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Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library:
- T. Janzen, F. Oliff, B. Power
Seminars: - S. Hinds, J. Dixon, A. Leyzack

Social Events

H2O - E. Brown, J. Miles, B. Power
BBQ - T. Janzen, J. Biggar
AGM - F. Oliff, S. Hinds, T. Janzen, B. Power

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Welcome to Number two of Central Branch's newsletter and I'm pleased to announce that your board of directors has accepted a proposal for a new direction and new leadership of Lighthouse. Under new co-editors Mr. Earl Brown and Ms. Paola Travaglini, work on Edition 59, due to be published by this May, has begun. As former Director of CHS Central and Arctic Region, Mr. Brown brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of hydrography to the Journal. As former associate editor, Paola returns, bringing her technical experience as a field hydrographer and skills in layout and desktop publishing. Both pledge to bring new ideas to the Journal while leaving its format much the same and above all to publish the Journal on time. Their vision is to make the Journal the voice of hydrography in Canada. Welcome Earl and Paola.

I'd like to thank committee members, Earl Brown, Jacqueline Miles and Brian Power for pulling together a very successful 30th Annual H₂O Curling Bonspiel. As you read on you'll find out who won and who helped contribute to the prize table by sponsoring the event.

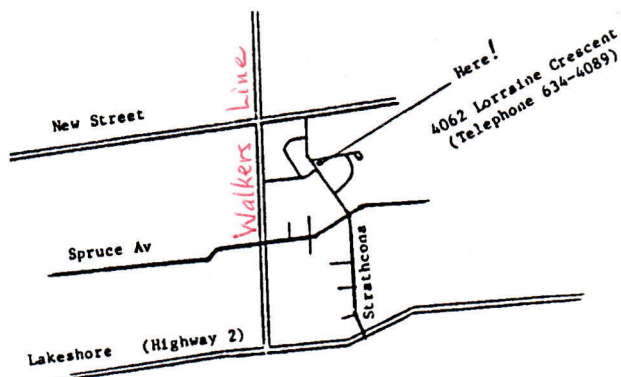
Next month the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors will be hosting an Offshore Consultation Workshop and a one-day educational seminar on the surveying of offshore Canada lands. The workshop is by invitation only and is aimed at bringing major stakeholders and government policy makers together to discuss issues of common concern. A select list of topics to be discussed at the workshop include:

- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- Provincial, National and International Jurisdictional Issues
- Survey Systems, Registration and Datums
- Data Collection, Sharing and Distributive Mechanisms

CHA National and Prairie Schooner Branch will be sponsoring hospitality at the workshop and members from Prairie Schooner, Central and Ottawa Branch will be making presentations. Thanks to CHS, I'll be attending and will be able to report back to the Branch some of the goings on.

— Andrew

Map to the next Meeting



Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 2000 to 22 February 2001

Balance forward December 31, 2000:	\$ 1,467.83
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Membership Dues (2001)	\$ 840.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
	\$ 860.00
	\$ 2,327.83
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Postage	\$ 31.84
Seminars & Meetings	101.51
NewsLetter paper	126.12
	\$ 259.47
<u>Working Balance 22 February 2001:</u>	<u>\$ 2,068.36</u>

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, 2000:	\$ 1,267.19
<u>Receipts:</u>	
nil	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
nil	
<u>Working Balance 22 February 2001:</u>	<u>\$ 1,267.19</u>

Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2000:	\$ 2,616.51
<u>Receipts:</u>	
nil	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
nil	
<u>Working Balance 22 February 2001:</u>	<u>\$ 2,616.51</u>

Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting will be held at 19:00 on Wednesday 21 March 2001, at the Weller residence: 4062 Lorraine Crescent, Burlington [one block south and east of Walkers Line & New Street].

The guest speaker is our Vice-President, Andrew Leyzack. He'll speak about the new Canada-wide GPS-C service, now being used by the Canadian Hydrographic Service to provide survey-quality differential GPS corrections in the Western Arctic.

Our traditional refreshments will be served.

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 22 February 2001

1) The meeting was in H122, in Hydrography at CCIW. Andrew welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 19:10.

Attendees:

Andrew Leyzack	- VP- Chair	
Tim Janzen	- Secretary	
Sam Weller	-Treasurer	
Heimo Duller	John Dixon	Jim Weedon
Ab Rogers	Earl Brown	Sean Hinds
Matt Hinds	Bill Warrender	George McFarlane
Brian Power	John Medendorp	

Guest Speaker- Bob Rowsell, Head of Instrument-ation Services, Engineering Services Section, Research Support Branch, National Water Research Institute.

2) Minutes of the 24 January meeting were available.

Andrew addressed the three action items in them:

- A.) He has not addressed CHS about storing their videos.
- B.) He said the upcoming hydrographic conference in Norfolk, Virginia is being hosted by The Hydrographic Society of America, with Karl Kieninger as Chair. There is a \$100 discount from the \$295 registration fee for CHA members. Since CHS is hosting CHC2002, all CHA can do is offer THSOA a free booth there, and recommend rate reductions for them.
- C.) He e-mailed Dave Gray about acting as a CHA representative at the upcoming ACLS AGM. Dave did not answer this question directly. Andrew is of the belief that the ACLS is looking for representatives from each branch of CHA.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved H. Duller/B. Power CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: J. Weller presented the financial statement to date. The year 2000 cheque from CIG has not been received yet. The 2000 books are still with the auditor.

Motion to accept the financial statement:

- Moved J. Weller/A. Rogers CARRIED

4) Correspondence: Andrew has received a letter from Brad Robinson, a graduate of Humber College. Brad, who is working for a Dutch offshore recruitment firm, has joined the CHA and would make an ideal international correspondent.

He has had correspondence with Karl Kieninger regarding a spot in the newsletter and in Lighthouse to advertise the hydrographic conference in Norfolk.

He received a letter from a student regarding interest in the Gerry Wade Essay Award. Andrew informed her that it no longer exists, but asked to see her paper, for consideration of publication in Lighthouse. He then referred her to James Wilcox and Barry Lusk.

Bruce Calderbank wrote, saying that Prairie Schooner Branch will be sponsoring a \$1500 luncheon at the ACLS AGM. National Branch will be sponsoring a \$300 coffee break. Andrew furthered that he has been working on signage, to reflect CHA as a sponsor of the AGM, and that we may have new CHA membership forms ready for distribution there.

5) Committee Reports:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (J. Dixon) John said that he hosted a meeting two weeks ago, to gather photos and papers pertaining to the launch, for the purpose of organizing and archiving this information in albums. John is having another meeting on

Wednesday, February 28th; everyone and their launch memorabilia are welcome. John has not heard from Marine Heritage Association recently, but their AGM is coming up soon, and he anticipates communication with them once their new Executive is in place.

Three launch events have been tentatively set for 2001 so far:

- The Upper Canada Trade Fair, Odessa April 28-29
- Ft. Ticonderoga, NY June 22-24
- Battle of Georgian Bay, Penetanguishene August 23-26

Seminar: (S. Hinds) Sean asked that membership suggest seminar topics, or at least a focus for talks. Earl suggested having an ACLS guest speaker.

H₂O: (E. Brown) Earl thanked Brian and Jackie for their efforts in helping to get the H₂O bonspiel organized. There has been a great response from sponsors this year, and participation is at an all time high.

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: (T. Janzen) Some new material has come into the library since the last meeting and collection continues. A name plaque has not yet been made.

AGM: (T. Janzen for F. Oliff) Sam asked if a venue was booked yet. Tim said that it was not, but he would instruct Fred to book the Mimico Cruising Club, and investigate other possibilities.

Lighthouse: (A. Leyzack) Earl and Paola have submitted a proposal to the Directors to take over as co-editors of Lighthouse, and the Directors have accepted it. Earl has set the last week in April as a release deadline for Edition 59. The Branch Editorial Committee needs all information in from the Branch and CHS by March 12th. He would like to have Edition 59 distributed at the conference in Norfolk. Earl said that the cover of the next edition will be new, but the format will follow previous editions. In the future, the format will change. Advertising in the next edition will be limited, due to time constraints and National funds will be provided to offset this loss in revenue. In the subsequent edition, ad space may be offered at a reduced rate, as an incentive to advertise. Earl said that he would like Lighthouse to become the "voice of hydrography in Canada," and hopes that CHS and CCG choose buy into this vision. Andrew added that he has approached CHS management about getting some office space and a computer at CCIW, where Earl can work on Lighthouse, and this has been agreed to.

Motion: To thank Earl and Paola for taking the roles of Co-editor of Lighthouse and building on its present high standard as we move into the future.

- Moved S. Weller/G. McFarlane CARRIED

Membership: (B. Power) The 2001 membership list is partially formed and continues to be updated. At present, we have 35 paid members (14 In-house, 13 Out-house, and 8 International), 4 life, 1 honorary, and 1 new member. Brian is planning to do a membership dues campaign in the near future.

6) Other Business: Andrew said the Branch will likely be putting on a multibeam training course 22-27 May, 2002, prior to CHC2002. Paul Davies, retired Hydrographer-in-Charge, has been retained to do the legwork, and the Oceans Mapping Group of the University of New Brunswick will provide the expertise for the training. The event is in the feasibility/planning stage, about a week away from solidifying.

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30th Annual H2O Bonspiel

On February 24, 2001, Central Branch hosted the very successful 30th Annual H2O Bonspiel. Once again, the event was held at the *Grimsby Curling Club*. A record 64 curlers participated in the bonspiel and all reports indicate that everyone had a fine time. The curling ice was excellent, the food was superb, the drinks were cold and the comradery was great.

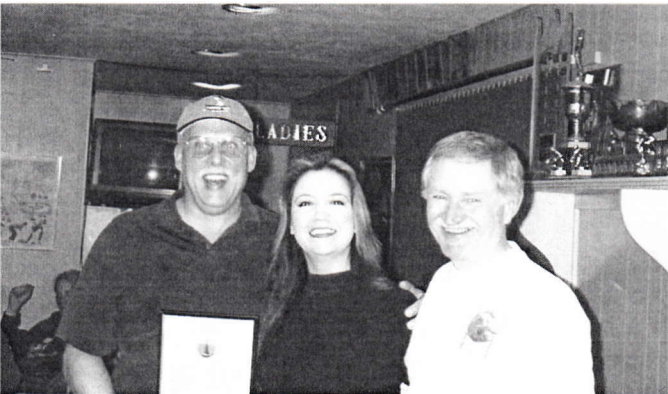


The Beaucage Team: the winners!

This year, for the first time, the First Place trophy was won by a team from out of town. We are pleased to report that our colleagues in the Canadian Coast Guard, from Sarnia, are this year's winners. Congratulations to Skip, Al Beaucage, Vice, Rick Kiriluk (import from Burlington), Second, Ken Brant and Lead, Brian Palmer. The Sarnia residents have already committed to returning next year to defend the trophy. The bonspiel next year will be held on February 23, 2002, at the Grimsby Club so mark your calendar now. We are also pleased to report that last year's winning skip, Brad Tinney, returned this year all the way from Sarnia, but unfortunately was unable to defend his record.

Congratulations are also extended to the Second Place winners, Tim Pascoe as Skip, Greg Thiel as Vice, Dave Large as Second and Mark Smithson who played Lead.

The Roll-Off, introduced last year, where each team member draws one rock to the house, was modified this year. This year the Roll-Off points were added to the game scores to determine each team's final score.



Brian Power, Jacqueline Miles and Earl Brown

The organizers of this year's event, Jacqueline Miles, Brian Power and Earl Brown, wish to thank all the curlers who made the day a lot

of fun. As well, we wish to thank our sponsors for their generosity. This year's prize table had an excellent selection of goodies for all curlers. Our sincere thanks to the following sponsors:

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Marshall Macklin Monaghan
McQuest Marine Sciences
Small Craft Harbours
Smurfit - MBI
Stanley Tools
State Farm Insurance
Upper Lakes Group Inc.**

United States Hydrographic Conference

U.S. HYDRO 2001 will be May 21 through 24 at Sheraton Waterside Hotel in downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

This conference, organized by The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA) continues the long tradition of such conferences held by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dating back to 1972.

NOAA and the Corps of Engineers are sponsors, along with the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, Canadian Hydrographic Service, the Canadian Hydrographic Association, International Hydrographic Organization and the Western Dredging Association.

CHA members and members of the other sponsoring organizations are entitled to registration discount.

For more information about the Conference or on how to register, visit THSOA Internet site: <http://www.thsoa.org>

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The course will be held in Burlington, with 35-60 participants expected. Andrew anticipates that this will bolster the image of CHA and provide some exposure. By providing reduced rates to CHA members, it can be cited as a benefit of being a CHA member.

7) The business part of the meeting adjourned at 20:30.

-Moved B. Warrender/J. Medendor

CARRIED

Our guest speaker, Bob Rowsell, provided a very interesting talk and slide show on his adventures north of the Arctic Circle. Bob discussed the Arctic projects he has been involved in, relating to the fields of geology, archaeology and environmental testing and studies, accompanied by some fantastic slides of the northern culture and landscape.

After the talk, we enjoyed refreshments, sandwiches and socializing.