

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

March 1990

The society's February meeting was held at the home of Bill Fox on Friday the 9th. Fourteen members and guests Hugh Melton and Marshal Staton attended.

Skipper John Cheevers called the meeting to order at 2020 hours.

Under old business, Bill Clarke reported that the Founder's Award committee recommends that a plaque with miniature brass bell be presented to Founder Award recipients (to include those four individuals who have already received the award). After a supportive discussion by members present, the skipper asked the committee to determine the appropriate cost of it's recommendation. The skipper then collected award ballots for the '89 Founder's Award, acknowledging that whatever momento was finally adopted, it would have to be presented retroactively to this year's award recipient as well. Jack Bobbitt reviewed the arrangements for the March banquet, to include the fact that all but about \$2-4 of the total cost per person will be covered by the announced fee. A motion was then made, seconded, and passed to pay the difference from the society's treasury. Alan Frazer reported on the Mariners' Museum 1991 Ship Model Contest: models to be delivered by 2 June; model exhibit to be open to the public from 15 June thru the last week in October; awards to be presented at the annual NRG meeting; rules to be published by the museum in the near future. A motion was then made, seconded and passed that the society propose to the NRG that the 1991 conference be held on the last weekend in October. Alan Frazer also announced that he had been elected a director of the NRG. Congratulations Alan!

Under new business, members present supported Bill Fox's proposal that the society assist Christopher Newport College by making repairs to a ship model owned by the school: see announcement at end of this newsletter for details of the assistance project. Jack Bobbitt announced that he now has a rope making machine which members are welcome to use. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the 1989 officers be nominated for 1990. A vote was then taken and John Cheevers was elected skipper, Tom Abbott was elected 1st mate, Tom Hesse was elected purser, and Bill Fox was elected historian. Alan Frazer advised that David Mathieson of the Mystic Seaport Museum will present a talk in Richmond on the restoration of ship models; contact Alan for additional details. Alan also announced that the Mariners' Museum is interested in having a model made of the tobacco schooner BRILLANT. As the last item under new business, Paris Aiken announced that he had received the list of modeling items for sale by the woman in Charlottesville; contact Paris for details.

Skipper Cheevers adjourned the meeting at 2121 hours.

Following the business meeting, guest Marshal Staton discussed several modeling requirements associated with the project he is managing for the Virginia Air Museum at Richmond. Members interested in working on any of these projects should contact Bob Moritz who in turn can put them in touch with Marshal.

All members then enjoyed refreshments provided by Mary and Bill Fox. Once again our compliments to Mary on her delicious peanut pie.

Administrative note: Please make the following pen and ink changes to last month's newsletter (reporting the results of the January 1990 meeting): in the heading, change No. 44 to No. 45 and change January 1990 to February 1990.

The March meeting/annual banquet will be held at the James River Country on Saturday, the 10th, at 1830 hours. Winner of the 1989 Founder's Award will be announced at the banquet. This is the perfect opportunity to display your current/favorite ship modeling project, so don't forget to bring it (them) for all to admire.

Also, on Saturday the 10th, members will meet at the Captain John Smith Library at Christopher Newport College to clean and restore a ship model on display in the library's lobby. The subject is a 36 inch model of a 17th century three-masted vessel which has been at the college without maintenance for over 20 years. The model is in need of a thorough cleaning, minor paint repair, and possibly major rerigging. If you are interested in participating in this project, please call Bill Fox for details, or drop in at the library between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday the 10th.

Finally, members are reminded that 1990 dues of \$6.00 are due and payable. Please make checks payable to HRSMS and either mail to the purser or provide same to the purser at the April meeting.

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