if it fell under the umbrella of CHA; most of their goals echo those of CHA. Andrew and Brian said Ken once discussed maintaining a CHA website external to the present DFO domain but CHA Directors declined the idea. Brian and John said FOH could not operate as a Branch since there are now only two people involved and Ottawa Branch is dormant but they could be an arm of CHA, similar to our Heritage Launch program, and get involved in CHA historical and educational projects. A benefit of FOH linking to CHA would be getting CHA volunteers to help. Guest speaker Bob Bukata said it sounds as though FOH wants to be an outside "agent" of public relations for CHA. Mike Marsden said FOH should be encouraged so long as CHA is not adversely affected. Most attendees seemed to agree. Brian asked what CHA would get for this annual \$900.

Ken Dexel asked if anyone had seen the FOH display at Booth Street (Ottawa). Mike Bennett has: it is a room with display cases of survey equipment. Anyone visiting Booth Street should have a look. CHA Directors will vote on the FOH issue at the AGM.

6) No other business, meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.
- Moved S. Weller/A. Koudys CARRIED

Sam introduced the evening's guest speaker: Dr. Bob Bukata of the Aquatic Ecosystem Conservation Branch, National Water Research Institute. Bob gave a very frank and informative talk pertaining to his extensive experience in the field of remote sensing. He discussed several of the successful projects he has been involved

with, but his main thrust was on remote sensing short falls. His belief is that the strength of this technology lies in its geographic and geometrical applications far more than the ones that are biochemical in nature. Research over the past three decades has implied that remote sensing techniques are capable of revealing much more to us than they really are, resulting in giving the field 'a bad name.'

After the talk, we enjoyed pizza, beer, and discussion.

Letter received by CHA National President

Members are invited to send comments to Fred Oliff or to any executive Member (listed on the front page).

Friends of Hydrography
A Volunteer Group

March 12, 1999

Mr. Ken McMillan
President, CHA
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Dear Ken

We would like to introduce you to Friends of Hydrography (FOH), a volunteer group devoted to supporting the hydrographic community. As you are well aware the trend to involve volunteers in certain areas has become a very important component of many sectors. The current fiscal climate in which the hydrographic community must operate, particularly government organizations, has imposed severe restrictions on their ability to undertake anything but core programs. It is against this backdrop that FOH has been implemented. The following points will briefly describe some of the things that FOH does and does not do.

What will FOH do?

Projects will range from a historical nature, to current issues or even those with a futuristic leaning. It is important to know exactly who the work is being done for, e.g. provide accurate background information to publications such as Lighthouse, the news media, for CHS usage, historical researchers, schools, etc. Specific examples include:

- Document the history of charts and surveys.
- Document the history of hydrographic personnel.
- Document the history of hydrographic ships.
- Assist in the sorting and inventory of information held at the National Archives under the "Dominion Hydrographer's file".

- Catalogue and label the existing holdings in the CHS Library.
- Provide small displays of selected historical subjects of hydrographic interest. These displays would serve to acquaint the community with their hydrographic roots. They would be rotated regularly, have semi-permanent homes at the CHS offices but would be available to the whole community upon request.
- Assist with the distribution of promotional and marketing material, e.g., handing out product brochures to recreational boaters at Rideau Canal locks
- Assist with marketing tasks at expositions, e.g. boat shows, open houses, and marine trade shows.

What will the Volunteer Group not do?

- FOH will not undertake projects or tasks that are associated with any aspect of the production of paper or electronic charts.
- FOH will not undertake the organization of social events.
- FOH will not compete in any way with existing government or non-government organizations

As you can see from the above list of potential projects there is a definite tendency to preserve accurate historical aspects of hydrography. The use of a World Wide Web site to disseminate all of this information seems to provide the best delivery vehicle. To this end we have had a web site designed (by a volunteer) and have a large amount of information ready to be loaded. We are rapidly approaching the point where we will need the services of an Internet Service Provider. In order to keep our efforts as independent as possible, we feel strongly that this service must be outside the government domain

Therefore, we would like to solicit the support of CHA to fund this service. We believe it would cost in the neighborhood of \$900 per year to establish the site, register the domain, etc. Of course, recognition of any support would be displayed on the site as well as the link to the CHA site.

If you would like to receive any more details regarding FOH and its general objectives or the web site design, we would be most pleased to present them to you. We are certain you will give this request due consideration and we are hopeful of an early positive response.

Yours truly

S. van Dyck

R. Douglas