In attendance: A. Didden, R. De Sugny, R. Glick, Tracy Mulveny, Guy Townsend, B. Gibson, Nancy Beck, Robert Perri, Dennis Reardon, Eric Van Gilder

Excused - Bill Battista, Tom Wrubel

Absent

For shipyard and ship preservation project --

For Dirty Hands Gang:

Liaison Hall of fame:

Guests:

Next meeting: Full board -10:00AM - Net House, May 13, 2017
             (Exec Comm. 9:00)

TREASURER’S REPORT

- See Financials for details.
- March 31 statement:
  - Overall budget in line both for income and expenses
  - $510,000 cash balance ( $300,000 committed to ship refit fall 2017)
  - Discussion regarding beginning a long term capital expenses fund, no action taken.
  - Discussion – challenges as to declining number of volunteers and static membership roll.
  - Navigator program has not been promoted and should be. Are all board members enrolled?
  - Action --- Need sign up form and Brochures regarding program

Report on Cathode protection system:

Discussion continued regarding hull current level of risk

Questions raised as to Anodes attachment, durability, process of disconnecting when moving ship, replacement costs.

Quid pro quo as t Zincs vs. Cathode system. ACTION - A cost benefit profile needed

Does LV112, Swiftsure use?

What are issues for ships using system?
Slip bulkhead still concern and solutions to protect it still required.
Decision on which system we will use is tabled until all options evaluated.

**AWARDS PROGRAM for foundation members:**
No report

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**
For May meeting list and resume of candidates is to be presented. A 200 word essay now required.

**MEMBERSHIP:**
200 members on our list, a second effort to past members who did not renew is planned.

**Guides:**
- 2 new volunteers
- schedule for first month will be published by mid May

**Hall of Fame:**
No report

**Safety and Security:**
No report

**Marketing and promotion:**
Discussions over ways to properly reach public to promote ship and tours. Use of our new brochures and rack cards seemed most appropriate.

T. Mulveny to approach local rack card distributor to obtain a spring distribution of all locations he serves. $300 expense motion made and approved.

Possible that Overfalls Foundation can hold a display of its lightships pictures in Fort Miles exhibit gallery. (an issue for discussion is quality of framing which currently is bare bones in style, mostly to preserve rather than display. May need fund raiser to properly frame.)
Discussion regarding sponsoring an etched Glass panels for the 501 3 c room in Rollins Community Center Cost $2,500.

Motion to further evaluate and report back before decision made – Passed

**Opening Party:**

- Ticket sales have began
- Community Bank of Delaware has committed $2,500 sponsorship
- Collection of donated Baskets for silent auction program now in process

**Annual giving / Long term fund raising:**

- Navigator program: Needs promotion

**SHIP’S STORE**

- will be restocked in May

**ARTIFACTS/MUSEUM:**

- Museum will be reset in mid May.
- Limited # of artifacts will be displayed on ship proper.

**DIRTY HANDS GANG:**

- Tuesday, weekly work parties have begun.

**Ship preservation project**

- See notes above on electronic protection activities

**MONOMOY**

- Bob Gibson has volunteered to assume leadership of that group.
- Trailering can be done by Jim Phillips for May 20 Maritime day at Ferry terminal.
- Conversion of display plaque for reproduction of posters of $85 was approved.

**New Business**

- For Dragon Boat races we have request to rent starboard side land for $500 - passed
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

- No report

Events 2017

- May 26, Opening Party
- June 14 or 15, Sundowner
- July 19 or 20, Sundowner
- Aug.16 or 17, Sundowner
- Sept. 8, fall Fest 5:30 – 7:30
- Oct 1, coast day at Maritime campus, U of D
- Oct 13, St Peters 7:00 PM History of De Braak
- Nov. 10, St Peters TBD
- Dec 8, Christmas Party 7-9 PM
- Dec 31, Anchor drop

Respectfully submitted,
Recording secretary
Dr. Ray Glick