Overfalls Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2015 at Net House in Lewes, DE
Meeting called to order at 9:00AM

Roll Call:
Board Members Present: Albert Didden, Bill Battista, Tom Wrubel, Bob Gibson, Robert Perri and Eric Van Gilder, Sue Townsend, Guy Townsend and Dave Bernheisel
Advisor to the Board of Directors: Tracy Mulveny

1. Presentation by Lewes Little League
   The current "snack shack" building has deteriorated and needs replacing. To avoid FEMA flood regulations, they will use the current footprint. The new building will have larger bathrooms, more storage and a small meeting room upstairs. The snack area will not have a commercial kitchen. The building will cost $90,000 and new lighting another $60,000. They have already raised $90,000. We need to have a separate discussion about how much we can contribute. Tracy asked if we make a significant contribution if we could use their bathrooms. Discussion seemed to be around $1000 or more.

2. Secretary’s Report:
   A correction was made to the April meeting minutes and they were approved unanimously.

3. Treasures Report:
   Al Didden reviewed the Executive Meeting discussion on the budget. Eric mentioned that we are down on fundraising from rivets, portholes, etc. from last year. Gangway modification are entered under dirty hands gang but should be entered as a capital improvements. $2693.51

4. Old Business:

   Gangway Improvements update: Bill has talked with Raven Marine and they are making final parts. They should be delivered by mid-June.

   Security Cameras: We need to work on a plan for what we need and how we are going to review tapes, etc.

   Update on purchase of new trailer: Bert Long is leaning toward us buying the new trailer. There are just too many unknowns about the old one. Al Kleinberger and Dave Bernheisel will handle buying the new trailer.

   Governance Committee/membership TBD: The committee would be charged with oversight of the Board of Directors. It would only meet as needed. A motion was made to have Al Didden select a chairperson and they would select two additional members. The motion passed.

5. New Business

   Invitation from Lighthouse Foundation for Boat Cruise: Looking at July 25th and $35 per person. Tracy passed a sign-up sheet for possible interest.
Policies for weddings and events on property: Complicated issue needing more research.

Committee needed to develop a new brochure: Al will contact all who were on the last committee which included Chuck Patalive, Joan Reader, Mary Ann Milewski, Dave Bernheisel and Bob Gibson. We need to research if state money might be available to help pay for the new brochure.

6. Committee reports

Curator’s report: Ray plans to set up the museum on 14th. Some new and some old. Will display the new bell cabinet and remains of LV1 at the opening party. Ray will launch artifact fund raiser program, Keepers of the Bell at opening party.

Opening Party: 123 tickets sold so far.

Safety Report: We have received the AED and executed the Delaware Emergency Management Services AED agreement. Sussex County Paramedics will do a training program for guides, docents and dirty hands gang and eventually at a public meeting. Bill has talked with the Lewes Fire Company to hold another training event on the ship.

Maritime Hall of Fame: Elaine Simmerman made a presentation. They have nominated 5 people per year for 9 years. Usually they have 19 to 20 applications but this year they only had 12. The level of contribution is declining. The committee has decided the function should be held every other year. They are very committed to the 10 year anniversary and will skip 2016. Motion was made recommending the Hall of Fame be held every other year. Motion passed.

Dirty Hands Gang: No report.

Monomoy Project Report:

Boat: The boat progresses with the current main task of fabricating and installing the cap rail. This is the rail that runs along the gunnels which is made up of many pieces of wood which are joined with scarf joints to essentially become one piece. The work is tedious and critical as the cap rail, with a bright finish, is the eye catching item for the boat. We are fortunate to have Warren Walls for this task as he seems to have every woodworking tool known to man and is an expert with each. Again, members of the Board are invited to come by on Tuesday mornings to see for themselves or call Dave to see the boat anytime.

Shed: The antique oars were hung and are adding one more nautical touch to the shed. The lighting which will be for display and security is being installed and should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Trailer: Bert Long is still evaluating whether our existing trailer can be modified to adequately transport the boat in “over-the-road” situations. As he has gotten into it the problem has become more complex and the likely outcome is that a new trailer may be required. We should know in the next couple of weeks.

Launch: Al has made contact with the manager of the Pilot’s Association’s maintenance facility (just past the new DNREC boat launch ramp). The manager has agreed, contingent on his workload, to allow us use of his Travel Lift for launching the boat. This is much better than
launching from a trailer on a ramp. Also, we would be able to leave the boat in the sling, lowered to the waterline for a couple of days as the boat swells up...far better than just putting her in the water and having her sink to her gunnels.

**MSCA**

The Museum Small Craft Association (MSCA) is a national organization dedicated to the mission of preserving small craft (like the Monomoy) and keeping their history alive. MSCA is having their 2015 meeting in St. Michaels at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum on October 5 & 6. The MSCA meeting will follow the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival which will be at that location on October 2-4. Al has been invited to bring the Monomoy to the events and to make a formal presentation at the meeting. In addition to doing that, we propose that the Foundation should become a member of the MSCA which has annual dues of $50. All of this fits nicely in the Foundation's mission and we feel we will gain from membership and that the MSCA membership will gain from our participation.

Chesapeake Maritime Museum presentation in October on the Monomoy. Dave made a motion that we join the museum and pay the $50 annual dues. The motion passed.

Need to check on insurance for trailing the boat.

**Ships Store:** Store is ready to open. Sue will hold a training session for docents. The guides have also been invited.

**Expanding our Giving Campaign:** Robert is proposing we add another annual giving request to our yearly campaign. This should cost about $1500. Robert expects this will raise as much as each of the other two mailings. The mailing must have significance. A motion was made to get out another mailing this year for an investment of about $1500. Motion passed.

Web master: Tom has increased the number of names on the mailing list from a list he receive from Cathy Heronemos.

6. **Directors Comments:**

   Thanks for coming.

7. **Schedule of Upcoming Events:**

   **Next Board of Directors Meeting:** Saturday June 13, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Net House.

   **Membership Meetings/Events**
   - **Friday May 22, 6-9PM** Opening Party and Auction at Virden Center
   - **Saturday May 23, 10AM** Ship opens for the season/ Zwaanendael Maritime Festival
   - **Wednesday, June 17, 5:30-7:30PM** George Elliott Memorial/Ship Birthday Celebration on ship grounds
   - **Saturday, July 4, 1 PM** Lewes Boat Parade....Award ceremony on the shp at approximately 3:15 PM.

8. **Meeting Adjourned 10:35 am**
Respectively submitted
Bob Gibson, Secretary

To be included with final: Revenue and Expenditures January through April 30, 2015