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Since Paul Brindza had to be away this weekend, the venue for September 13 was changed to John Cheevers' home, where the meeting was called to order at 2012. There were no corrections to the minutes as published. The purser gave a treasury report.

Old Business

As of September 11 there were 125 registrations in for the NRG Conference, with 141 for tech sessions, 30 for the bus trip, 207(?) for the Friday reception, and 173 for Saturday banquet. Five vendors are firm, with others still possible. Dana Wegner will replace Bob Sumrall as a presenter.

The Mariners' Museum now wishes to focus its October 13 "Celebrate the Park" event on the Park itself, so will not want us to do R/C demo. We were one of the hits of the June event, and they will want us again for that next year.

There was discussion of 25th Anniversary plans, which are not firmed up yet.

Betty Lou Tragle and Helen Bryant want a swap table for Sunday morning at the NRG, which we agreed to supply at no charge.

New Business

A letter from the Life Saving Museum of Virginia proposed a second modelers' workshop for January 25, and the children's model contest on a date to be set later in the Spring. Tom Hesse will be unable to work on the contest, so Gene Berger agreed to coordinate both events; he will be looking for help, guys. We are also advised that Angus Murdoch has moved to Connecticut, and Fielding Tyler is the new Director of the Museum.

Leonard Wine passed around a proposed logo for the club, along with sample name badges for the conference, using some of the same graphic elements. There were reservations expressed about dropping the MONITOR & VIRGINIA from the new logo, as their battle is such a well known part of Hampton Roads' history. No decision was made.

For the Common Good

The skipper passed around a jar of Stockholm tar and some information about this traditional preservative of timber and cordage. It is making a round-robin tour of ship model clubs, having been started by Ray Dillon of Tampa Bay Ship Model Society and sent to us from Washington. Neat idea.

Alan Frazer reported on the recent Directors' meeting of the NRG, including the need for a new treasurer (any volunteers?). Bill Clarke reported on the Naval History Symposium at Annapolis, at which Dana Wegner revived "The CONSTELLATION Question." The meeting was adjourned at 2120 hours, in favor of Ellen's fine fare. Date and place of October meeting to be determined.