

# HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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The July 12 meeting, at the home of Bill Hinrichs, was called to order at 2017 hrs. There were 16 members aboard, including "Honorary" Bill Williams, plus four first-time guests: Graham Horne, Nick Runsey and his son Carl, and Dick Vranian, all from the Richmond area. (With four members also present from Richmond, there may be hope for reviving the dormant Richmond Ship Model Society. Go for it, guys!)

The minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. The purser reported that he had finally gotten the correct forms, and gotten them signed, to update the bank account. All dues checks since April were also deposited, at last.

## Old Business

David Tagg conveyed thanks from Capt. Schill, Exec Officer of USS WISCONSIN, for the framed photo presented to him by the HRSMS. The members then thanked David for arranging the tour. David also read a letter from Martha Price of The Mariners' Museum, thanking the group for participation in "Festival in the Park" and inviting us back for another event in early October.

Bill Clarke and John Cheevers reported on the NRG Conference: 27 registrations in so far (the first being from Guild chairman Gene Larson). Bill proposed a fee of \$30 for vendors, including registration; there was no objection. Registration forms for the Conference were distributed for members' use.

## New Business

Skipper John Cheevers presented the individual "bell award" to Tom Abbott as his belated keepsake for winning the 1985 Founders' Award. Tom missed the March dinner at which these were presented. Congratulations, Tom, and welcome back to the fold!

## For the Common Good

The skipper passed around copies of latest newsletters from Washington and North Jersey clubs, and an announcement of the first kit from Jim Roberts' new firm, North River Scale Models: Baltimore clipper privateer LIVELY. The purser also had a set of the plans (its lines seem to owe a lot to Model Shipways KATY kit; maybe because both are based on the same Virginia pilot boat drawing, by Steel?), along with samples of the linen line being offered.

John also read, for our edification and entertainment, the ongoing controversy on ship modeling scales (and other stuff!) appearing in *WoodenBoat* magazine.

Jim McCurdy reports that Yukon Lumber has European pearwood. Expensive.

Meeting was adjourned at 2130 hours, followed by excellent and varied refreshments. Next meeting, August 9th at Jim McCurdy's, 825 Loblolly Court, Chesapeake. Directions below.