Overfalls Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2020
Net House, Lewes, DE

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.
In Attendance: Bill Battista, Albert Didden, Bob Gibson, Bob Garry, Sue Tolbert, Dave Beck, Don Gansauer, Tom Rew, Maggie Bower, Tracy Mulveny and Ray Glick.

Secretary’s Report: There was some clarification of Don Gansauer’s report on the ship. This included that the ship needed to be dry docked about every 7 years. The whole ship would be cleaned and painted. Dredging, towing and shipyard work would cost about $400,000. Motion made to accept the minutes as submitted for the December meeting with above changes. Motion passed. It was also discussed that the minutes are currently being posted to the website before that have been corrected. Going forward, we will wait two weeks for changes to be posted to the secretary before I send a “FINAL COPY OF THE MINUTES” to Tom Wrubel to post to the web page.

Treasurer’s Report: Revenue is about 15% lower than last year and expenses are about 20% lower. We will need to make a push on applying for more grants. New costs for office space, estimated cost of bulkhead cleaning and painting and extending riprap along canal will require new sources of funds. We need an aggressive campaign on Required Minimum Distributions. This information needs to get out before the end of the year. $65,000 has been budgeted for restoration this coming year. Erosion control is estimated to be $20,000. Working on restoring our relationship with Delaware Tug could help reduce towing expenses. Their past president, Hick Roland, will be inducted into the Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame this year. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Curator: The Engine order telegraph from a Liberty Ship on loan from the Federal Government has been transferred to Overfalls Foundation ownership. Ray believes we now have pictures of most if not all the lightships. These pictures might be useful as a fundraising tool. LHS is still not turning over our lightship artifacts. Ray was asked to put pictures in the community room of the Rollins Lewes Museum. Also, to provide a few photos for the new Overfalls Office.

Dirty Hands Gang/Monomoy/Safety
New Year’s Eve Anchor Drop went off well with only a minor hitch. Although tested earlier that day, the horn did not sound when the cord was pulled. Don has identified the problem but has not had a chance to remedy it.

Work is continuing on the Ship Store. The demolition is complete, and the studding of the new wall is in progress. The work is remaining watertight.
Warren Walls has removed the port door of the Stephanie Ann and is working on the new one. There is some minor rot at the base of that door jamb.

The new insulated wheels have been installed on the gangway. I have been watching them closely and there is no discernable wear.

Projects this year will be to continue scraping, painting and cleaning of the ship.

Monomoy projects will include sanding and redoing the brightwork on the seats and rails. The red bottom of the boat also needs sanding and painting.

**Education**

Dates have been established for this year’s children’s program with LHS.

**Events**

There is an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute tour of the Lifesaving Station and Lightship this year.

Opening Party will now be a **Gala on September 11, at Baywood**. As of now it will be sit-down buffet dinner. The dinner will be a smaller event but will be priced and organized to still raise the $20,000 we usually make. We will lock in the date with a deposit.

The May 22 date (old opening party date) will be repurposed for our annual brick memorial event. The ship will open on May 23. A motion was made to formally set January 1 to December 31 of the previous year as the time period for eligibility. Motion passed unanimously.

It has been proposed to have a family event at the ship. Possibly on the same May 22 date. We will ask Elaine Simmerman to form a committee to pull together her idea of an outdoor family event.

The Anchor Drop was a great success with estimates of between 200 – 300 people attending this year. Next year we might try to include sales items to generate some funds.

January & February Events: January Speaker Red Moulinier and the Lighthouse folks – about a 45-minute presentation of all they are and have done to the Lighthouse.

February rather than a meeting there will be a Mardi Gras party, Feb. 20 at Diego’s 5-8 pm.

**Historian:** Al Klineberger is working on a History of the Foundation based on interviews with members who started the organization and got the restoration underway. He is looking to add an experienced writer to his committee.

**From Al Klineburger:**

Community Outreach:

We will present at Coastal Club next Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 pm (18:00). Tracy Mulveny, Dave Beck, Ray Glick, and myself will present. You are all invited, but we don’t want to overwhelm them. They are under Winter Rules which means some limited services for residents so projections on attendance is unknown. They have sent email blasts and we will put up a small billboard in the lobby that morning, rules.
Bishop's Landing, Cathy Lankford who made the inquiry, does not work there anymore and she told me they haven't filled the position.

Historian:

We are recruiting an experienced writer to our organization. He has published a book, written many published articles and will be a great asset in completing "The Long Watch" project.

Memorial and Naming Opportunity:

Have had no activity in the N/O area. I have not received any requests since the first half of the year 2019. I have been in contact with the Cape High School music department and hope to have a meeting with him next week. This is to provide music (5-6 musicians) for our ceremony Maritime Day/Overfalls Memorial, June 22, 2020.

Do we have an interest in expanding this event into a larger event than first talked about?

Engine Room Telegraph:

Proposed that we include the Sea Scouts in getting it ready for presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Alan W. Klineburger

Property & Insurance: Monomoy insurance; Expect something in a couple of weeks. Albert is also looking at the possibility of setting up an LLC with the Monomoy to get the boat on the street.

Grounds: The net reel is partially on the Overfalls Property. Albert thinks we need to establish our property precisely before we put in riprap to fix the erosion problem. Moving the net reel would also eliminate any possible liability to the Overfalls. A survey would cost $1575. It was felt we need to try to locate the survey stakes first. Cost of moving the net reel is LHS responsibility.

Bulkhead repainting will be done to the low water line. We currently have two proposals, one for $64,000 and one for $34,000 plus paint. Need to understand the big difference in quotation prices.

From Al Didden:

Application has been submitted to State for erosion and rip rap repair.

Board needs to discuss survey options. A survey estimate has been obtained from Simpler Surveying in Frankford. De. ($1575.)

Hope to meet with Jim Abbott, Executive Director, LHS today. He was invited to stop in the Board meeting today. This is an ongoing process and may involve moving the net reel.


Underwriter has requested additional information on Monomoy which has been submitted. We should hear in a few weeks if additional information is needed.

Certificate of insurance has been issued for new office. We may want to question if we should sign lease as officers of Foundation and not personally.

Respectfully submitted, Albert Didden
Membership/Volunteering Committee
Information will be available in March.

Ships store: Sue Townsend has information on inventory and volunteer records.

Hall of Fame:

From Elaine Simmerman:

2020 Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame (DMHOF) Organizing Committee

Meeting Notes January 6, 2020

Present: Deb Bonvetti, Dave Ennis, Maryanne Malewski, Bill Manthorpe, Elaine Simmerman, Emily Yeager

Administrative responsibilities were decided:

1) Co-Chair, runs meetings, calendar, sponsors, monument, trophies, coordinates with Yacht Club, banquet program – Elaine Simmerman
2) Co-Chair and banquet program pamphlet – Emily Yeager
3) Nominations, 250-word paragraphs, Overfalls liaison – Bill Manthorpe
4) Selection Committee – Dave Ennis
5) Publicity, medal engraving, sponsors – Deb Bonvetti
6) Yacht Club menu, banquet decorations – Maryanne Malewski
7) Reservations, table arrangement, greeter at banquet – Denise Seliskar

A $700 deposit was made to reserve the Lewes Yacht Club for the DMHOF Induction Dinner, Saturday, October 10, 2020, 5 – 9 pm. We will invite Dennis Forney to be the master of ceremonies. The group discussed possible new Selection Committee members, reviewed 2018 documents, went over 2018 application methodology, discussed fifteen potential candidates for Hall of Fame Induction in 2020, and discussed possible minor changes to the event. It was decided not to have formal banquet nametags this year.

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 3pm according to this schedule:

May 27 – Bill Manthorpe’s home, 404 E. Savannah Rd. Unit 303, Lewes

July 15 – Elaine Simmerman’s home, 418 W. 4th St., Lewes

August 26 – Maryanne Malewski’s home, 119 Washington St., Lewes

Sept. 23 – Deb Bonvetti’s home, 31460 Point Drive, Mill Pond Acres, Lewes

Submitted by Elaine Simmerman
Foundation Office: Now located at 17527 Nassau Commons Blvd., Lewes, DE  Room 102  
Rent is $550/month

Strategic Leadership: Mike Safina to talk with DANA about helping us organize and work out a 5-year plan. Mike estimates $2k to $3k cost.

Old Business:

Meeting Schedules
Board of Directors meeting will now be held on second Friday of the month.
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Lightship Sailors Memorial: Steve Tolbert working on this

New Business:
Zwaanendael Museum Maritime Events May 28-30: Lectures on 28th and 29th. Outdoor show on Saturday May 30. We will do a booth and hopefully some kids demonstrations.

Web Site Login and password protections: Each BOD member is responsible for contacting Tom Wrubel to get a sign-in and password. This is a must do item for all BOD members.

Next Board of Directors meeting: Friday March 12, 2020 at 10 AM in the Net House  
The April Meeting will be on April 3, 2020 because Good Friday is on our regular meeting date.

Adjournment: 11:50 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by.

Bob Gibson
Secretary
Overfalls Foundation