

CANADIAN COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS 2003 NEWSLETTER

This is the Christmas 2003 issue of our semi-annual Newsletter.
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You know you are getting old if you can remember hearing (or saying) this....
"I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

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1. GREETINGS!

Greetings! This, our thirtieth Newsletter, is sent to you as usual, to

- update you on current events
- provide information of interest to both "Retirees" and "Serving Members"
- solicit items of possible interest for future newsletters.

"Some thoughts from the President"

On a recent visit to the new Regional Office in a new building at the foot of Burrard Street I learned that organizationally Coast Guard reports only to the Commissioner these days. TV news broadcasts also speak of a recommended enlarged role for Coast Guard in security and enforcement roles. It will be interesting to see how

things develop. I will be in Halifax over Christmas and hope to contact our sister society there and see if we can establish some linkage with them. Over time I hope to contact similar societies in other regions of the country.

I expect it will be mentioned elsewhere, however I would like to congratulate Yvette Myers on becoming Vancouver's new Harbour Master. As an old Coast Guard member I find it exciting and gratifying to see Coast Guard personnel doing well in other areas.

Finally I would like to thank Art Mountain for all the work he put in over the past 7 years as President (*and Newsletter Editor – Ed*). Before that Art together with others was instrumental in getting the society incorporated under the Society Act of B.C. We have a flourishing membership and I will do my best to see that present members of Coast Guard are aware of us and will hopefully constitute our future membership. To those members who will not be able to attend the Christmas Luncheon I will wish you early complements of the season and a great 2004. Bill Dancer.

2. OUR CHRISTMAS 2003 LUNCHEON

WHEN: Thursday, December 4th, 2003. 11:30: - Mingle; 12:15: - Luncheon starts.

AIM: To relax, yarn, lunch and celebrate the coming Holiday Season with friends and colleagues in familiar surroundings.

WHERE: In the Princess Mary Restaurant, 344 Harbour Road, Victoria, our traditional Christmas Luncheon gathering place.

WHAT: The famous Princess Mary Christmas Luncheon Buffet, with all the trimmings.

WHO: Coast Guard Association members, Coast Guard Retirees and their Spouses and Guests. As usual, serving Coast Guardsers are most welcome!

COST: \$17.50 per person, including gratuity. There will be the usual “No Host” Bar.

To facilitate catering, we need to give the Princess Mary Restaurant staff firm numbers not later than Monday, December 1st and we are liable for the numbers reserved. To avoid disappointment, please reserve your place(s) with one of the following as soon as possible (or reserve by email to Bill Dancer cdancer@pacificcoast.net or Joan Scharf, hjmacdon@shaw.ca)

Joan Scharf 477-1390

Bill Dancer 721-5273

Migs Turner 592-1198

Bob Baird (answering machine) 477-3605

George Graham (answering machine) 478-2357

Mainland: Tom Kew (Richmond) 241-8676 or

Bill Dancer (250) 721-5273

Joan Scharf (250) 477-1390

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MARK 11:30 THURSDAY, December 4th ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

For Vancouver/Mainland attendees: Usual ferry arrangements prevail. **Please let Tom, Bill or Joan know by December 1st.**

As usual, if you catch the 9 a.m. BC Ferry on December 4th as a foot passenger from TSAWWASSEN (free if you are a senior) we will meet you in SWARTZ BAY. After lunch, we will aim to get you back to SWARTZ BAY in time for the 3 p.m. ferry.

Volunteer Drivers: We thank Gerry Dixon for being available as our “ferry pick up driver” for our last luncheon. *Would anyone prepared to help out on December 4th, please phone Bill Dancer (721-5273) or Joan Scharf (477-1390).*

3. OUR SUMMER LUNCHEON AT THE PRINCESS MARY RESTAURANT

Seventy-eight members, spouses and guests gathered at the Princess Mary Restaurant on June 5th to visit with their former colleagues and friends and enjoy an excellent luncheon favoured by summery weather. Gerry Dixon once again picked up mainland members from the ferry at Swartz Bay and delivered them back afterwards.

Joan Scharf and Hugh MacDonald were at the front hall reception desks collecting dues and lunch payments.. Thanks to all of the above, and to Reg Gunn for email circulation, Ivor Roberts and Sandy Kelley for sending get-well wishes to sick members.

Michel Drouin, Fred Wedgwood, Bob Manning , Cec Tremblay, and Pen Brown were unable to attend due to other commitments and sent their regrets.

George Horel, recently appointed to the position of Vessel Support Superintendent, provided an update on developments in Coast Guard in general and the Fleet in particular.

A short Annual General Meeting was held at the end of the Luncheon (minutes are at item # 10.)

It was a very nice kick-off to summer enjoyed by all who attended.

4. "LONG RANGE" PLANNING FOR OUR SUMMER 2004 LUNCHEON

We have tentatively reserved at the Princess Mary Restaurant for our Summer Luncheon for Thursday, June 10th, 2004. Mark it on your calendar, we'll confirm in the next Newsletter.

5. NOTEBOOK

⇒ In Memoriam

We are sorry to announce the death of **Travor Bowen** on Sunday, June 22nd. Travor was the District Accountant at the Victoria Base for 26 years. He retired in 1974 but still had a keen interest in the Coast Guard and was a member of our Association. Travor's father-in-law was Tom Morrison, a former District Marine Agent in Victoria. He was 92 years old.

Jack M Rusterholz (Rusty) passed away on Monday the 7th of July 03. He was on various vessels in the fleet. His last vessel was the Sir James Douglas. He passed away from lung cancer at the 74 years of age. His last request was that he wanted his ashes spread at sea.

David Timms passed away on September 12th. David was a Boatswain and was with the Coast Guard from 1968 to 1992.

Donald Graham, former lightkeeper at Point Atkinson Lightstation for 17 years, passed away on October 9th at the age of 56. He was the author of two favourite and acclaimed books – Keepers of the Light and Lights of the Inside Passage. Earlier this summer, Senator Patricia Carney presented him with a Queen's Silver Jubilee medal. Upon hearing of his death she said "He was an original keeper of the lights – he kept their story alive". Don was a passionate advocate of the idea we should all smash our television sets.

David Crockett passed away on October 27th. He retired from the Blacksmith Shop in 1984.

⇒ New Members

We welcome the following new CCGA members to our Association:

“Terry” Terrance Berscheid – Terry began his career as Operations Officer, Harbours and Ports in September 1982. He retired in August 1996 as Area Manager, Harbours and Ports. Terry now

“Paddy” L.P. Glover – Paddy retired in 1983 after serving for 30 years as Carpenter and then Carpenter Supervisor.

Greta Harris – Greta was the wife of Ed Harris, who retired as District Manager, Prince Rupert, in 1984.

Robert H. Roos – Robert began his career in 1965 as a Radio Operator at Bull Harbour, then on the CCGS Quadra, and at Comox.

Lanny Seaton – Lanny started as a Labourer in 1961. He worked as a Carpenter and Yard Foreman before retiring in January 2003 as Superintendent, Facilities Operations, after 42 years of service.

Yvette Myers - Yvette is a graduate of the Canadian Coast Guard College. She sailed as 3rd, 2nd and Chief Officer aboard various CG ships. She worked as Superintendent, Navigable Waters. Yvette left the Coast Guard and her position as Director Marine Programs, on November 7, 2003, after 19 years of service. She will be taking up new duties as Harbour Master, Vancouver

=> **Member Snippets**

Pen and Betty Brown missed the summer lunch as they were departing on an Alaska Cruise on the morning of the lunch. Pen kindly sent us this report on the cruise.

Betty and I could not attend the June luncheon this year as that was the day we sailed on m.s. Maasdam, 55,000 tons, Holland America line, on a 7-day S.E. Alaska cruise, calling at Juneau, Ketchikan and Skagway with a day in Glacier Bay. We had both been on the same trip before, but separately. I would go again any time, I like those ships with their fine service and staff so much. Our day in Skagway was spent with my son and his wife who came down from their home in Whitehorse.

The previous time I did not see the sun until Skagway, but I enjoyed walking the promenade deck with the ship's horn blowing in the fog from Pine Island north. This time it was 100% clear skies until the last day in Hecate Strait, which was overcast. Not too common, for three weeks after, the weather maps showed rain in the whole area. Juneau can have rain on 250 days of the year. There were 26 couples from the Victoria Prostrate Cancer Support Group on board, a booking arranged by our travel agent, a member of the group. He had two cocktail parties for us in the Crow's Nest lounge, above the bridge. He donated his commission on the bookings to the Victoria Prostate Cancer Research Foundation.

There will likely be another trip in a year or two – there is, alas, no shortage of men in the group, as new ones show up at every monthly meeting. My most rewarding days now are my Monday mornings as a greeter at the Vancouver Island Cancer Centre.

Pen Brown.

Bob Mellis provided us with this update on his recovery from his motor-bike accident.

Hi Reg:

No I didn't make it over for the luncheon, maybe the next one. How am I doing? Pretty good Reg, I still have a limp and my ankle is often cantankerous and sore but I don't think it's going to get much better, at least not without further surgery. I went to a foot specialist about two months ago and after looking my left foot over and examining a new set of x-rays he concluded that my toes would have to

be fused at the joints in order to stop the "clawing" that I experience when walking. However, he noted that my bones are still very broken and that he wouldn't operate until they were much further along in the healing process, perhaps next winter.

How's Cindy doing? She's doing fine. Right now she's in between jobs and is waiting patiently for something else to come up. She's on a waiting list for Tidewater Marine but so far nothing's come her way. It's been about six weeks now since she paid off the "Thomas C", an American survey vessel which was engaged laying a pipeline across Long Island Sound off Jersey and New York Cities. We've both been doing a lot of riding (we're members of the Fraser Valley HOG (Harley Owner's Group) Chapter and we frequently get together for group rides. We've been up to Whistler, Pemberton, Lilloet, Cache Creek, Merritt, Princeton, etc. and have just plain been enjoying ourselves. I'm still hoping to get over to Victoria but as yet we don't have any firm plans to do so. It would be nice to see you and some of the other CCGA members again, it's been awhile. Cindy says "hi" and we both send our best wishes to you and the other CCGA members.

Best regards to everyone and have a safe, healthy and happy summer.

Bob & Cyn



Recent update from Bob:

With regard to Cindy, her situation should be updated to reflect that she took a number of DP (dynamic positioning) related and offshore survival courses in Halifax this past September and she's now waiting to go out with a DP outfit. Other than that everything's about the same, we've been doing a lot of bike riding though the interior of B.C. but with the cooler weather now we're staying much closer to home. Hope all is going well for you Alec.

Here's a photo taken outside the Log Cabin Pub at Spencer's Bridge.

Tom Keddie is still travelling and enjoying his retirement. His latest voyage on the M/S Amsterdam (Holland America) took him to Madang, Guam, Saipan, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, The Great Wall, Korea and Japan. Here are some comments from a recent letter sent by Tom.

"I still golf at 6 am twice a week. My partner is 87 – 10 years older than me!! A fellow walked up to us on the tee last Monday and asked if he could play with us. I drove off and said jokingly – that's on the green by jove!! The old fellow says – I can't play that good, I'll play on my own. I said are you that old? He says – I'm only 90!

Wish I could join some of your luncheons. Harold Hammer and I used to eat there (Princess Mary). I knew Gerry Dixon well.

Very nice retirement village we live in. Port Macquarie has lots of retirees because of the fine climate and the glorious beaches. Our population is around 40,000."

Nice to hear from you Tom.

Alec and Margaret Provan had a month-long vacation in Scotland. Alec is a member of the Victoria Gaelic Choir, which competed successfully at the annual Royal National Mod (Gaelic Festival), which this year was held in Oban, a major harbour and ferry terminal on the west coast. Photographs of the event can be seen on the choir website <http://members.shaw.ca/victoriagaelicchoir/>

Congratulations to **Ran Quail** and **Carol Stephenson** who were married recently. They would like to send best wishes to all their friends on the West Coast.

Herb Adrian is going South for several months and will be back in March.

John Adams is finally retiring (his words) after 38 years of service. A retirement party was held in November. Congratulations, John

John Churchill has retired and a retirement party to celebrate this event was held in November. John's long career in Coast Guard will be featured in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Hugh MacDonald was on the move again. Hugh and Joan went back to Ontario and Quebec to visit family and attend a MacDonald Reunion. This is the first time in eight years that Hugh and his five children were together in one spot and they played hard and had a good time. To commemorate the occasion, Hugh and three of his sons went up in a hot air balloon and had a champagne celebration when they landed.

⇒ **And, Finally, Once Again...**

- **Hugh MacDonald, our Treasurer wishes to remind those who have not yet paid their 2002/2003 membership dues that, for the convenience of members, these may be paid at the Christmas Luncheon. Annual dues will remain at \$5.00 for the year 2004.**
- **Remember to keep our Service Committee, run by Ivor Roberts and Sandy Kelley, informed about how our members are doing..** Anyone knowing of a member (or member's spouse) who is ill, or who has suffered a family bereavement or problem and/or who may need a little help, comfort or recognition, please give Ivor, Sandy, Joan Scharf or Art Mountain a call. We will be pleased to see if there is any way our organisation can be of assistance, and to let fellow members who may be concerned know of the situation. **Ivor's telephone number is 658-5519 and Sandy can be reached at 382-2706.** Joan Scharf can be reached at 477-1390 and Bill Dancer at 721-5273. Also, please note that the **spouses of deceased members are most welcome to continue as associate members of the CCGA** (annual dues remain at \$5.00 per year to cover costs.)
- **We continue to need "news and input" we can pass on to other members through the Newsletter, such as anecdotes and information about what is happening to our members and what they are doing, topical marine-oriented articles which would be of general interest to our readers. Our Special "Thanks" to all those who have contributed to this Newsletter!**

6. MEMBER "THUMBNAILS"

In our last few issues, we have included a section containing a few words about some of our members, to try to help re-establish contact between former colleagues. As we have said before, so often we see a familiar face at the luncheon or hear a name that "rings a bell", but because we meet so many people

over our working years, we can't quite remember what each person did. More member "Thumbnails" follow.

McGrath, Betty. Betty is the widow of J.J. (Mac) McGrath. Mac retired as District Purchasing Agent of the Victoria Base in 1986. He began his career with the Coast Guard in 1964 after retiring from the Canadian Army

McKechnie, Bill. In 1969 Bill joined the Ready as Relief Officer and sailed with Captain Thom and Captain Reg Gunn. After a very brief time on the Camsell, he served on the Weathership Quadra until 1973 with Captain Dykes. In 1978 he sailed on the Alexander McKenzie with Captain Wedgewood. . Bill also worked with the Northern Transportation Corp. and B.C. Ferries. He retired from B.C. Ferries as Master of the "Queen of the North" in 2002.

Mellis, Robert. "Bob" originally joined the Coast Guard as a messboy on the CCGS Estevan in 1955. In 1961 he returned to Marine Services, joining the Simon Fraser. He served on the CCGS Camsell, St. Stephens and the CCGC Ready in various capacities including seaman, quartermaster and then boatswain aboard the Camsell. From March 1966 to September 1968 he sailed as an officer and this included sailing as Third, Second and Chief Officer aboard the CCGS Sir James Douglas, Estevan and Camsell. From October 1968 to October 1969 he served as a Marine Controller in the Jericho Beach Rescue Coordination Centre. Self study during this period led to acquiring certification as Master Home Trade, followed shortly thereafter by Second Mate Foreign-Going certification. Later, a leave of absence was taken while gaining foreign-going seetime aboard Swedish flag vessels. In June 1971, with Chief Mate Foreign-Going certification Bob rejoined the Coast Guard, and sailed in various positions aboard the CCG Ships and completed his Master Foreign-Going Certification. He was First Officer on the CCGS Quadra on the equatorial Atlantic G.A.T.E. voyage. For several months he was looking after NWPA for the three western provinces, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. He participated in a study concerning the deployment and use of vessels, and various other studies. In 1978 he was assigned to Prince Rupert as Master of the CCGS Alexander MacKenzie. His career took him back to Ottawa headquarters several times assigned to various tasks. Including SURSAT, SARSAT, SURCORE and others .Bob was appointed Regional Manager Fleet Systems (W) in 1981. After that he sailed as Master on CCGS George E. Darby, CCGS Wolfe, CCGS Martha L. Black, CCGS Normal McLeod Rogers, leased vessel "Arctic Ivik", CCGS John P. Tully, CCGS Narwhal, and CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Bob retired from the Coast Guard in March 1997.

Montgomery, M.A. "Monty" began his career in 1956 when he joined the CCGS Estevan as a Steward. He served on the Estevan, the Simon Fraser, Camsell, and Wolfe, He obtained his Master's Certificate in 1967 and Commissioned the Rider in 1970. He became Master of the Rider, Skidegate, Alexander MacKenzie, Sir James Douglas and George E. Darby. Monty served as Coast Guard Rescue Officer (CGRO), the first Coast Guard Watchkeeper at Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) Victoria in 1967/68 and as DSOT (District Superintendent of Transportation), Victoria. He retired as Master, CCGS George E. Darby in 1991.

Mountain, Art. Art began his career as a Waiter on the CCGS Estevan. He served in many positions on the CCGS Estevan, Sir James Douglas, Alexander MacKenzie, Simon Fraser, Camsell, Ready, Racer, Vancouver and Quadra. Art moved to Ottawa as Director, Search and Rescue, then became Chief, Fleet Policy, Planning and Administration and Chief, Search and Rescue, retiring in 1993 as National Director, Search and Rescue, Ottawa. Art became the President of the Canadian Coast Guard Association in June 1996 (the first President of our incorporated Association) and retired from that position in June 2003 after 7 years.

Neville, Helen. Helen started in the Coast Guard in Stores on Harbour Road in 1978, where she was originally hired for 2 weeks. She left in December 1998 as a Compensation and Benefits Specialist due to the downsizing of the Human Resources positions. Helen is now with Human Resource Development Canada in the Victoria Telecentre. This office administers Canada Pension and Old Age Security benefits and Helen enjoys her work.

Noel, Ernest. Ernie spent part of his youth growing up on a Lightstation. His father was a lightkeeper. He served as Assistant Lightkeeper at Estevan Point and Cape Beale. In 1960 he was Relief Keeper at Scarlett Point. He then went to work in the Yard for a while before joining the CCGS Estevan. Ernie served on the CCGS Estevan, Sir James Douglas and Bartlett. He retired from the Bartlett in 1997 as Quartermaster.

O'Halloran, Des. Des joined the Department of Transport in 1965 with previous aviation experience in both the military and private sectors. Des served as both a helicopter and/or fixed-wing pilot (pollution patrols) in all Coast Guard Regions and Headquarters, retiring in Ottawa as Manager, Fleet Aviation in 1994. He has returned to the new organization on a temporary basis, or with consulting firms, on several occasions.

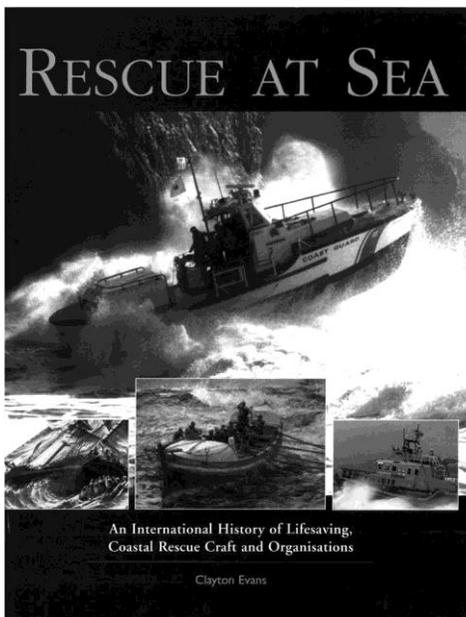
7. CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESSES – HOW TO GET THEM

If you should:

- Need a list of CCGA Member Email addresses
- Get a new Email address, or
- Discover any errors or omissions in our CCGA Member Email address information

Please contact Reg Gunn by Email (gunn9898@shaw.ca) and he will be pleased to help you out!

8. CLAY EVANS/ RESCUE AT SEA reviewed by Shirley Hewett



When SAR specialist **Clay Evans** couldn't find a reference book about lifeboats, he spent eight years compiling one in his spare time. Published by Britain's Conway Maritime Press, Clay's newly released Rescue at Sea, traces the trends and evolution of coastal lifeboats through 43 countries on five continents.

Clay's Canada Coast Guard career sparked his interest in lifeboats, which resulted in a well-researched story amply illustrated with archival and colour photos, plans, paintings and engravings. The first lifeboats were organized by 18th Century Chinese benevolent societies ...notably the "Dare to Die" service... which stationed red-hulled sampans in the treacherous gorges of the upper Yangtze River during the spring freshets. Clay Evans started his Coast Guard career track through the Inshore Rescue Boat (IRB) program that employed students in the summer. He graduated from the University of Victoria in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, and also holds a degree in Maritime Law from Cardiff University in Wales. He

was posted to Powell River, Ganges and Campbell River lifeboat stations, served as a deckhand on the R Class cutters, logged seatime in the *Gordon Reid*, *John Jacobsen*, *Bartlett* and *Narwhal*, and worked his way up to a second mate certificate. He's also instructed at the Bamfield RHIOT centre.

Currently, Clay Evans is an OIC at the Bamfield Search and Rescue station. After the American vessel *Valencia* sank in 1906, five lifeboat stations outfitted with pulling boats were organized along Vancouver Island's south west coast at Hesquiat, Clo-Oose, Pachena Bay, Clayoquot (now Tofino) and Bamfield. Today, Bamfield's high endurance, self-bailing, self-righting 47' lifeboat, the *CCGC Cape Calvert* covers the area from Port San Juan to Amphitrite Point. Many of their SAR incidents happen when sportsmen who fish the offshore banks run out of fuel or have mechanical problems with their small recreational boats.

9. FROM THE ARCHIVES

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 4, 3

Sir:

Lady Constance Fawkes, a resident of Mayne Island and whose property adjoins the lighthouse property at Active Pass Station, has represented to me that the fence between the two properties is in such a dilapidated condition that her cows, etc., are straying and she is anxious to have the fence repaired, bearing in mind that under the circumstances she is liable for half the expenses.

In taking this matter up with the lightkeeper, Captain A.B. Gurney, I have ascertained that there is in all some 360 yards of fencing to rebuild. Of this 180 yards is through the bush and can be put up with barbed wire, the balance is in the open and Lady Constance Fawkes is anxious to have a picket fence built, which was the style of the original fence. The suggested arrangement is that the Department should build the 180 yards of barbed wire fence at a cost of \$40.00, which amount will include necessary labour and material, and that Lady Fawkes will arrange for the construction of the picket portion.

I think the work is necessary. The arrangement is a most economical one and will provide work for a few of the unemployed men in the locality and I would recommend your authority for the carrying out of same. This should be done as early as possible. Would you kindly advise.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Marine,
Ottawa, Ont.

A.W.R. WILBY,
Agent.

10. MINUTES OF CANADIAN COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION 2003 AGM

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 1345 hrs on June 5th, 2003.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Bob Coates moved the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 13, 2002, be approved as circulated. Seconded by John Gronow and carried.

3. Approval of Actions by the Executive

Reg Gunn moved that the actions taken by the Executive on behalf of the CCGA since the last meeting be approved. Seconded by Ivor Roberts and carried.

4. Reports

a) General Report to Members

The membership level remains steady as we gain new members, and some of our members pass on. We had a successful luncheon in Vancouver with 44 members attending. The membership indicated they would be interested in organizing another luncheon in Vancouver, perhaps in the Fall. The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club may be a good venue for the luncheon and this could be explored.

The President, Art Mountain, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Executive, Reg Gunn, Ivor Roberts, Sandy Kelley and Gerry Dixon for their ongoing work and support.

b) Treasurer's Report

The Report was presented by Treasurer Hugh MacDonald and it was noted that our financial situation is stable. It was moved by John Gronow and seconded by George Pinder that the report be approved as read. Motion carried.

5. Elections

Migs Turner, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, stated that the Secretary Joan Scharf, and Treasurer, Hugh MacDonald were prepared to stand for another term. However, Art Mountain, President, wished to step down from this position.

Migs then nominated Bill Dancer for the position of President, and called three times for nominations from the floor. There being no other person nominated, Bill Dancer was declared President, Joan Scharf, Secretary and Hugh MacDonald, Treasurer, by acclamation.

Migs advised that Alec Provan had agreed to take over the duties of Newsletter Editor, Ivor Roberts and Sandy Kelley had agreed to remain on the Service Committee, and Reg Gunn agreed to continue as our Communication Centre.

A vote of thanks to Art Mountain for his 5 years as President of the Association was expressed by Migs Turner and the membership. It was noted that the original group of Coast Guard Retirees started up 15 years ago and the membership has grown considerably since that time.

The Meeting was turned over to Bill Dancer.

Bill Dancer indicated his interest in continuing with the luncheons in Vancouver, recruiting more of the "younger" Coast Guard people, and promoting communication with other Coast Guard Associations across Canada.

6. New Business

Alec Provan advised that he had been contacted with a request for a person to speak to an archeological group about the Coast Guard and/or Lighthouses. He requested anyone interested to get in touch with him, or Reg Gunn.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1405 hrs.

Bill Dancer
President

Joan Scharf
Secretary

11. CANADIAN COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL

THE PURPOSES of the Canadian Coast Guard Association (incorporated in July, 1996, under the B.C. Society Act) are:

- 1) To continue our Canadian Coast Guard camaraderie into retirement.
- 2) To support our Membership and their families, when and as appropriate.
- 3) To support those currently serving in the Canadian Coast Guard and other maritime interests, when and as appropriate.
- 4) To undertake or support other activities approved by the Membership.

MEMBERSHIP - A person who has retired from, or is serving in the Canadian Coast Guard, with at least five years of Federal public service, who is willing to accept the purposes and objectives of the Society and pay the annual membership dues, may apply to the Directors for membership in the Society and on acceptance by the Directors, shall be a member.

The Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard has fully endorsed the Association and its purposes, with the understanding that serving CCG personnel would not become directly involved in controversial issues through their membership in the Association or serve on the executive.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP may be made by completing the information below and forwarding the signed application, along with one year's membership dues to Joan Scharf, Secretary/Membership, Canadian Coast Guard Association, 204 - 3969 Shelbourne Street, Victoria, B.C. V8N 6J5. **FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**, complete name and address sections, circle "Renewal", enclose one year's current membership dues, sign and mail as above. Thanks!

NAME: _____ **Tel. No.** _____ **RENEWAL?** _____

ADDRESS: _____

Internet Email address _____

CURRENT ANNUAL DUES: 2003

- \$5.00 (Covers Newsletter mailing and administrative costs)

Canadian Coast Guard Service: Retired (Date) _____ **Still Serving** _____

Started career as _____

_____ **on (date)** _____

Other areas of work/location in Coast Guard _____

Retired or left as _____

_____ **on (date)** _____

Other Canadian Federal Service: From: _____ **To** _____

Signature _____ Date: _____