

**LADYSMITH MARITIME SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**Friday, July 31, 2020 ~ 9:00 to 11:00am**

**Directors by GoToMeeting:** Marnie Craig, Ron Dale, Bob Hogberg, Dan Lutz, Peter MacHardy, Alan Newell, Jeff Reichert, Art Rendell

**Ex Officio by GoToMeeting:** Debbie Loewen, Richard Wiefelspuett

**Call to Order** at 9:04 a.m. – Lutz

**Approval of Agenda** – Lutz

**Approval of Board Minutes of 2020-06-04** – Craig

**Motion:** by MacHardy that the minutes be approved as circulated. **Carried**

June 18 was to be an informal meeting that would not require minutes. However, as there was a motion to approve the June 4, 2020 minutes as well a motion to approve funds for Kids Pirate Days, I will circulate minutes for approval at the September meeting.

**COVID 19 Financial Support** – Newell/Wiefelspuett

- **Canadian Emergency Business Account** – LMS can borrow up to \$40,000 interest free. If paid by December 31, 2022, 25% will be forgiven up to \$10,000.  
**Motion:** by Newell that Wiefelspuett apply for the Canadian Emergency Business Loan through RBC, Ladysmith. **Carried Action:** Wiefelspuett
- **Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy** – Requirements are being closely monitored, but LMS has yet to qualify.
- **Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers Program** – Payroll expenses From March to June were reduced by 10%. This program has been discontinued

**New Members**

- Gregory and Linda Henley, Ladysmith; Bruce Thompson and Alicija Palka, Naramata; Ken Ireland, Ladysmith; Reggio and Aida Genest, Ladysmith; Richard Wiefelspuett, Nanaimo; David Fromager, Ladysmith;, Chemainus; John and Kathy Potts, Ladysmith  
**Motion:** by MacHardy to approve all applicants above for membership. **Carried**
- Membership entitlements should to be clarified for management as soon as possible.

**Heritage Report** – Craig/Reichert

- **LDHS White Paper** – This paper, Proposal and Business Plan for an Industrial Heritage Centre within the N.W. Portion of the Comox Logging & Railway Co. Machine Shop, lays out LDHS suggestions, requirements and requests for space in the Machine Shop and outlying buildings. It contains a detailed history, a financial plan including revenue generation, and a phased-in display plan. They will present it to the Town Council separate from any proposal LMS might develop.
- Quentin Goodbody, President, LDHS and Marnie Craig, Director, LMS met to discuss how the 2 Societies could work together. A Committee of 6, three members from each Society will meet to discuss terms of reference, financial contribution, consensus, pros & cons of working together, models such as coordinating themes/topics, joint projects, etc.
- The Town gave direction in March 2019, based on Plan II, for current tenants of the “Machine Shop”, that TOL staff prepare draft lease agreements, a list of issues and needs, etc.

**ACTION:** Draft our requirements for the restored “Machine Shop” (aka ideal outcome). Outcomes are more important than square footage right now. Responsibility for this action was not determined.

### **Potential Heritage Grant**

– Reichert /Wiefelspuett

The objective is to create a more COVID friendly museum and display of our heritage vessels. We already have the 20% required by the grant application of the proposed project cost of \$150,000. The grant would provide 80% of costs. Museum floatation will be installed by the end of 2020. The Grant application has almost been completed thanks to Jeff Reichert. Government decision is to be made in November 2020.

### **Town of Ladysmith (TOL) Relations Update**

– Lutz/Newell/Wiefelspuett

- **Mayor** – Lutz had good discussion at the Marina with Mayor Stone regarding LMS activities, COVID impact on operations, ideas for meeting councilors to familiarize them with the Marina and our Society, meeting monthly, etc.
- **District Lot 2016 (DL2016)** – Does not appear to be operating according to LMS understanding of the agreement. The Board reviewed and offered suggestions on a letter being sent to the TOL regarding DL2016 operations. It was decided that Richard seek legal advice prior to approaching the Town with the questions. **Action:** Wiefelspuett

### **Executive Director Update**

– Wiefelspuett

- Report available upon request
- **Kids’ Pirate event** will occur August 24 through 28, 2020 with a live event at Transfer Beach on August 29 hosted by RBC. RBC has agreed to participate in our new Virtual Kids’ Pirate event by handing out 200 goodie bags
- **Responder** – sale did not go through due to the purchaser’s inability to obtain insurance Advertising through a broker will be investigated further
- **Correspondence** – included in the above report
- **Environmental grant application** associated with retrofitting the *Lady B* as an electrified vessel is being considered.

**Strategic Plan Dashboard** – was not updated

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, September 17, 2020, 9:00-12:00pm

**Adjournment – Motion:** by Ron to adjourn at 10:44. **Carried**