

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

March 1992

The meeting of February 14 was called to order by Skipper John Cheevers at 2008, with 11 members and two guests eventually present at Alan Frazer's home. Guests were Julian Bland and Ralph Smith; both had attended the workshop at the Life Saving Museum. Minutes were approved as published, and the purser reported on current finances. He reminded all that dues are due on March 1.

Old Business

Bill Fox had called Alan Frazer to report that all is "go" for the 25th Anniversary exhibit at Watermen's Museum, with opening reception Friday, April 10. He will need data on models. Fort Wool tour on April 11 will be \$10, and dinner at Seawell's Ordinary tentatively \$20.00. Bill Clarke added that some WSMS members may wish to attend.

The program at the Life Saving Museum attracted 23 guests, who heard seven HRSMS members talk on basic kits, woods, glue, paper models, casting and radio control. Our guests confirmed that the event was well received, and they were among 13 who had asked to be invited to meetings.

The two favored logos from January were passed around for another vote; number 2 appeared to have the most initials, but we somehow managed to adjourn without a motion on this decision, so the two favorites will be presented again in March. The purser reported final results of the NRG conference.

Bill Altice brought up the question of the aluminum trawler model from Kent Wade, and its current status. No change or decision.

New Business

Bill Clarke moved that we send Newsletter three times to anyone interested in membership; motion was passed. He also asked that we send it to John Fryant for Washington Ship Model Society. (Bill also captured the affection of Sparkle, the Frazers' Maine Coon Cat.)

The purser read a letter of resignation from Barry Miles. It was accepted with regret. Our two guests were invited to tell us a bit about themselves.

For the Common Good

John Cheevers led off by showing the results of his photoetching project; very nice. There followed a lively session, during which we covered: announcement of the next "Anatomy of the Ship" volume, on Columbus' ships; a new Micro-Mark tool catalog; a Graupner rescue boat kit, offered by Bill Wilkinson; Dana Story's book on shipbuilding in Essex, Mass.; a huge gift coil of .012" tempered brass wire, shares of which are available to all from Bill Altice (the cat loved the unwinding process); Fine Woods of Virginia, a source for apple, bass and other woods; photos of the USS ARLEIGH BURKE and the Japanese version of this Aegis

destroyer; and *Naval History* magazine, with discussion of Dana Wegner's paper on the CONSTELLATION controversy and an article on the destroyer disaster at Honda Point. Some of these contributions produced good discussion, making one of the best non-programs in a long time.

Outgoing skipper John Cheevers delivered his farewell address to the crew, and we adjourned at 2145 for refreshments, thanks to Jane.

Purser's Reminder: If there is a "D" on your mailing label, please remit \$12 for dues through February 28, 1993. Our fiscal year began March 1.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 13, 2000 hrs., at the home of Bill and Mary Fox, 112 Colonel's Way, Williamsburg. This is in King's Mill, off Route 199, south (west?) of I-64 and US 60. Stop at the gate house for visitor's pass and more directions. Bill's phone is 253-0310.

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