

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The June meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Paris Aiken on the 26th, with seven members and guest Jim Hood in attendance, and was called to order at 2020.

Under old business, the club's new stationery was shown and distributed to members. Thanks again to Ed Swanson for providing the artwork which got this project going again. Action on the matter of a club contribution to the Virginia Beach Maritime Museum, where the club-built VPA models will be displayed, was again tabled for a month. Tom Tragle read a letter from the museum's director which solicited contributions of \$1.00 per square inch to purchase oceanfront property adjacent to their present facility. We will discuss the matter of a club contribution at the July meeting, but individual members are encouraged to make personal contributions, if they wish, to The 24th Street Oceanfront Committee, P.O. Box 86, Virginia Beach, VA 23458.

Under new business, guest Jim Hood was introduced and asked to describe his interests and experience. Jim is an electrical designer retired from M. Rosenblatt and Son, and has been working on kit models in his newfound spare time. Afterward, prints of Taubman's new CSS VIRGINIA plans by Meagher were examined and discussed by the group and were found to be seriously wanting in accuracy. Tom Abbott, who purchased them, will return them as worthless and ask for his money back. Next, Paris Aiken suggested that the club consider making a contribution to another museum, this one being the new Hawaii Maritime Center (Pier Seven, Honolulu Harbor, Honolulu, HI 96813), home of the FALLS OF CLYDE of 1878. This proposal was also tabled until the July meeting. Bill Fox then closed the new business business with an announcement that members wishing to attend the Steamship Historical Society meeting at the Chamberlin on July 19 for Jack Shaum's program on "The Four-Stackers" (liners) should contact him by July 15. The meeting was adjourned at 2052 and attendees then enjoyed refreshments and a tour of Paris' newly-cleaned shop.

The July meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Kent Wade, 2402 Gurley Road, Richmond (270-6010) at 2000 on Friday July 10. Plan to attend, and bring something of nautical interest to share with other members.

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