Minutes of Overfalls Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

August 7, 2015

Directors Attending: Bill Battista, Albert Didden, Ray Glick, Dennis Reardon, Guy Townsend, Sue Townsend, Tom Wrubel

Guests: Chris Adamcik of Vector Security, Dave Bernheisel, Dave Hitnick, Tracy Mulveny, recording secretary, Dale Pease and Pat Quinlan Dirty Hands Gang co-chairmen,

1. Meeting called to order by Albert Didden at 9:05am

2. Chris Adamcik of Vector Security presented his proposal for a security camera system including 4 cameras located to view all aspects of the Overfalls Foundation property. Cost would be in the range of $4000.

3. Secretary’s report: Minutes of the May 2015 Board of Directors meeting were approved. There was no June 2015 meeting for lack of a quorum. The Board of Directors does not meet in July.

4. Treasurer Report: Eric was able to call in to answer questions regarding the 6 month financial report dated 6-30-2015. We are currently about $30,000 ahead in income over expenses. Eric cautioned that comparison with the 2014 financial position on the same date is somewhat challenged due to the different posting dates for income and/or expenses. We are currently approximately 10% above budget in receipts and 10% below budget in expenses. Annual giving campaign will begin in 2 weeks.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that we donate $1000 to the Lewes Little League toward construction of their new clubhouse. In return we will have keys to their lavatories for our volunteers. We will also relocate our picnic tables to the Little League property to make room for the arrival of the restored Monomoy lifeboat.

It was suggested that the $10,000 allocation for the reserve fund be made at the end of the calendar year. The executive committee will consider this suggestion.

An updated check and contract signing policy will be determined by the Executive Committee and presented to the Directors at the September meeting.

President’s Comments:

Albert introduced his neighbor Dave Hitnick. Mr. Hitnick is a retired Coast Guard officer who currently teaches maritime history at a charter school in Philadelphia. He has offered to help us in developing a teaching curriculum for young people for the 2016 season. He told us that there is minimal understanding of the maritime history and culture of this region among high school students.
Albert has suggested we consider offering a $1000-1500 scholarship to students anticipating a career in a maritime related field. The directors suggested we contact Del Tech Community College about the need and administration of such a scholarship. Albert will make that contact and report to the board at a future meeting.

5. Old Business:

It was moved, seconded and approved that we enter into a contract with Vector Security for the installation of 4 security cameras. Bill Battista will contact them for the necessary documents. Albert will review the contracts and insurance prior to making a deposit.

The new trailer for the Monomoy will not be available until later this year. It will cost approximately $4800 including registration. A substitute trailer will be borrowed to bring the boat to our site temporarily for the September 4 dedication ceremony. All major donors have been invited to attend this event with a ribbon cutting set for 6PM that evening. It is hoped that the Monomoy might be in the water before the end of 2015.

The brochure committee has met and is working on an updated layout. They are looking to have a drone pilot make aerial photographs of the site for the cover. The Foundation has received a $1000 grant from the State Division of Tourism toward printing costs. We will have an additional cost of approximately $1000 to get 20K brochures and rack cards printed. This supply should last us about 5 years. Brochures are expected to be ready for the 2016 season.

6. New Business:

The speakers program for 2015/2016 will include speakers for October, November, and March. The social programs will include a Christmas Party, Mardi gras night, Annual Breakfast, Opening Party, Birthday Party, 2 Sundowners and a Closing Party.

It was moved, seconded and approved that outsiders use of the property be exclusive of access to the ship and require a copy of an insurance certificate naming the Overfalls Foundation as an additional insured.

It was decided not to hold a "First Responders Weekend" as there were very few attendees last year. We will offer free water to all first responders coming to the site.

There was a discussion of the potential donation of a Coast Guard supply boat. Ray will find out more about this particular boat. It is doubtful that we would be able to accommodate a vessel of this size and expense.

7. Committee Reports:

Dirty Hands Gang:

Projects this season:
- Attached new decking and railing guards to gangway
- Painting green on lower deck
- Repainted top of bulkhead
Installed new cables for bell and whistle
Touch up painting on superstructure
Painting and new shelving for Ship Store
Power washing decks
Built new steps for the shed
Stephanie Ann windows repaired-will repaint red stripe next season
New light for the American flag
Ordered new glass for the wardroom skylight, cost $262 due to thickness of the glass
New cable for the bow liberty lights
Divers to examine zincs soon

Ship Store: income from the store is not reflected in the 6/30 financial statement. Sales are increasing rapidly as our attendance increases.

Monomoy: The project is on budget. Boat is completely restored. Now building the cradle. Expect to have it on site for the 9/4 dedication. Security issues are being addressed.

8. Meeting adjourned 11:35am