

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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The December meeting of the society was hosted by Jeanne and Jack Bobbitt on Friday the 14th.

Under old business, Skipper Cheevers noted, with deep regret, the passing of charter member Paris Aiken. After a positive discussion of the weekend workshop held at Solomons Island in November, a motion was made, seconded and passed to contribute \$50.00 to the Calvert Marine Museum in appreciation of its hosting the workshop. Bill Clarke reported that bells for the Founder's Award plaque would cost approximately \$5.00 each. Tom Abbott volunteered to make an appropriate wood base for the plaques. A motion was then made, seconded and passed to purchase six bells so that the plaques could be ready for the March banquet meeting. Finally, Bill Clarke reported on the upcoming NRG conference. Plans include a 3-4 hour harbor cruise on Friday afternoon followed by a reception that night at the Mariners' Museum. Saturday's activities would include a technical session of five or six presentations. Four speakers have been arranged to date with two still being sought. Planned Saturday daytime activities for spouses include a bus trip to Williamsburg and the pottery factory. An awards banquet will be held Saturday night; projected cost will be \$20.00-\$25.00 per attendee. Finally, plans for Sunday include roundtable discussions and a swap/flea market.

Under new business, Jack Bobbitt graciously offered to make arrangements at the James River Country Club for the annual banquet meeting to be held on March 9th. Gene Berger reported that the society will assist the VLMSM in conducting a three hour model making workshop on 26 January. Members interested in participating should contact Gene. Bill Fox, Jack Bobbitt and Tom Abbott were asked to select the Founder's Award winner for 1990 and to advise the skipper of same. Skipper Cheevers reminded members present that nominations for the 1991 slate of officers will be solicited at the upcoming January meeting. Members intending to nominate candidates should be aware that neither Tom Abbott nor Tom Hesse are available to serve in 1991 due to other commitments. Skipper Cheever led a discussion about membership name tags, with the consensus being that the society should have them. Finally, the skipper circulated the 1991 meeting schedule requesting that members sign up for meetings they desired to host. (Note: February and August are still open if any member can host these meetings.)

The society's January meeting will be hosted by Helen and Marvin Byrant and will be held at the Northhampton Convalescent Center, 1028 Topping Lane, Hampton (826-3437 for Helen or 826-4922 for the center) on Friday the 11th at 2000 hours. Come prepared to nominate officers for 1991. Also, bring a friend and something nautical to share with your fellow members.

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