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NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, T. Janzen, L. Robbins, J. Weedon, J. Dixon.

Lighthouse (Central Branch)

T. Herron, E. Brown, T. Janzen, F. Oliff, R. Robitaille.

Social Events

H₂O: E. Brown, B. Power.

BBQ: T. Janzen, M. Marsden.

AGM: S. Hinds, J. Weedon, J. Biggar, T. Herron.

Membership: A. Koudys

Branch: M. Marsden.

International: A. Leyzack, L. Robbins, P. Knight.

Elections: J. Dixon, T. Janzen.

Seminar

D. Brousseau, S. Hinds.

Gerry Wade

M. Marsden, T. Janzen, S. Hinds, D. Brousseau.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who took the time to exercise your democratic rights in the 2000 Executive election. We have a lot of new blood this time around, which is a good thing for the Branch. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve one of the stronger Branches in CHA. I'm also pleased to have the chance to stand up on my box of sounding rolls to offer up some food for thought to this fine newsletter.

As I write my first message to you as VP, I am aware of a stack of books across the table that require my attention. Some of our members across Canada are in the midst of what has become a yearly ritual of hitting the books in preparation for challenging the Canada Lands Surveyor (CLS) examinations. Our colleagues who preceded us were fortunate enough to obtain their commission either through a "grandfathering" clause or by guidelines that afforded them many exemptions from writing the whack of exams confronting CLS candidates today.

Why do it? You might well ask. A CLS commission is what qualifies a surveyor to delineate offshore property rights. Our hydrographers survey, chart and consequentially delineate our Offshore Canada Lands, lands that fall under the jurisdiction of the government of Canada. A CLS commission is a prerequisite for those seeking Engineering Survey (EN-SUR) positions within CHS. A university degree in a geomatics-related area of study will also suffice as will an Ontario Land Surveyor's ticket but I believe this disparity has created some problems, not only for the credibility of the CLS commission itself but also in the notion of the identity of the hydrographic profession. Some time ago the CHS, under the direction of Steve MacPhee, chose not to maintain IHO/FIG Category-A accreditation for their hydrographic training courses. The Dominion Hydrographer believed that by fulfilling the requirements to obtain a CLS commission, the hydrographer would hold an equivalent qualification.

In closing, I leave you with a couple of thoughts to ponder: If an Ontario Land Surveyor (OLS) wanted to practice in Saskatchewan, he or she would have to get an SLS. That said, should not the same standards apply with respect to the survey of Offshore Canada Lands?

Once Canada ratifies UNCLOS'82 (United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, 1982), should the hydrographer-in-charge of an offshore survey not have to be a qualified CLS?

Best of Luck for the coming year,

– Andrew

And the Winner is...

CHA-Central Branch would like to congratulate Mike Bennett of CHS- Central and Arctic Region in winning the model of the Admiralty Launch Surveyor. We'd like to thank everyone who bought tickets. Over \$300 was raised in support of the Launch as a result of the raffle. A special thanks to the craftsman, Heimo Duller, for his handy work!

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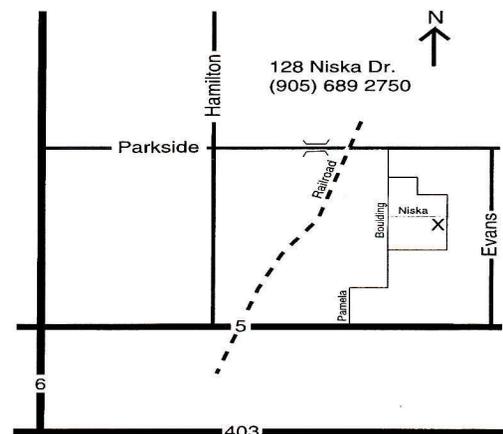
Central Branch 2000 Budget

Anticipated Revenue:	
Membership dues	\$ 3,030.00
70 Branch @ \$ 30.00	
21 Int'l @ \$ 30.00	
2 Sustaining @ \$150.00	
NewsLetter Ads: 2 @ \$ 50.00	100.00
Other income	355.00
<u>Total income:</u>	<u>\$ 3,485.00</u>

Anticipated Expenditures:	
National dues	\$ 1,530.00
74 Branch @ \$ 15.00	
22 Int'l @ \$ 10.00	
2 Sustaining @ \$100.00	
Postage - incl. 7 newsletters	650.00
Seminars	250.00
H2O Bonspiel	125.00
AGM and Dinner	400.00
Summer Barbecue	200.00
Newsletter	110.00
CIG MasterCard fees	20.00
Gerry Wade Committee	200.00
<u>Total expenditures:</u>	<u>\$ 3,485.00</u>

Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting will be held at 19:00 on Wed, 23 February 1999, hosted by Dan Dixel and Mike Marsden at 128 Niska Drive, Waterdown [just north of Highway 5]. After a short business meeting, we'll watch the video of our launch *Surveyor* in Halifax last summer. Our traditional beer and pizza will we served.



Helen Love Rogers

We are sorry to report the passing of Helen Rogers, dear wife for 49 years of our colleague Ab Rogers, beloved mother of Nancy and Grammy of Kyle. Helen died unexpectedly on 1 February after many active years of cheerful discomfort. There was a wonderful service of celebration on Friday 4 February. Our thoughts are with Ab and his family at this sad time.

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 19 January 2000

1) Heimo Duller and Leigh Morrison hosted the meeting. Andrew welcomed everyone, thanked Heimo and Leigh, and called the meeting to order at 19:30.

Attendees:

Andrew Leyzack	- VP- Chair	
Tim Janzen	- Secretary	
Heimo Duller	John Medendorp	Brian Power
John Dixon	Jim Weedon	Ab Rogers
Earl Brown	Dan Brousseau	Sean Hinds
Matthew Hinds	Mike Marsden	Bill Gray
Guest Speaker- John Barrett-Hamilton, General Manager, Huron Historical Parks		

Regrets: Sam Weller

In his opening comments, Andrew stated that the CHA should try to maintain our longstanding good relationship with the CHS, as it has proven mutually beneficial in the past. He said that it is important that we define to both the CHS and to CHA membership the benefits that the CHA has to offer. Also, some members have expressed reluctance to renew because of our problems getting Lighthouse out the door, therefore, we should offer our assistance to the Lighthouse Committee to get the outstanding issues published as soon as possible. Andrew thanked Sam for his efforts in the newsletter and urged the Executive to help Sam in this endeavour wherever possible. He also said that he would like to see that future seminar topics are more closely related to hydrography, with these seminar topics possibly developing into papers suitable for publishing in Lighthouse.

2) Minutes of the 9 December AGM were circulated in the newsletter and available at the meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved J. Dixon/H. Duller CARRIED

3) Treasurer's report: (A. Leyzack for J. Weller) Sam had not quite finished, but a partial statement was presented to the meeting. The completed statement and budget will be published in the newsletter. Earl asked how the statement compared against last year's. Andrew answered that it was about the same, but we need to run some sort of revenue generating event this year, possibly a GPS raffle.

Motion to accept the partial statement:

- Moved J. Medendorp/B. Power CARRIED

4) Budget: The 2000 budget was circulated. John Medendorp asked if any expenditures were different than last year. Andrew said there were no significant differences, and stressed that we have to keep a balanced budget and show no profit. Due to lack of interest, the Professional Development funding was dropped. The *Wade Essay Award* was changed to the *Gerry Wade Committee* (discussed later in the minutes). The H₂O budget was held the same value as last year. There was a \$75 expenditure in 1999 for the purchase of the book *Mapping of Northern Canada, 1947-1994* for the Branch. Mike Marsden suggested having a BBQ as a fundraiser, which is a consideration.

Motion to accept the budget as proposed:

- Moved E. Brown/A. Rogers CARRIED

5) Correspondence: Andrew said that there was a reply from a letter to the Minister Canadian Heritage, which listed some recommendations for funding our Admiralty Launch *Surveyor*. George Goldsteen wishes all well for 2000, and expressed concern over the status of Lighthouse. There was a Christmas greeting from Larry and Jane Robbins.

6) Committee Reports: The 2000 committees have been set, and they will appear in the next newsletter. There was a discussion of the change from the *Wade Essay Award* to the *Gerry Wade Committee*. Due to lack of interest in the *Wade Essay Award*, Andrew proposed that we replace this committee with a "*Gerry Wade Committee*". It would be geared towards education in the memory of Gerry Wade. The first step would be to get a bookcase and fill it with such items as the Hydro 99 videos and notes and any other educational material the Branch acquires, with one or two members administering the lending of this material. Free access to this library would be a benefit of CHA membership; there would be a nominal fee levied for non-member users. It was clarified that the bookcase would bear the name "*Gerry Wade*" in some way. Earl suggested trying to get a small office in CCIW, either in the hydrography area or in the library, where this resource material could be stored, read, or viewed.

7) The 2000 meeting/event schedule was presented:

- H2O Bonspiel - Sat. February 19th – at Grimsby
- 2nd meeting - Wed. February 23rd - location TBA
- 3rd meeting - Wed. March 22nd - Weller residence
- 4th meeting - Wed. April 19th - location TBA
- CHA BBQ - Sat. June 17th - Janzen residence
- 5th meeting - Wed. Oct 4th - Thirty Bench Winery?
- 6th meeting - Wed. November 1st - location TBA
- AGM - Thurs. December 7th - location TBA

8) Other Business: Ab asked about the status of George Macdonald's book. Brian answered that the project was stopped by CHS due to controversy in the book's content.

Earl asked for a summary of the recent National Branch AGM (dealing with 1998 affairs). Brian said that Pacific, Prairie Schooner, Central, and Ottawa Branches were represented, and that Branch yearly activities and financial statements were presented. There was a discussion on the issue of transferring funds from the accounts of long-standing dormant Branches to National Branch coffers. Lighthouse was also discussed, and though nothing was resolved, a Directors' meeting to address the issue is in the works. Andrew expressed a need to locate the CHA letters of incorporation. The student awards program was another issue: excess Conference funds from Pacific Branch were given to the British Columbia Institute of Technology and to the University of Victoria to fund annual bursaries, which was a conflict with the existing *CHA Student Awards* program. There was a debate on whether the Board of Directors should administer such funds in the future.

- 9) The CHA Directors were identified:
- National President - Ken McMillan
 - Secretary/Treasurer - Brian Power
 - Pacific Branch V-P - James Wilcox
 - Prairie Schooner Branch V-P - Bruce Calderbank
 - Central Branch V-P - Andrew Leyzack
 - Ottawa Branch V-P - Dave Gray
 - Section du Québec V-P - Bernard Labrecque
- 10) The business part of the meeting adjourned at 20:40.
- Moved S. Hinds/M. Marsden CARRIED

Our guest speaker, John Barrett-Hamilton, General Manager, Huronia Historical Parks, gave us a very interesting presentation on *Discovery Harbour* and surrounding attractions in Penetanguishene. He told us of how the site has been restructured, and how the incorporation of complementary attractions, such as an on-site restaurant and a theatre house, has increased interest and attendance. He also expressed interest in meeting with our Branch to work out a proposal by which *Discovery Harbour* would assume ownership of our Admiralty Launch *Surveyor*. John left us several brochure packages for *Discovery Harbour* and *Sainte-Marie among the Hurons*, one of which can be found in the magazine rack near the entrance to the Hydrographic offices at CCIW.

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

*** Special Branch Event ***

A warm welcome awaits at Grimsby Curling Club on Sat. 19 February for our **29th Annual H₂O Bonselpiel**. Join us for a day of curling fun! Friends and families are welcome. We promise you'll have a great time.

Registration fees of \$34.00 per person include ice fees, the meal and prizes. Thanks to our generous sponsors, there are prizes for everyone. There is a \$5 discount for paid-up CHA Members before February 8.

The bonselpiel has two eight-end games. We will run two draws: the first game starts at 8:30 and the second game at 10:45. Dinner is at 18:00. Dinner tickets are available for non-curlers. But why not join us for the fun event, too?

If you could be a sponsor, please call Brian Power at (905) 319-6928, Fax (905) 319-6916, or powerb@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

We also have an Internet site for on-line registration:

<http://members.home.com/cciwcc/>

Coastal Multibeam Sonar Training Course

The Canadian Hydrographic Service is holding a 6-day multibeam course in Burlington ON, from April 4 to 10. See the website: chswwww.bur.dfo.ca/course/ and contact Mike Crutchlow: (905) 336-4850 or Fax (905) 336-8916.

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