

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

March 1989

The February meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Bill Fox on Friday the 10th. Thirteen members and guest Bob Moritz were present. The meeting was called to order at 2023 by Skipper Bill Clarke.

Purser Bill Fox reported that society funds = \$561.22 and annual dues of \$6.00 are payable at the March meeting. Paris Akins requested that the previous minutes be amended to reflect that he brought the VPA model of the VIRGINIA, and not the GRAVES, to the January meeting.

Under old business, Purser Bill Fox agreed to provide members a personal copy of the society's by-laws. Tom Tragle circulated photos of the January meeting and indicated that Marvin Byrant thoroughly enjoyed the evening. He also discussed the Founder's Award, and he, and Skipper Bill Clarke, reminded members to be prepared to nominate and vote on a 1988 award recipient during the March meeting. Jack Bobbitt discussed menu options for the April banquet, however, final menu selection was deferred until the March meeting. A motion was approved to have the society pay the meal tax and gratuity for society members attending the banquet. Several potential banquet speakers were discussed, with the majority favoring Commodore Roy Alexanderson, the last skipper of the UNITED STATES. Tom Hesse agreed to extend the speaking invitation to the Commodore.

Under new business, Alan Frazer solicited member interest in building models of a Spruance Class destroyer, a Mark 3 patrol boat, and a large scale model of a colonial coastal trading sloop or schooner. He also indicated that buildings & grounds at the Mariners Museum has holly logs available for the asking, that Barbara Johnson, a well known collector of sailor's art, will speak at the 1989 NRG banquet, and that the grand opening of the Mariners Museum remains scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 1989. Kent Wade regretfully announced that the Richmond Ship Model Society had suspended operations for an indefinite period. Purser Bill Fox reminded the members of the Forbes toy boat exhibit at the Virginia Beach Life Saving Museum. Bob Moritz was elected and welcomed into the society.

The meeting was adjourned at 2125 by Skipper Bill Clarke.

Refreshments provided by Mary and Bill were enjoyed by all. Our special compliments to Mary on the peanut butter pie.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Alan Frazer, 108-G Indian Summer Drive, Hampton (865-7300) on Friday, the 10th at 2000. Plan to attend, and bring a model and a friend if you can.

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