

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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The June meeting of the society was hosted by Helen and Paris Aiken on Friday the 8th. Seven members and guest Jim McCurdy attended.

Skipper John Cheevers called the meeting to order at 2027 hours.

Under old business, skipper Cheevers reported that the WSMS has chosen 3-4 November as the dates for the ship modeling workshop with the Calvert Museum at Solomon Island as the location. The theme for the workshop will be "Back to Basics." The current plan calls for approximately 10 one-hour sessions starting Saturday morning and running through Saturday night and into Sunday morning, with a group dinner also scheduled for Saturday night. ~~The WSMS would like our society to provide four speakers.~~ A number of members present indicated their interest in attending but felt that the number of sessions should be reduced so that some leisure time could be added to the schedule. Paris Aiken asked about the status of the plaque for the Founder's Award. After some discussion of alternatives, the skipper asked that the committee developing the plaque provide a rough cost estimate of the total cost per plaque for the recommended alternative. Bill Clarke reported on the details of the contract with Holiday Inn for the 1991 NRG conference, following which the members present agreed that Bill should sign the contract on behalf of the society. Purser Tom Hesse reported that the society had received a thank you letter from the Mariners' Museum for its participation in the "Festival in the Park." All who attended agreed that it was a great event. Finally, Paris Aiken reported that he attended a meeting of the Board of Governors for the Virginia Life Saving Museum at which time his model of the pilot schooner VIRGINIA was formally presented to the museum to be placed on exhibit.

Under new business, purser Hesse reported that the society had received a letter from Leonard Wine (made available to all to read) and that Bill Altice had been commissioned to make a framing model of the SUSAN CONSTANT for the builder of the ship's replica at Jamestown.

Skipper Cheevers adjourned the meeting at 2130 hours.

Following the meeting, all present enjoyed Helen's fine cooking and later took the opportunity to view a video of the society's activities at the "Festival in the Park."

The Society's July meeting will be held at the home of Bill Hinrichs, 176 Alwoodley, Williamsburg (565-4556) on Friday the 13th at 2000 hours. Directions are attached. Bring a friend as well as something nautical to share with your fellow members.

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