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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.

Lighthouse (Central Branch)

T. Herron, E. Brown, T. Janzen, R. Robitaille,
J. Weller.

Membership/Nominations/Elections

A. Koudys, T. Herron.

Social Events

H₂O: E. Brown, B. Power, J. Miles.

BBQ: T. Janzen.

AGM: T. Herron, A. Leyzack.

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

This is your chance to take part in one of the most wonderful things about our political system: the democratic process. Inserted in this month's Newsletter is the BALLOT. This is an opportunity for you to cast your vote, to have your say, in who runs the Executive of the CHA for the next year. This is a powerful thing. Do not enter into your decisions lightly. Think of whom you are voting and what they represent. Does that person represent the kind of values you want the CHA to adopt? Does that person have the "right stuff" to be your representative on National Council?

While I have enjoyed being your representative as Branch V-P for the past two years, it has not always been easy. Nationally, the CHA is doing well, and regionally, at least in Central and Pacific Branches, we are currently doing better than average, but time commitments have forced the other Branches to curtail their operations. This situation, though sad, shows that the first thing to break, when staff is cut back, is extracurricular work-related activities. I noted this when I was on exchange in Atlantic Region last year. And while there was interest in the Surveyor on her visit to Halifax this summer, it would hardly be enough to rejuvenate the CHA Atlantic Branch. This has to be done internally, not from within another Branch.

I have always maintained that the job of V-P is as a facilitator and I have always been open to the ideas of others, especially those with the wisdom of having been V-P in the past. Without this crucial advice, it would have been a difficult struggle. The same can be said of the other Executive members. They have always been there to offer advice and support. For that I am grateful and thankful, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Executive for their diligent effort in these difficult times. One must remember that these are volunteers, who give up their valuable leisure time to the activities of the CHA.

In closing, thanks also to you, the membership of the CHA, who continue to support our efforts. Long shall we attempt to provide you with entertaining seminars, with the requisite refreshments afterwards, as well as our other activities.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

– Fred Oliff

Next Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting and Dinner is on Thurs. 9 December at *Mimico Cruising Club*. Cpl. Ken Burton, RCMP Marine Operations, will speak on *The St. Roch II Project: A Voyage of Rediscovery*. See the article by Keith Weaver in our last NewsLetter for more details. This will be an interesting evening as well as a great meal in a lovely clubhouse, freshly decorated for Christmas.

Call Terese: (905) 336-4832, or e-mail: herront@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 1998 to 20 October 1999

Balance forward December 31, 1998: \$ 3,069.95

Receipts:

Membership Dues (1999)	\$2,564.18
Membership Dues (2000)	30.00
NewsLetter Adverts	100.00
H2O Bonspiel	1,739.40
	\$ 4,433.58
	\$ 7,503.53

Expenditures:

National Dues (1998)	\$1,420.00
Postage	431.25
NewsLetter paper	203.21
Seminars & Meetings (net)	165.88
Summer BBQ	226.30
H2O Bonspiel	1,842.00
Hydro '99 Training	330.50
	\$ 4,619.14

Working Balance 20 October 1999: \$ 2,884.39

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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.

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Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1998: \$ 1,152.66

Receipts:

Subscriptions	\$ 388.46
Back Issues	20.00
	\$ 408.46
	\$ 1,561.12

Expenditures:

nil	\$ -
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Working Balance 20 October 1999: \$ 1,561.12

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Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 1998: \$ 2,801.88

Receipts:

Appearance fees, Donations	\$5,011.00
	\$ 5,011.00
	\$ 7,812.88

Expenditures:

Maintenance, Appearances	\$1,346.65
Insurance	1,420.00
	\$ 2,766.65

Working Balance 20 October 1999: \$ 5,046.23

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 20 October 1999

1) The meeting was hosted by Terese Herron. Fred welcomed everyone, thanked Terese, and called the meeting to order at 19:10.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff - VP- Chair
Sam Weller - Treasurer, A/Secretary
Jim Berry Joseph delle Fave Terese Herron
Sean Hinds Andrew Leyzack Brian Power
Ab Rogers Jim Weedon.
Guest Speaker - George Drought, Wilderness Bound
Video Productions, Hamilton, Ontario

2) Minutes of the 22 September 1999 Meeting were circulated in the newsletter and available at the meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved S. Weller/T. Herron CARRIED

3) Treasurer's report: Sam reported on finances to date. Andrew confirmed that the \$330.50 listed for Hydro '99 would be repaid to CHA, and, because it was felt that the lectures were too valuable to lose, the cost of videotaping the lectures would be paid by CHS and CHA National. These lectures are now available for future use on a "distance-learning" site. Andrew said the "Appearance fees" for the launch were Honorariums. If space permits, perhaps they could be listed by event?

Motion to accept the reports:

- Moved S. Weller/A. Rogers CARRIED

4) Correspondence:

- a. Sheila Acheson sent a message with news that Ottawa Branch CHA had held two Luncheon Seminars with Dave Monahan speaking on Law of the Sea issues. She hopes to settle Ottawa Branch status by mid-November.
- b. Ken sent a copy of a letter that asked CHA to amalgamate under a "Geomatics" umbrella with Canadian Institute of Geomatics, Association of Canada Lands Surveyors, CMAC. This would be expensive so there was little interest in this group tonight.
- c. The book *Mapping of Northern Canada, 1947-1994* has been published. Perhaps CHA could accumulate a library of such books to add to the videos we already have, perhaps as a lending library.

Motion: That Central Branch buy a copy of the book.

- Moved A. Leyzack/T. Herron CARRIED

In reply to a question on the status of the book that George Macdonald wrote, Sam said the last he heard it had been translated but not yet printed.

5) Committee Reports:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power, A. Leyzack) The last event of the year was the *Faire at the Forks* in Chatham earlier this month. There was a really good

turn out, with another group and a contingent from Ottawa joining our folk. There were 20 for dinner at their campsite. Friday [School Day] saw 4,000 kids come by, with another 10,000 people on Saturday and Sunday. It was a real success. Jim Weedon had made a very good display. The organizers may expand the event next year, though that might be too much for our group. Our committee is now seeking a winter home for the launch. Andrew received a letter from Vic Suthren (now an honorary Captain in the Royal Canadian navy) listing coming events in the Toronto and Lake Ontario area, hoping for our participation.

Nominations: (T. Herron) Terese sent out two e-mails seeking nominations. Five people have replied.

Motion: "that nominations close on Friday 22 October."

- Moved T. Herron/A. Leyzack CARRIED

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Nothing new to report. Still seeking advertisers. Terese has been in contact with Pacific Branch about advertising and with the contractor about layout.

AGM: (T. Herron) The Central Branch AGM and Dinner is confirmed for Thursday, December 9th at the *Mimico Cruising Club*. There is a short list of two great speakers. J. Berry asked about the booking, as it is not listed in MCC's newsletter. Terese will double check.

Other Business: (B. Power) There was a Directors' meeting (by telephone) on 6 October but only the National President, B. Power (National Secy/Treasurer), T. Herron (Lighthouse Editor), D. Gartley (Pacific Branch) and F. Oliff (Central Branch) participated. The 1999 National AGM is scheduled for 1 December and he requests that financial statements from the Branches and agenda items be submitted ASAP. Forward these to B. Power or F. Oliff. This AGM will be a teleconference; our locale will be Room H122 in CCIW.

The business part of the meeting adjourned at 20:05.

- Moved J. Berry/B. Power CARRIED

Our guest speaker, George Drought, showed a video of a recent Arctic canoe trip down the Hood River to Bathurst Inlet. He is a professional guide on such trips and entertained us with tales of their derring-do. An interesting scene in the video was the rather incongruous sight of three canoes being loaded into a Twin Otter plane at Yellowknife for the trip up the river. By the end of the evening, it was clear that many of us were ready to be persuaded to venture on such a trip. George has a very interesting web site: www.wildernessbound.com

Fred thanked George for his presentation and we retired to our traditional refreshments and discussion.

The Candidates Speak

Andrew Leyzack: as a candidate for VP, I offer up the following campaign pledge: I believe the time has come for the Branch to look closely at where we have been and where we would like to go in the new millennium. I would like to see us play a stronger role in educating the membership with emphasis on training and meaningful seminars that focus more on hydrography.

Tim Janzen: I am very pleased to be running for the office of CHA Central Branch VP for the year 2000. If elected, I look forward to representing our Branch and helping our organization get off to a great start to the 21st century. I would like to see the continuation of social activities, and I think we need to increase our efforts to promote interest in the CHA. We also need to concentrate on getting *Lighthouse* back on track and enhance our efforts towards developing a working national strategy in getting this publication out the door. If not elected as VP, I would gladly accept continuing as Secretary, as I have for the past two years, or as an executive member. Thank you for your nominations, I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in December!

Fred Oliff: As we near the end of the last decade of the 1900s and the beginning of a new century, CHA is faced with new challenges. As downsizing has reduced the workforce but not the work, the workload of every employee has increased. This means that more and more demands are being placed on us in the workplace and few of us have the time anymore to devote to volunteer efforts. Thus the CHA has suffered. It need not be so, however, and it is through the efforts of dedicated volunteers that the CHA will thrive. I hope that you will give me the chance to be one of them! Having been Branch V-P for the past two years, I can still contribute to the CHA in positive and worthwhile ways. Give me the opportunity to do so, and I will not let you down! In closing, may I wish you and yours a most wonderful holiday season to close out this century!

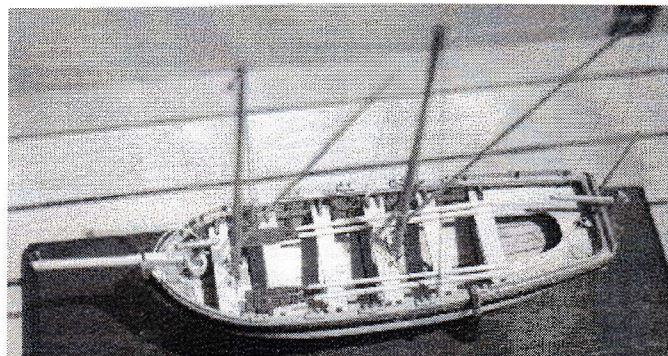
Earl Brown: Having been an executive member this past year has been an interesting and worthwhile experience. It gave me the important opportunity to become re-acquainted with Branch activities and how the Branch operates. We have many strengths and unfortunately some areas which can be improved. If re-elected to the Branch executive, I will continue to promote the activities that give us strength and work hard at developing new initiatives that will make it clear why membership in the CHA is interesting, worthwhile and important.

Sean Hinds: I am interested in renewing my active participation in the Branch executive for two reasons. Primarily, to demonstrate my commitment to the goals of our CHA Branch and to lend support to the hard working group that often carries a significant load on behalf of the membership. Secondly, I sense that the tides are changing for our membership and I am hopeful that the executive team will take proactive measures to increase the value of our organization for our membership. If elected, I will work toward this goal of adding value to your membership in CHA-Central Branch.

Dan Brousseau: My 3 years with the Canadian Hydrographic Service and my previous work experience will help me in trying to make the CHA a more visible organization. We have to emphasize the hydrographic, mapping and surveying components of the association and answer the needs and demands of every member. My wish is that in the next year the CHA will work more efficiently for you and with you. Thanks for your time. Dan

Model Draw: Admiralty Launch Surveyor

A scale model of the *Admiralty Launch Surveyor* is being built by Heimo Duller, long-time crew member. The model is 14" in length and is fully rigged. The model is to be raffled to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance and care of our replica *Admiralty Launch Surveyor*.



Model of "Admiralty Launch Surveyor" by Heimo Duller

Ticket sales close Friday January 14, 2000. The model will be on display at the CHA Central Branch Annual General Meeting and Dinner on 9 December.

Tickets, \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00, are available from Andrew Leyzack at (905) 336-4538 or from Sam Weller.

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1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER

Thursday 9 December 1999 at

Mimico Cruising Club
Humber Bay West Park
Etobicoke (Toronto)

CHA Members and Guests: \$25.00 per person

Cash Bar

Cocktail Reception 4:30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting 6:15 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: 8:00 p.m.

Cpl. Ken Burton, RCMP

The St. Roch II Project: A Voyage of Rediscovery.

A Registration Form is enclosed in this NewsLetter.

For reservations and information please contact

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Last day for Registration: Thursday 2 December