

LADYSMITH MARITIME SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.
Expo Building LMS Office

In Attendance: Directors: Gerry Beltgens, Shirley Blackstaff, Bob Cross, Cliff Fisher, David Grimstead, Allan Gould, Rod McNeil, Paul Nowlan, Betty Pearson

Guests: Barb d'Ruiter, *Insurance Centers of Vancouver Island*
Cecilia Grimstead, *Volunteer Coordinator*

Staff: Debbie Loewen, Gail Schuler, Rod Smith

President, Betty Pearson chaired the meeting.

Agenda was **approved** by consent.

New member name, Dennis Kruks, should be added to the minutes of March 15, 2016.

Approval of new members - Cam McIntyre, Jim Wright and Larry McCoy, Applications **approved** by consent.

Barb d'Ruiter, Vancouver Island InsuranceCentres, presented the Insurance Premiums for this year. There was a question raised about electricity in the water around the dock. Rod Smith reported it seems to be a moving target, the source of the problem may be too many zincs and boats needing an isolator. This concern will be looked into by contacting professionals.

Cecilia Grimstead, LMS Volunteer Coordinator, said using emails to contact volunteers has been successful. The request for power washing of the dock has not had anyone volunteer and it is difficult to get enough volunteers for the festivals and rendezvous. A suggestion was made to contact all volunteers not just the previous years' volunteers and put a notice at the Welcome Center requesting volunteers. It was noted that even if someone is not a member they are welcome to volunteer. Shirley Blackstaff asked if volunteers who were not busy during the festivals could stop in at the Maritime Museum and greet visitors. A few minor issues have arisen with volunteers which Cecilia Grimstead will refer to Rod Smith in the future.

Treasurer's Report – David Grimstead

A new savings account has been opened with a higher interest rate.

The Ladysmith Maritime Society is stable financially.

A donation to the Red Cross for residents of the Fort McMurray fire was given in the amount of \$200.00.

David Grimstead **Moved** that donations be given to Western Purple Martin Foundation in the amount of \$500.00 and Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society in the amount of \$2000.00. **Carried.**

A funding request has been made by Duck Paterson on behalf of the First Nations art work being done by John Marston at the entrance to the High School.

Rod Smith **Moved** LMS donate \$1,000.00 to this project. **Carried.**

President's Report – Betty Pearson

The car shop has advised there is a visit to the car shop at 10:00 a.m. May 18, 2016 if anyone is able to attend.

Managing Directors Report – Rod Smith

Derelict Vessels: Silver King remains about 100 feet off C-Dock while Saltair Marine removes the engines and other heavy equipment in order to lighten the vessel. Nothing new on the Vicki Lynn II. Thanks to the help of LMS volunteers, Doug West, staff and the Town we were able to have three abandoned fiberglass boats recycled at Coast Environmental.

Food Service: Oyster Bay Café opens May 20 under the operation of “In the Beantime”. Our first Dine on the Dock of the season is May 20 and we are sold out.

BC Tax Assessment & Appeal: A letter will be sent to Barrie McDonald thanking him for the help he gave creating and presenting the appeal to BC Assessment regarding LMS tax assessment on boat houses and putting the onus on LMS to collect the taxes. Three other Marinas have lawyers that are appealing the boat house taxes and collection and if successful will affect LMS as well.

Gerry Beltgens **Moved** that the owners of boat houses be billed when the tax bill is received and if it is not paid before the next moorage year their contract will not be renewed. **Carried**.

Grants: LMS has received two positive responses to our grant requests and our gaming grant application will go in next week.

Parking: The Town of Ladysmith Bylaw Officer will start ticketing anyone parked in a “no parking” area or those guilty of other violations if the party involved can be identified.

After Hours Access to the Welcome Centre: An email was sent regarding moorers not allowing access to others with their personal access cards and the response has been positive.

VIU: Students and faculty from VIU’s Fisheries and Aquaculture program explored the north side of our water lot at low tide as the beginning of a baseline assessment leading to recommendation for habitat restoration. Marine biologists Rob Waters and Rick Harbo were part of the team and all seemed excited about the project.

Signage and Wayfinding: LMS is discussing a signage program with Ladysmith Development staff and will hopefully have a plan in place soon.

Staffing: Albert Carter Jr. (AJ), and Shane Valic, joined our team. We are still looking for someone to help with the museum/education program – fulltime June through August. .

Electrical stands: The yellow electrical stands are being replaced in the Marina under Brian McLaurin’s direction. Material was sourced, designs refined and jigs made for the stands. These should last twenty years and at about half the retail price.

Paddling Centre: LMS will begin doing research and the development of a project plan for a Paddling Centre.

Pump Out: This issue has been resolved on how to handle the pump out after consulting with professionals.

Meeting: Rod Smith proposed a meeting with the Board of Directors at the end of September. This would be to brainstorm the coming year, the budget and he would do the Presentation that was given to the Town of Ladysmith.

Action: Rod Smith to set up meeting for the end of September with the Board of Directors.

Marina Report – Debbie Loewen/Marc Pettigrew

Live-A-Boards – A copy of the minutes from their meetings has been requested to provide more transparency.

Beautification – The team is ready to plant flowers and Rob and Tricia Pinkerton have installed the banners.

Breakwater – We have not received a quote back for the tanks to be removed, sandblasted and painted yet. The March date for the inspection has passed and we will try another firm to get this done.

Tent – The new tent has been set up and will be stored during the winter. Curtains are available for two sides if we wish to purchase next year.

Welcome Center – New opening windows have been installed.

Wolfe Boat House – The Staff proposed either - the boat house be sold to a new customer with the caveat that it be brought up to spec or dismantle the shed and put in annual moorage finger. This will directly impact bottle recycling and storage space.

Wolfe Boat House – a proposal for the boat house, presented by Shirley Blackstaff would be to re-purpose to house heritage displays and create a high quality museum display sharing the story of the Rainbow Skiff Dinghy and other small wooden boats; and to entrust the heritage team to repair the building to LMS boat house standards and to create the display within budget.

Wolf Boat House – it is structurally strong, but does need to be fixed up right away.

Gerry Beltgens **Moved** that Ladysmith Maritime Society keep the Wolfe Boat House, upgrade it to LMS boathouse standards and designate it for the Heritage Program. **Carried.**

LMS Heritage/Education Update – Shirley Blackstaff

- May was a busy month for our Education Field Trip Programs and June trips have been booked.
- Great progress was made with the new LMS Sea Life Centre with assistance from many volunteers.
- The April 30th Waterfront Sale raised \$170.00 for the future refurbishment of the Sidewinder dozer boat.
- Maritime Museum and Harbour Heritage Centre are open for the season.

Heritage Boats Update – Rod McNeil

All boats will be ready for all the festivals.

The Kirkegaard is being evaluated and we will receive a report informing us what would need to be done and how much it would cost to repair. Shipwright, Erik Sandilands came and shared his knowledge with the volunteer crew. He said the C.A. Kirkegaard was worth saving. He would come occasionally to inspect and supervise the volunteers doing the STAGE 1 work.

Pirates Day – Cliff Fisher & Gerry Beltgens

Pirates day is coming together well and we will be dressing up like Pirates and going to LAFF., the Schools and walk through town. Posters are done for Pirates Pub night June 3 at the Fox & Hounds. There will be a Pirates Prison on the dock.

Gerry Beltgens **Moved** donations received on Pirates Day, be given to LAFF. **Carried.**

Heritage Boat Festival – Betty Pearson

Planning is complete and we are ready to go with the Festival. A suggestion was made that LMS should start the planning process in the Fall inviting Heritage Boat owners to attend. This would give more lead time for owners to plan to attend our Festival bringing in more boats and more variety.

Correspondence – Rod Smith

The Royal Canadian Air Cadets sent a letter inviting the Board of Directors to attend an event introducing the new troops on June 5, 2016.

Other Business

LMS has received a permit to gather sea life for scientific purposes related to our educational program at the Sea Life Centre.

Shirley Blackstaff mentioned about 24 retired teachers from the Cowichan Valley Retired Teachers' Association will be visiting the LMS Harbour Heritage Centre, Maritime Museum, Welcome Centre, Heritage Boat 'Bill Adair' Shed, Sea Life Centre and going on the *Maritimer* Tour Boat on September 6, 2016.

The next Board of Directors meeting is planned for Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.