

Ladysmith Maritime Society Board of Directors Meeting

Sept 9, 2015 9:00 am – Noon

Expo Building LMS Office

Minutes

In attendance: **Directors:** Shirley Blackstaff, Bob Cross, Allan Gould, Jim Phillips, Rod MacNeil, Betty Pearson
Regrets: David Grimstead
Staff: Marc Pettigrew, Rod Smith

Betty Pearson, President, chaired the meeting

The meeting began at 9:00 am

The agenda and June minutes were **approved**.

New members **approved:** Bill McMahon – Salt Spring Is; Jenny & Stuart Sherwin – Ladysmith; Anne Follows – Nanaimo.

Betty Pearson presented the Treasurer's Report: All indications are that this season will finish on target for revenue and expenses with the potential to be on the positive side overall. There will be the usual account adjustments at the end of September before we can move onto the budget process but we will aim to have a first budget meeting the second week of October. Betty thanked David Grimstead for the substantial amount of work he put into a review of our current banking situation and options. There was a brief discussion about banking but all agreed that a fuller discussion should take place at the first budget meeting with David in attendance.

Moved: Pearson/Phillips to accept the Treasurer's report – **Carried**.

Betty Pearson presented the President's Report: Don Hurd sent his thanks to the Society for allowing him to offer LED boat lights at the Welcome Centre. Everyone agreed that it was a good service to provide for boaters. Betty read a letter from George Creek regarding the lack of action in dealing with the Purple Martin situation. There was a discussion about George's concerns and the following two motions were put forward:

Moved: MacNeil/Phillips that Ladysmith Maritime Society re-confirms its support of the Purple Martin Recovery Program and direct staff to work with GBEARS (Georgia Basin Ecological Assessment and Restoration Society) to develop a strategy to mitigate problems related to the birds in high traffic areas of the marina. **Carried**

Moved: Cross/MacNeil to include Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) in the 2015-2016 budget to offset any LMS expenses associated with working with GBEARS. **Carried**

Betty Pearson noted that a number of Board terms were up this fall. Specifically there is the opportunity for 3 three-year terms and 2 two-year terms.

Rod Smith presented the Managing Director's Report ([attached](#)). There was a discussion about water lot 651 and the amount of staff time devoted to issues related to 651. It was agreed that Jim Phillips would work with Rod Smith to pull together a team to look at options for handling issues related to water lot 651. Alan Gould suggested that as the issue of derelict vessels is such a coast-wide issue that perhaps LMS should be talking to someone about a conference that brings together folks with concerns and solutions.

Jim Phillips touched on the need to revisit the Marina Safety Plan and agreed to Chair an initial meeting early in October to get things underway but that he could not be on the committee beyond that due to other commitments. Rod Smith was asked to pull together a team for the first meeting.

Rod Smith mentioned that there were other meetings that need to be scheduled including: Volunteer Recognition Night; Members Night and the AGM. He agreed to send out an email to Board members following the meeting.

Marc Pettigrew presented the Marina Report ([attached](#)). The revenue sharing program seems to have worked well and cheques will be distributed, the week of September 20th, to all moorers who participated in the program by telling staff when they would be away. Rod thanked Debbie and Marc for their hard work and good management the past couple of months during a very busy time.

Shirley Blackstaff presented the Heritage Report ([attached](#)). Shirley expressed her concern about the outboard motor display and the shifting floor. Rod advised that the Town staff had been by twice and are developing a plan to deal with it. There were over 1,000 entries in the guest book in the Harbour Heritage Centre this summer. Shirley is looking for more volunteers for the HHC. Jennika and Shirley had a great experience visiting with Pearl Harris of the Stz'uminus First Nation. They showed Pearl a draft of a Purple Martin story book which will now include the Hul'q'umi'num' language for use in area schools. Shirley mentioned that Ed Nicholson of the Ladysmith and District Historical Society is interested in getting his and our Boards together to discuss how we might work together. Betty thanked Shirley for her report.

Rod MacNeil presented the Heritage Boat Report ([attached](#)). Saravan will be in the tugboat show on Grandville Island Sept 19 & 20. She needs some front deck work. The guys will be working on Sheila Weatherall's boat this winter once the Car Shop is reorganized. LMS has been approached about taking on Dorothy – Canada's oldest registered sailing vessel, built in Victoria in 1897. Rod MacNeil will investigate. Betty thanked Rod for his report.

Correspondence – Rod Smith read correspondence received since the last Board meeting:

Thank you and donation from Vancouver Island Hovercraft

Thank you from Laff for silent auction donation

Thank you from the Coastal Messenger

Thank you from Ladysmith C of C for donation for auction at their golf tournament

Thank you for donation from Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM

Next Board meeting **November 10, 2015**