



Schooner Ernestina Commission meeting minutes 10-30-15,
Called to order at 1:12pm

Present; Laura Pires-Hester, Fred Sterner, Karl Pastore, Licy DoCanto, Brian Rothschild, Michael Quinlin, Rick Porteus, Chuck Smiler, Mary Anne McQuilan, Christine Ashley, Wendy Pearl, Dagney Ashley

Wendy Pearl of DCR identified herself as the project manager of the Ernestina-Morrissey [EM] refit project. She interacts regularly with Harold Burnham who provides her with monthly reports of refit progress. She presented today a site visit summary report of 10-15-15, Schooner EM progress report of 10-6-15, and a Burnham Boat Building Co. Report that documents Harold's hours worked and tasks performed from 2-1-15 to 8-31-15.

Wendy stated that David Short of Boothbay is the new project manager. He began his job this week after the previous manager left for personal reasons. Management team is now more stable and phase 1 of a 2 phase project is well underway. Phase 2 involves assessing equipment needs and determining what existing equipment can be reused. Wendy suggested that MMA [Mass Maritime] must weigh in on this going forward. An inventory assessment is planned to identify historical artifacts, useable materials, and equipment. EM equipment and materials currently stored at the New Bedford state pier need to be stored in a more secure setting. Suggested a chain link fence and lock be considered. Spars which are outdoors need to be placed indoors.

Karl weighed in on the need to secure the needed space to protect the inventory.

Laura asked for clarification as to who has the responsibility of the security issue.

Introduction of new commissioner Michael Quinlin of MOTT. He stated that the interim director of MOTT is Mr. Nam Pham.

Laura spoke of the recent Globe article on the subject of "useless boards" in Mass. She submitted a response letter to the Globe on behalf of SEC that outlines the usefulness of the commission. Julius submitted a similar response for SEMA, that appeared in today's edition.

Laura asked for volunteers to form a nominating committee to present a slate of officers to be voted upon at next meeting. Brian agreed to chair the committee and will seek out 2 commissioners to participate.

Licy interjected that regarding the globe article, that he has had talks with the governor and others about the role SEC plays with regard to the vessel. He suggests that, in light of the article, we "tighten up loose ends" in terms of who we are, what we are, and that we fill all commission vacancies. He said the governor and staff are aware of the effectiveness of the commission and accomplishments to date..

Fred echoed the need to fill all vacancies with regard to all categories per legislation, ie dept of education etc.

Open meeting law- Laura asked that we read and understand the law. Certificates of receipt forms re; the law were distributed, signed and returned to Laura.

Chuck spoke of the quorum concerns of past meetings and his opinion is that SEC could establish its own rules as to defining a quorum.

Minutes of the July 28th meeting were reviewed for comment/clarification. Gene will convene a media committee to discuss issues surrounding the use of EM by the media, film etc.

Karl and Wendy reported that the vessel is presently covered for insurances purposes under Boothbay Shipyard.

Laura- regarding written notes of 8-18-15 and 7-28-15 meetings, submitted for approval. Licy made a motion to accept the reports as written but that they be resubmitted for approval after they are typed. Seconded by Fred, and motion carried.

Wendy- reported that some of the wood stored at state pier for EM can and will be used during refit. Boothbay has built a metal structure around the ship designed to keep the weather out.

Laura- Does it make sense to seek other storage options for items not going to Boothbay or to MMA?

KARL- That question cannot be answered now due to uncertainty of leadership at DCR.

Wendy- Stated that the commission should be involved in identifying historic artifacts that have value in order to identify storage needs. She will meet with MMA to determine needs, establish agreement as to equipment needs at state pier, determine role of MMA during inventory process, to insure that good choices are made.

Licy- suggested involvement of people with expertise in identifying historical artifacts so that it's done right. Should include SEC, and MMA.

Karl- spoke of the need to address storage concerns before the snow season arrives, and that an action plan is required.

Mary Anne- talked about developing a marketing plan for old equipment

Wendy submitted a progress report to be presented to donors and agreed to present such reports quarterly while also providing monthly reports from Harold Burnham.

Mary Anne asked Wendy for clarification as to state money for EM. Wendy stated that money is spent given fiscal year spending constraints.

Wendy distributed hardware[screws]being used on the refit and 2 half models of schooner models.

Fred expressed disappointment that Boothbay is not providing updates as to progress of refit. He stated there are many interested groups that would like to receive such information....Cape Verde, Newfoundland, New Bedford, etc.

Laura expressed concern about ongoing programming especially during ship's absence.

Wendy stated that Boothbay is supposed to have onsite programming capabilities but there is no agreement as to that. There will be a platform constructed near the ship for visitors etc.

Harold has been photographing various stages of construction and development.

Laura suggested Michael Quinlin look at ways of promoting the EM project

Laura stated that a small group met at MMA last August to determine a business plan. The plan

is in draft form and will become available at the next SEC meeting in November.

Respectfully submitted. Gene Monteiro



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