Overfalls Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2018
Net House, Lewes, DE

In Attendance: Albert Didden, Bob Gibson, Bob de Sugny, Ray Glick, Robert Perry, Bill Battista, Don Gansaur, Tom Wrubel and Eric Van Gilder. Tracy Mulveny, executive assistant.

Guests: Dave Bernheisel and Elaine Simmerman

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

President’s Comments: Elaine Simmerman made comments concerning the impressed current system and how we need to be careful in how we present our "new" plan to the Longwood Foundation. Since the foundation has been one of our most helpful benefactors, we need to make sure we don't offend them or make ourselves look like we don't know what we are doing. Albert stated there has been no neglect of our duty as a board and that members have come together to better understand the situation and make sure we are doing the best thing for the future of the ship. Tracy talked briefly about the written summary of what we have been doing on the project and has consulted with Janet Davis for her experience in working with Longwood.

Don had EMR perform testing and their position is the galvanic corrosion problem is from the inside out. We will communicate with Longwood when we have everything ready and can clearly state our position.

Robert made the point that we have a lot of new information since the ship returned from Dorchester Shipyard. We have been working diligently to determine how to address the problem of inside out corrosion.

It seems to be the general consensus that we should keep moving ahead with the direction we are going.

Bob de Sugny commented about an initial quotation from Brinker Marine for an air-conditioning system for the ship at $10,000. They revised it to $20,000 after Bob reminded them that there will not be any duct work. Using water from the slip to heat sink the condenser should make the unit very efficient (cheaper to operate).

Elaine made the point that she felt we should not have an absentee board president. Her concern is that if there is an emergency with the ship the president should be on site. Discussion made it clear that it is very strongly felt that in the event of an emergency, the high commitment level of not only the board of directors but also the Dirthy Hands Gang and membership at large will promptly address any issues that might arise.

Secretary’s Report: Minutes approved with one correction.
Treasurer's Report: Opening party this year was about $3500 more than last year. A donation of $7500 from Barry and Elaine Simmerman made a significant difference in the year to date total. We have spent approximately $213,790.04 for the ships restoration. DNREC’s bill for dredging was $26,565.00. We have a cash balance on hand of about $400,000. We need to move about $150,000 of this into the SEI Fund (part of Delaware Community Foundation). Bob de Sugny made a motion to move $150,000 to SEI by the end of this year. Motion passed.

Old Business:
Shipyard Project update: All bills for the ship restoration have been paid.

Report on ICPS alternative: See attachment from Robert de Sugny of the e-mail exchange with Capt. Ted Hack (USN retired). A summary of the e-mail "we should keep up the zinc protection as it is generally considered much safer and more forgiving".

Longwood grant status: See president's comments above.

New business:
Request from Delaware Beach Book for advertisement: Discussion of spending $500 on an ad in the next book. There is no data to either support or not support buying the ad. Motion made to go ahead with the Beach Book ad. Motion passed with 2 dissenting votes.

Request to release photos of Overfalls e-mail sent previously: The Getty Web Site requires a release form be signed by the Overfalls foundation to post pictures of the ship on their web site. After discussion it was decided we needed more information. Is this time limited, can we make any money, are there other lists? Tracy will contact them and we'll make a decision at the September meeting.

Request from Chamber of Commerce for Coast Day participation and free tours: It was agreed the ship will be open for Coast Day.

Preliminary nominating committee report: Several names were mentioned to be approached for their interest in participating on the board. (Mike Safina, Dave Beck, Bud Vai, Robert Garry, PM Glick, Marvin nyder and Robert ______)

Literature: Do we need to reorder brochures for the coming season? Ray will check inventory in the storage building. Bob Gibson will reorder if necessary.

Committee Reports:
Curator: See attached "Artifacts, curators report". Ray has carefully reviewed the photo collection and has made a list of artifacts that we do not have in our collection. He is looking for information from anyone who might have a lead on what might of happened to these artifacts. Ray says SELL PUZZLES!
Safety: What is our guideline for heat and tours below decks? Check with Dave Beck for guideline. We should close when the temperature is 90 degrees below deck. Two of the cameras are not working. Bill will have the service company in again to fix them.

Dirty Hands Gang: Need to drain 4 ballast tanks, sand blast and paint. We will use dry ballast from now on, sandbags and gravel. Maybe we can get help from high school or boy scouts to install. A desiccant is being tested in one tank.

Monomoy: Boat will be repainted in the fall. Monomoy crew will make repairs on the fenced area by the shed and shelves in the shed.

Ship Store: Need a new store manager. Sue Tolert may be a good candidate.

Maritime Hall of Fame: Frank Carter Sr., Steven Roberts, Red Muline, Patrick Cook and Dale Clifton. 52 people signed up so far. Looking for 150 people.

Schedule of Upcoming Events:

Next Board of Directors meeting: Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10 AM at the Net House

Membership Meeting/Event

Season Closing Party, Friday Sept. 7, 5:30 - 7:30pm at the ship

Maritime Hall Fame, Saturday Oct. 13, at Lewes Yacht Club

Annual Membership Meeting, Friday Oct. 12, 7pm at St. Peters Parish Hall

Public lecture Friday Nov. 9, 7pm St. Peters Church, speaker TBA

Holiday Party, Friday Dec. 14, 7 - 9pm

Anchor Drop, Monday Dec. 31, 11:30pm - 12:30am

Adjournment: 12:15 PM

Minutes respectively submitted by;

Bob Gibson
Secretary
Overfalls Foundation