

SEC MEETING OF 11/23/15

PRESENT: LAURA PIRES-HESTER, EUGENE MONTEIRO, BRIAN ROTHSCHILD, KARL PASTORE, MICHAEL QUINLIN[phone], LICY DOCANTO[phone], FRED STERNER, MEGHAN KISH, MARY ANNE MCQUILLAN, RICK PORTEUS, JOE PACHECO, JOE ANDRADE, JULIUS BRITTO, MELISSA DEVALLES, CAPTAIN TOM BUSHY

MEETING BEGAN AT 1PM

BUSINESS PLAN presentation by Melissa Devalles, MMA grad, past crew member of EM, and SEMA member. She reported that the plan is a document developed by a small group including Laura, Captain Bushy, Karl, Fred, herself and others. It is a guide of where we are and where do we need to go regarding all phases leading toward an operational EM. She called attention to the milestone list of the Plan which highlights the key issues of phases 1,2, and 3. Phase 1 and 2 would get the ship in operation while phase 3 refers to future plans. Captain Bushy spoke of key design issues that would impact USCG certification. Other key points include contract with Boothbay Shipyard during phase 2, and that an MOU needs to be established so all roles are clear. Captain Bushy is involved in preparing a draft to clarify ship's use as a training ship and other uses. That draft is currently available to MMA and DCR.

Regarding dockage, MMA has a committed plan at the academy, but there is no commitment yet from New Bedford. Karl stated that State Pier remains available. The milestone list has language pertaining to future operations on page 21. The Plan calls for the vessel to always have a crew from MMA. Capt Bushy praised Melissa, and SEC for efforts past, present and going forward. He is enthusiastic about the several partnerships that exist for the well-being of EM, and her eventual return to sea.

Brian raised the question of SEC's role in the future. Laura asked why SEC wasn't involved with MMA and DCR when the draft to clarify ship's use was being developed. Licy asked for suggestions as to how SEC should prioritize its role relative to all phases and milestones. Capt Bushy sees the role of SEC as no different than the Trustees at MMA. He sees that role as being involved to make sure goals and targets are clear. Clearly, SEC should be included in the MOU discussion.

Wendy Pearl submitted a progress report dated 11-19-15 which included an added \$21000 for lead ballast that was not originally factored in. She also provided a spending plan report that shows the order that public and private money is spent. SEMA's funding will be spent last. Wendy will continue to submit monthly progress reports.

Fred presented a slide show of what's going on at Boothbay Shipyard with photos of EM's deck frame, and frame for winter cover. He gave an explanation of what lofting is, and showed its relationship to boat design. Wendy spoke about future plans for interpretation, tours, and informational pamphlets. Michael Quinlin is giving some thought to marketing strategies that he will present at some future date.

Mary Anne stated that SEMA's annual appeal went out 11-20-15. SEMA is also seeking other funding options. Laura encouraged all SEC members to pledge support to SEMA.

Brian, as chairman of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers to be voted upon. The committee consisted Of Brian, Gene and Karl. The slate consisted of Laura as Chairman, Licy as Vice Chairman, and Michael Quinlin as Secretary. Michael suggested he may not be part of SEC for very long but agreed to officer role for as long as he's here. Gene moved to approve the slate as submitted, seconded by Fred. Slated was voted in as submitted.

All SEC members weighed in on the collaborative work being done as to the business plan. Fred thinks that the mayor's office [New Bedford] should be at the table. Brian feels the Harbor Development Commission should as well. Mary Anne made reference to developing language that talks about how the vessel will serve many citizens [for purposes of financial outreach]. Rick Porteus expressed his concern that there is not much language that offers any opportunity for secondary education students especially given the scheduling proposed for the ship's use by MMA. He presented a strong push in support of efforts to better serve that population. Laura stated that SEC needs to focus on all possible and most effective uses of Ernestina-Morrissey.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm
Submitted by Gene Monteiro