Overfalls Board Meeting Minutes
Oct. 22, 2016
Net House, Lewes, DE

In attendance: A. Didden, R. De Sugny, R. Glick, Tracy Mulveny, Guy Townsend, B Battista, Bob Gibson, Nancy Beck

Excused - T Wrubel, D Reardon, Eric VanGilder

Absent:

For shipyard and ship preservation project -- D Bernheisel
For Dirty Hands Gang: Dale Pease, Pat Quinlan

Guests: Bill Manthorpe, Liaison Hall of Fame

Next meeting: Exec Comm. 9:00 AM -- Full board -10:00 AM - Net House, Nov. 12

Election of 2017 officers:

- President – Al Didden
- Vice President – Bob DeSugny
- Secretary – Ray Glick
- Treasurer – Eric VanGilder

TREASURER’S REPORT

- See Financials for details.

AWARDS PROGRAM for foundation members:

- Nothing to report

EVENTS

- November 11, public meeting, Dr. Gary Wray is speaker, St Peters church
- December 9, Christmas party, 7-9 pm, Inn at Canal Sq.
- 2017 there will be 4 public meetings, dates and speakers yet to be determined
- 3rd week end April, Mayors breakfast at Irish Eyes (tentative)
- Use of Fort Miles Gallery in weeks just prior to Opening Party to have a public display of “Overfalls” photography and art some items may be for sale. Opening night party for showing.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- No report
MEMBERSHIP:

- Mission statement rewrite:

  Using the Lightship as its centerpiece, the Overfalls Foundation will collect, preserve, honor, and teach the maritime history of Lewes, the Delaware Bay and the coastal region.

- Motion to accept – Passed

Safety and Security

- Video security system location may require relocation due to danger of environmental damage

Action item: Approval given to seek alternate solutions up to $500 and report back to board.

Memorial walk criteria:

- Crossing the Bar criteria: Brick placement in walkway will be decision of the full board on a case by case basis
- A memorial obit will be placed on web site for 30 days

- Policy Approved

MARKETING/PROMOTION

- Discussion of a member’s memorial page on our website. This then turned to what was policy as to adding bricks to our memorial walk. This discussion/decision was deferred to September meeting. Again deferred.
- Discussion: Value of Sundowners as to cost and effort vs return (at present breakeven). Agreed their value as to membership interaction is worthwhile.
- Face book activity- 14 articles have been placed, we have 2,777 hits.

PLANNED GIVING

Annual giving plan:

- There will be one annual effort in a year
- Focus for year ending 2016 will be on the preservation, maintenance and dry dock project
- The Bernheisel letter will be used as core document for explanation of the effort
- Pledge or single gift
- Mulvany, Perri, Nancy Beck, will prep effort for review by board.
Action Item:
- Our Planned Giving Plan (Navigators) requires more promotion to membership Key to $ growth of our Reserve Fund

SHIP’S STORE
- No report

ARTIFACTS/MUSEUM
- All artifacts that had been displayed on ship have been removed for season.
- Museum display cases contents will be placed in storage by first of December.

DIRTY HANDS GANG ship preservation project

Pending Action: Dredging cannot begin until The Corps of Engineers provides a permit.

DHG Actions:
- Corps of engineers has not been responsive to our request for dredging permit
- We have received exemption from N J sales tax, a savings of $1,000
- Sherman Williams has provide required Marine paint for their cost saving us some $16,000

Action item: Look into direct lighting to light Port side of ship.

MONOMOY
Discussion: Request for plan as to use/display of vessel. Static vs Action such as; parades, Blessing of the Fleet, July 4 boat Parade

Clarification of policy as regards to towing
1. Towing vehicle is responsible for determining they have adequate insurance
2. Confirm that foundation policy covers any liability
3. Board will determine, on case by case basis, if they will cover cost of any rider to insurance of towing vehicle.

Report: Fort Miles is not available for winter storage. General feeling is use of tarp covering to keep sun off is adequate protection

Action item: Apply for Longwood foundation grant to cover costs of mobile displays of boat.

HALL OF FAME
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

Expressed appreciation to Hall of fame for awards dinner success

Respectfully submitted,
Recording secretary
Dr. Ray Glick