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Gerry Wade Memorial Library:
 T. Janzen A. Leyzack

Seminars: - A. Leyzack, S. Hinds, T. Janzen,
 S. Youngblut

2002 Multibeam course: P. Davies, A. Leyzack
 K. McMillan, P. Travaglini, C. Robinson

Registration for CHC2002:
 F. Oliff S. Youngblut

Social Events

H2O - E. Brown J. Leyzack B. Power
BBQ - J. Biggar T. Janzen B. Power
AGM - F. Oliff T. Janzen B. Power J. Weedon

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Welcome to 2002!

As the new VP of Central Branch, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a belated Happy New Year. The winter here on the shores of Lake Ontario has been an exceptionally mild one, it seems very strange not to have even seen any shore fast ice, and at this point, it is not likely that any appreciable amount will form. If not for the conspicuous shortage of usable daylight, and a recent bout of Christmas Holidays, spent in Winnipeg, I should have thought old man winter had forgotten Canada entirely this year. Also, without the marked annual change in temperature to delineate the change in season, it is hard to remember that a new survey season is fast approaching, but it is.

It seems to be a common phenomenon that people in most walks of life feel that life's pace is increasing and there are more demands on our shrinking time budget every day. Hydrography is no exception to this, which I can attest to, as I look back at the outstanding obligations from 2001, and forward to the expectations of 2002. So if you find yourself in a similar state of flux, I hope you can take a minute to reflect on your priorities and the smell the tulips, (which, around here, could be up any day now), and wherever you are I wish you success.

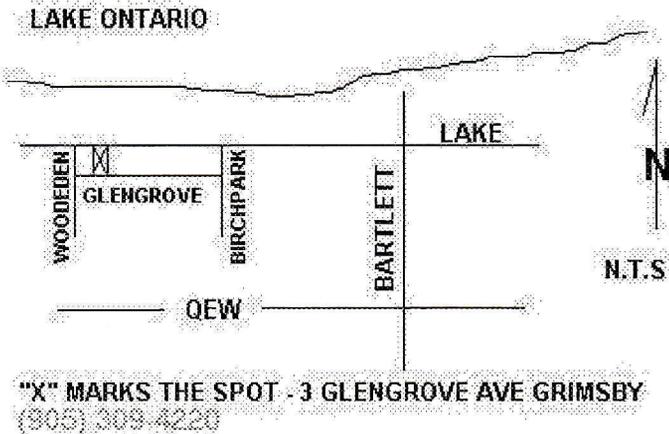
Happy hydrography!

- Tim

Next meeting

Our next general meeting is at 19:00 on Wednesday, 21 February 2002 at the Janzen residence: 3 Glengrove Avenue, Grimsby. (See Map for directions)

Our guest speaker, Daniel Brousseau from CHS Central and Arctic Region's, Product Maintenance Division, remote sensing unit, will be giving a PowerPoint presentation on Remote Sensing Technology: The tools that are available to hydrography.



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Central Branch 2002 Budget

Anticipated Revenue:		
Membership dues		\$ 3,330.00
64 Branch	@ \$ 30.00	
17 Int'l	@ \$ 30.00	
4 Sustaining	@ \$ 150.00	
NewsLetter Ads: 1	@ \$ 50.00	50.00
Other income		160.00
<u>Total revenue:</u>		<u>\$ 3,540.00</u>

Anticipated Expenditures:		
National dues		\$ 1,690.00
* 68 Branch	@ \$ 15.00	
* 18 Int'l	@ \$ 10.00	
4 Sustaining	@ \$ 100.00	
Postage - incl. 7 newsletters		700.00
Seminars		250.00
H ₂ O Bonspiel		125.00
AGM and Dinner		300.00
Summer Barbecue		200.00
Newsletter		255.00
CIG MasterCard fees		20.00
Gerry Wade Memorial Library		200.00
<u>Total expenditures:</u>		<u>\$ 3,540.00</u>

* National Dues are also payable for our Life and Honorary Members.

Your opportunity to participate at CHC 2002

Central Branch, has been asked to take the lead role for registration at the upcoming Canadian Hydrographic Conference 2002 (CHC2002), scheduled for May 27 through May 31 2002, at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto. At this time the Central Branch executive would like to extend to our membership a unique opportunity to participate in the CHC 2002 conference.

Volunteers will be asked to staff the conference registration desk for 1-2 shifts. The shifts would have duration of two hours depending on the number of volunteers and the time of day during the week. Responsibilities would include welcoming delegates, distributing registration packages, and answering any general questions put forward by the delegates. Adequate training and orientation will be provided to our volunteers prior to the commencement of the conference.

In exchange for the volunteer's time and effort, the CHC2002 organizing committee can offer our Out-House members a discount on the conference Early-Bird registration fee, or a ticket to the theme dinner set for Thursday May 30, at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Volunteering to help staff the registration desk is a great chance for CHA members to participate in the conference. It is also an opportunity for our membership to continue to support the development of hydrographic science in Canada.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please contact Scott Youngblut (905) 336-4836 or Fred Oliff (905) 336-4491, for more details.

Minutes of General Meeting of
CENTRAL BRANCH held on 23 January, 2002

The first general meeting for 2002 was hosted by Heimo Duller and Leigh Morrison, at their residence, 2249 Mansfield Drive in Burlington.

Vice President Tim Janzen called the meeting to order at 19:10 with the following in attendance:

Tim Janzen	- Vice President	
Earl Brown	- Secretary	
Sam Weller	- Treasurer	
Andrew Leyzack	Fred Oliff	George McFarlane
Paul Davies	Carol Robinson	Heimo Duller
Ab Rogers	Mike Bennett	John Medendorp
Scott Youngblut		

Regrets:

Brian Power	Kirsten Greenfield	Paola Travaglini
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1. Minutes of last meeting (December 6, 2001)

Minutes of the December 6, 2001 AGM as circulated in the December newsletter were made available at the meeting. These minutes are an excellent summary of the year 2001 Branch activities. After the minutes were reviewed by the meeting participants, George McFarlane made a motion that they be accepted as written. Seconded by Mike Bennett. CARRIED

2. Treasurers Report for 2001 and 2002 Budget Proposal

Sam Weller presented the Central Branch preliminary Treasurer's Report for the year 2001. Sam stated that the CIG credit card charges are not known at this time but anticipated they would be in the order of \$20.00. When the credit card charges are known the financial report will be sent to the auditors. The Treasurer's report will then appear in the newsletter.

Sam pointed out that the H₂O Bonspiel had, for the second consecutive year, made a small profit for the Branch.

Sam made a motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted for information. Seconded by Fred Oliff. CARRIED

The proposed budget for 2002 was also presented by Sam. He made it clear that because of rising costs we would have to be very careful with our expenditures. The two areas of greatest concern were the Seminars and the AGM, which were both over budget in 2001.

Following considerable discussion, Sam made a motion that at future meetings we suggest a \$2.00 donation for each beer. Seconded by Heimo Duller. CARRIED

There was also considerable discussion about the venue for the AGM. There was general agreement that the Mimico Cruising Club was excellent and that for the one occasion each year reduced the travel time for our members who live in or near Toronto. The significant question was "would a venue closer to Burlington attract more participants?"

ACTION: Fred Oliff will conduct a survey of Branch members to get a better understanding of members' wishes with respect to the venue of the AGM. The survey, in the form of a questionnaire, will also seek members' opinions on general issues such as seminar speakers and

topics, times and location of meetings, and other items which may increase meeting participation.

3. Correspondence

Earl informed the meeting that the letter from Rod Desborough (volunteer on the Acadia at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic), which was printed in the September/October 2001 newsletter, had stimulated some action. Ab Rogers gathered some useful information and both Earl and Ross Douglas had contacted Rod with information.

Andrew informed the meeting that he had again received a request for employment opportunities from individuals outside of CHA. After discussion, it was agreed that notices for employment requests or notices for employment opportunities would be published in the newsletter.

The attendees were also pleased to hear that there has been recent correspondence indicating that there is considerable interest in reviving the Atlantic Branch of the CHA.

4. Committee Reports

Tim Janzen said the executive committee had agreed that the existing committee structure was working well and no significant changes were contemplated. The only change was the formation of a new committee "Registration Committee for CHC 2002" which will be co-chaired by Fred Oliff and Scott Youngblut. [The 2002 committees are on the cover page of the NewsLetter.]

A. Admiralty Launch Surveyor: Andrew reported that this committee is looking for a new chairperson as John Dixon has other commitments. Andrew is active in seeking the appropriate individual. Andrew also advised that the only firm commitment for the Surveyor in 2002 is for the Hydrographic Conference in Toronto in May.

There is also a need to clarify the role of the Surveyor in the plans of the Marine Heritage Association, the present 'owners' of the launch.

B. H₂O: Earl reported that plans for the 31st annual H₂O bonspiel are proceeding well. The ice has been booked for February 23 at Grimsby and registrations are beginning to arrive. The committee is optimistic that our target of 64 curlers will again be met. Letters soliciting support for the bonspiel have gone out to the companies that have generously supported us in the past.

ACTION: Earl agreed to provide an announcement about the H₂O for the newsletter. [See the back page.]

C. Gerry Wade Memorial Library: The meeting was informed of the following action item from the recent executive meeting: "Tim Janzen will catalogue the information that is available in the library and the information will be disseminated through the newsletter early in the year. Tim will also ensure that an appropriate plaque is prepared and displayed on the library bookshelf."

After some discussion about having the bookshelf left unlocked, it was agreed that it was best left locked but there should be easy access to the key. Tim and Andrew are the key keepers.

The meeting acknowledged the generous donation of the book "Chartmakers" by Ab Rogers. The book will find a home in our Gerry Wade Memorial Library.

Andrew reported that he had received a very generous offer from Bruce Calderbank to donate a significant number of reference books to our Memorial Library.

ACTION: As the number of books may be too large for our modest Memorial Library, Andrew will get a list of the material and contact the CCIW library and get an indication of their interest.

D. Seminar: Andrew announced the 2002 seminar schedule:

Wed. Jan 23	- at Heimo Duller	- Speaker Earl Brown
Thur. Feb 21	- at Tim Janzen	- Daniel Brousseau
Thur. Mar 21	- at Sam Weller	- Speaker TBA
Wed. Apr 24	- at Brian Power	- Jim Statham
Sat. Jul 13	- at Brian Power	- BBQ
Thur. Oct 10	- at TBA	- Lee Grapentine
Wed. Nov 6	- at TBA	- Paola Travaglini
Thur. Dec 5	- AGM at TBA	- Speaker TBA

Andrew also announced that the CHA National AGM would be held during CHC 2002. The meeting will be on Monday, May 27. Time of the meeting will be announced at a later date. Andrew also advised that he is considering having a guest speaker at the national AGM.

There was a suggestion to have Jim Statham as the guest speaker with the topic of discussion being CLS - Hydrographic issues. Andrew will consider this as an alternative to having Jim speak on this topic at the April 24 meeting.

Following considerable discussion, the following motion was made by George McFarlane:

"Our National President, Andrew Leyzack is to contact the ACLS to clarify the grandfathering of individuals into the association and to seek further information on the direction the Association may take in the future."

The motion was seconded by Mike Bennett. CARRIED

E. 2002 Multibeam course: Paul Davies, course Director, reported that plans for this course are well advanced. Advertising to the world hydrographic community was started in December 2001.

Paul reported that Carol Robinson and Keith Weaver did excellent work in preparing the Web site, and it is being maintained by Carol.

The financial aspects of the course, including credit card and GST processing, is being done through McQuest Marine Sciences.

The CHA national office provided \$500.00 seed money, which was used for the preparation and dissemination of flyers.

Paul reported that there have been 40 expressions of interest for the course, which includes 12 confirmed registrations: 9 from CHS Atlantic and 3 from private industry. The anticipation is to have 40 to 45 participants.

In addition to the classroom training, the Multibeam industry will be invited to demonstrate their equipment.

Paul has started reminding potential course candidates through e-mail, as well as participants of the course given in 2000, that it is time to take action and register for the 2002 course.

F. Membership: As of Jan 23, 2002, paid-up membership is: In House 15; Out House 10; International 4; Life 4; Sustaining 3; Honorary 1.

Sustaining Members Octopus, McQuest and CCMD paid in 2001 for 2002.

5. Other Business

Sam Weller led a discussion on increasing CHA dues; after considerable debate, Sam made the following motion. *"The Central Branch Executive should consider increasing annual dues to \$40.00 beginning in 2003"*. Seconded by George McFarlane. CARRIED

This motion will be considered by the executive and brought forward at the Central Branch AGM for membership approval.

George suggested that the Membership Committee should have a very strong membership drive, particularly because the conference 2002 is within our Branch this year.

Earl suggested that we are very fortunate to have the National President as a member of our Branch and that it would be a great opportunity for the President to give us 10 minutes of his time at each meeting. Andrew agreed to provide the Branch meetings with a National update at all future meetings.

6. The business meeting adjourned at 21:15 after a motion by Fred Oliff and seconded by John Medendorp. CARRIED

Following the business meeting we enjoyed the traditional Pizza and Beer and lively discussion on a variety of topics.

The evening concluded with Earl showing a series of slides and discussing activities during a four month survey of the waters of the British Virgin Islands which took place during the winter months 1964.

Again, many thanks to Heimo and Leigh for hosting this meeting.

2002 - H2O Bonspiel

Once again CHA Central Branch is pleased to be hosting and invite you to participate in the 31st Annual H2O Bonspiel. This fun event will take place on Saturday February 23, 2002, and we will again be at the Grimsby Curling Club.

This bonspiel is always a very popular event and the organizing committee, Jackie Leyzack, Brian Power and Earl Brown, are very pleased that CHA members and their family and friends are eager to participate. A record 64 curlers are anticipated again this year.

The H2O Bonspiel is a fun event; no previous curling experience is necessary. You can form your own team, or register as an individual and be assigned to a team.

For more about this bonspiel and how to register, visit the CCIW Curling Club Website: <http://home.cogeco.ca/~cciwcc/index.htm>. The Website also has links to other sites that can provide you with a lot of good information about the growing sport of curling.

We look forward to meeting and curling with you on February 23.