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Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, A. Koudys.

Lighthouse

T. Herron, J. Weller, P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

Social Events

BBQ: J. Biggar, P. Travaglini, A. Koudys,
J. Campbell.

H₂O: A. Leyzack, P. Travaglini, B. Power,
J. Miles, B. Tinney, D. Pyatt.

AGM: J. Campbell, A. Leyzack, J. Biggar,
A. Koudys, T. Herron.

International Members

T. Herron, P. Travaglini, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

Seminar

W. Warrender.

NewsLetter

J. Weller, J. Berry, T. Herron, A. Leyzack, K. Weaver,
L. Robbins.

Wade Essay Award

W. Warrender, A. Leyzack.

Heritage Launch

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Hello everyone from Bernard Harbour, Northwest Territories (68°45'52"N, 114°50'30"W). I am on a field assignment here for the next several weeks but should be back in Burlington early in April.

By now you will have your copy of Lighthouse Edition 52. This marks a notable landmark in our publishing history; it was printed entirely from digitally generated negatives. We are now working on Edition 53. Anyone who would like to help please let me know.

Membership dues for 1996 are now being collected. If you have not already paid please forward your dues to the membership committee.

The 1995 year end Treasurer's report is being audited by Rick Sandilands and will be presented at our next general meeting. Hope to see you there!

The H2O Bonspiel on February 25 was a great success, with 47 curlers. Our sincere thank-you to the generous Sponsors (listed by Jacqueline in her report on Page 3) and to the co-ordinators.

With this issue, we bid a fond farewell to our original columnist, Jim Berry. Jim has written the Out-house column for us since January 1989 and we have enjoyed his wit and sense of humour. Thanks a million, Jim; the Out-house [column] won't be the same without you!

– Terese

Next Meeting

Next Central Branch meeting is at 19:00 on Wed. 1 May at Bill Warrender's home: 1218 Hammond Street, Burlington [off Maple Avenue, south of Fairview].

Al Saunders will tell us about "The Day we invited a Cannibal to Dinner", a highlight of his trip across the South Pacific on an 84-foot square-rigged yacht. As a youth, Al sailed Detroit River & Lake St. Clair, and, more recently, had a ten-year stint as coxswain of a rescue cutter out of Frenchman's Bay. Now retired, Al devotes his time to teaching and writing about navigation. Beer and pizza will follow his talk.

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Sean Hinds presents the print to Les Peer

Central Branch of CHA

Treasurer's Report to 6 March, 1996

Balance forward 24 January 1996: \$ 2,361.95

Receipts

Membership Dues (1995)	\$ 30.00	
Membership Dues (1996)	1,170.00	
Rindlisbacher Print Raffle	305.00	
H2O Bonspiel	1,755.00	
National Dues Refund	15.00	
		\$ 3,275.00
		\$ 5,636.95

Expenditures

H2O Bonspiel	\$ 1635.33	
Postage	200.35	
		\$ 1,835.68

Balance 6 March 1996: \$ 3,801.27

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[Note: To assist the Editorial team, some Lighthouse income and expenditures (reported below) are handled by the Central Branch treasurer. The balance is held available and is passed to Lighthouse on request.]

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account
from 31 December 1995 to 6 March, 1996

Balance forward 31 December 1995: \$ 1,314.13

Receipts

Subscriptions (1996)	\$ 259.43	
		\$ 259.43
		\$ 1,573.56

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 292.47	
		\$ 292.47

Balance 6 March 1996: \$ 1,281.09

The draw for the Peter Rindlisbacher Artist's Proof of *Harbour at Niagara* took place at the CHA Central Branch General Meeting held on March 6.

The lucky ticket was held by **Les Peer**, of NWRI. (Les was an important part of the construction of our launch Surveyor and has participated in re-enactments as a member of her motley crew.)

•• Congratulations Les! ••

Thank you to **Peter Rindlisbacher** and to all who participated in this draw. Over \$250. was raised for the Heritage Launch Project; this will help to keep her fit and ready for duty this coming summer.

Thanks again to everyone!

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 6 March 1996

1) This year's 2nd General Meeting was at the Weller residence in Burlington. In the absence of our V-P (on assignment in the Arctic), the meeting was chaired by Sam, who welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 19:20.

Attendees:

Sam Weller - Chair
Andrew Leyzack - Secretary-Treasurer
Mike Bennett Jim Berry Joe Della Fave
John Dixon Heimo Duller Sean Hinds
Brian Power Ab Rogers Bill Warrender
Chip Weseloh (guest speaker)

2) Minutes of 24 January 1996 meeting were circulated in the newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved A. Leyzack/J. Dixon CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Andrew presented the report to 6 March, 1996, noting the H₂O Bonspiel account has a balance of \$115.00, partly due to late-arriving sponsor donations. The balance (includes the Branch's \$200 contribution) and due recognition of the sponsors will be carried over to next year's event. Net proceeds of the first Rindlisbacher Print Raffle was \$189.25. At the close of ticket sales (post meeting), net proceeds of the second raffle was \$254.25, to be transferred to the Heritage Launch convenience account.

- Moved A. Leyzack/S. Hinds CARRIED

4) Committee Reports:

Membership: (J. Campbell) On behalf of Jennifer, Andrew reported membership receipts as: 27/38 paid in-house, 13/24 paid out-house, 8/28 paid international, and 1 Sustaining Member (Simrad-Mesotech).

On the loss of Sustaining Members, Sean asked if there had been any follow-up to investigate reasons for leaving. Brian suggested that the lack of CHA participation in Hydrographic Conferences since Toronto '93 has lowered our profile with industry. Andrew said CHS contracts with private industry could have an impact on the number of Sustaining Members. John Dixon suggested that by providing more timely advertising, a Sustaining Membership with CHA could be more attractive. He suggested that Lighthouse adhere to stricter publishing deadlines and that we investigate Web site use for advertising.

Action 1: Andrew to initiate a follow-up campaign with the Membership committee and report back comments from former sustaining members.

Action 2: Andrew to forward our H₂O Sponsor mailing list to past National President Dave Pugh to assist him with a Sustaining Membership campaign.

Seminar: (B. Warrender) Bill said Al Saunders of the *Canadian Yachting Association* and *Canadian Power and Sail Squadron* is confirmed for our next meeting.

Apparently Al is particularly keen on grilling the [us] hydrographer-types on chart presentation. (Members, we'll need backup help for this meeting!)

Wade Essay Award: (B. Warrender) Bill has personally contacted bursary and awards personnel at 21 Colleges and Universities. He reported that about a third of the 20 who replied expressed a keen interest in participating in the Essay Award. Andrew will produce the mailing packages.

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) On behalf of Terese, Sam reported that the Fall 1995 issue No. 52 was mailed out in February and by content is one of the finest issues to date (well worth the wait). While Terese already has a nucleus of papers for No. 53, the call for papers/news submissions is out. We are making every effort to publish the Spring '96 Edition closer to its scheduled date of May 1996.

Social Events: Brian reported that this year's H₂O **Bonspiel** was a great success; good teamwork on the part of the committee proved even more effective than past efforts. Our thanks to the work of Andrew, Jacqueline, Paola and Dave, and special thanks to Earl Brown for his support.

[See H₂O report on Page 3 for a list of our Sponsors]

This year's **AGM and Dinner** is tentatively scheduled for December 5 at the Mimico Cruising Club.

Action: Andrew to confirm the AGM date and location.

5) Heritage Launch Project: (A. Leyzack) Andrew reported that in order to determine which events can be supported, a list of tentative events was been circulated to committee members and core volunteers. Project members will be meeting Tuesday March 12 at Bill Warrender's to finalize this season's schedule.

[See enclosed flyer for schedule]

6) Correspondence: Admiral Steve Ritchie has sent us a note with news of his recent visit to Ontario. Watch for it in the next NewsLetter!

7) With no other business, meeting adjourned at 20:10.
- Moved J. Dixon/H. Duller CARRIED

Dr. "Chip" Weseloh, of Canadian Wildlife Service, then took the floor and spoke on his research on pollutants in the food chain in the Great Lakes, and how the Double Crested Cormorant plays a part as an indicator. Illustrated by slides, his talk covered bird handling, scientific techniques and bird population changes over the years. He also talked about the new habitat islands that have recently been built near CCIW.

After his talk, we enjoyed our refreshments and social time. Thanks again to Bill Warrender for his support!

Jim Berry's column



As I gaze out the window wondering if winter will ever end, it brings to mind a comment made by Larry Robbins in the November 1995 NewsLetter "as the survey season in Canada is no doubt closed down for the winter, so our ships claw their way out of the maintenance periods..."

With the cut backs in government funding, doesn't it make sense to join our resources together to carry out our projects on a year round basis?

In the early fall, we start our travels to New Zealand on board the vessels *Limnos*, *Advent* and *Louis Lauzier*, each equipped with multibeam transducers to collect data while travelling through Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. (Efficient eh?)

To help offset the costs for the trip, passengers will be carried on board to destinations in the sunny south (how they get back home is their problem) and an always popular and profitable casino will be available on board 24 hours per day with Sam and Beth alternating shifts at the Black Jack table.

Along the way, the ships could be used for deep-sea fishing charters or even a water taxi service between Florida and Cuba. There are many different ways to make the trip pay for itself, just use your imagination.

If this plan turns a profit, maybe we could plan cruises to the Arctic.

For those of you who are true-blue out-housers, you might want to take a trip up to Smiths's Falls. I hear they have restored a historic building which, in fact, has a two-storey outhouse attached. It must have taken some brilliant engineering type to figure out how to make it work. It might be worth a trip up to check it out.

After seven years of writing a column for the back page, it's time to turn the quill over to someone with new and fresh ideas. With increased workload and pressures at the office, it has become increasingly more difficult to dedicate the time and concentration needed to focus and expand on ideas to give the outhouse column the attention it deserves. As Bill Gates said back in 1981, "640K ought to be enough for anybody."

It's been fun.

Have a great season.

1996 H2O Bonspiel

by Jacqueline Miles

The 25th Annual H2O Bonspiel was hosted by the Dundas Granite Curling Club on Sunday, February 25th. For the special occasion, curlers were treated to complimentary wine and beer samples from Better Bitters Brewing Company. Everyone then proceeded to compete for prizes in the "goofy games" afterwards. What a good laugh indeed!

Congratulations go to the first place team which was skipped by Todd Breedon, viced by Mike Mawhinney (missing from photo), second was Ralph Currier and lead was first time curler Al Shepherd.



Al Shepherd, Ralph Currier, Todd Breedon with Brian

Second place team was skipped by Bob Covey, viced by Bob McMurray, second was Dave Large and lead was Danielle Milani.

Everyone enjoyed the roast beef dinner and trifle dessert. The prize table was full of many interesting and valuable goodies to choose from.

Co-ordinators Andrew Leyzack, Jacqueline Miles, Brian Power, Paola Travaglini and Dave Pyatt would like to thank the following contributors for their generous donations:

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