

Antique & Classic Boat Society - Lake Champlain Chapter BOD Meeting Record

Purpose of Meeting: Discussion of Opportunities at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (LCMM)

Date & Time: March 18, 2023, 4:00 PM via ZOOM

Attendees:

LCACBS Members: Susan Haigh, President; Amy Butler, Treasurer; Holly Weber, Steve Pond, Al Dunham, Matt Foley, Steve Detweiler, Rich Butler, Greg Woodward

All attendees advised to review this Record and advise Fritz via email of any additional or incorrect information needed to assure all the Record is accurate and complete.

“□” = Action Item

- 1) **Minutes of previous meeting were approved unanimously.**
- 2) **LCMM & LCACBS -- Presentation (Susan McClure & Lauren Ross, Susan H.):**
 - a) Susan McClure will move to the Vermont Art Council as its Executive Director, leaving April 21, with Lauren Ross and Chris Davis as co-directors.
- 3) **Membership:**
 - a) Membership at 100
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a) Current Balance: \$22,206.83
 - b) Income: \$1,125 (dues) plus \$500 (dinner reservations)
 - c) Expenses:
 - i) \$500 (Splash) plus \$1,000 (Basin Harbor).
 - ii) Donations: \$400 (Essex Historical Society) plus \$250 (Hudson Powerboat) plus \$500 (Hudson River Lighthouse) plus \$500 (LCMM)
 - d) Remainder in a CD at 5.5%
- 5) **Newsletter (Greg Woodard):**
 - a) All welcomed Greg as our new editor for the chapter newsletter.
- 6) **Chapter Budget (Sue H.):**
 - a) January budget shows a deficit of approximately \$1,445.
 - i) Deficit may be reduced because the Fall Meeting was set at \$2,650, and Holly managed to reduce the room rental by \$670 and we used last year's numbers that included 13 dinners we did not serve.
 - b) Boat Show:
 - i) Dockage fees for exhibitors (\$2.25/ft.) will be added to the entry fees.
(1) Current practice for transients is \$5/hour with 1st hour free.

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- (2) Despite Erin's claims that we have always paid dockage fees for the show, Steve and Mike O'Brien know that is not true.
- ii) Splash will charge \$1,650 to rent the Boathouse space plus the cost of the caterer at \$3,250 for minimum 50 attendees.
- iii) Total dockage for a 20' boat, our registration at \$40 and dinner for 2 would be \$184.
- iv) In '19 we paid a lot less...
- v) Dinner at Main Street Landing: \$150 for rent, catering & bar service it \$1,000, plus tables & chairs, tablecloths, dishes, cutlery.
- vi) July 15 is one of the "no activities" dates specified by Act 250 for the park.
- vii) Big chapter expense is for the dinner (\$2,400 for 50, \$2,800 for 30) and leave at least \$15,000 in the bank.
- viii) Steve will try to obtain space for the land exhibits and discuss with the mayor his Wednesday morning bagel meets at Ethan Allen Shopping Center.
- ix) Sue will set up a committee to explore other venues for the Boat Show.
- c) We need more advertising revenue.
 - i) Greg has developed a one-sheet flyer for volunteers to give to potential sponsors.
 - (1) Flyer provides information to show the levels vs. value of sponsorships and help volunteers make their requests.
 - (2) He requested current contact information for almost all the organizations.
 - (3) He will be contacting folks in west-central VT and at Lake George.
 - ii) Sue will complete and issue her spreadsheet of contacts to BOD members.
- d) Fall Dinner:
 - i) Holly reserved the room at Basin Harbor. Final arrangements for dinner menu TBD.

7) Fiscal Year Change:

- a) Al Dunham moved to approve changing our Fiscal Year to match Calendar Year. Rich Butler seconded; all approved.

8) Strategic Plan:

- a) Sue's survey results showed most support increasing our membership, followed by more interaction with other chapters.
 - i) We should ask our members for their affiliations with other chapters to facilitate communications with those chapters.
 - ii) Holly suggested we contact southern chapters for interest from those who travel north in summer.
 - iii) Sue will investigate rendezvous & cruises elsewhere.
- b) Third preference is for more public exposure.
 - i) Best opportunities are in Burlington or Plattsburgh.
 - ii) Greg suggested we are missing opportunities to allow the public to easily donate to us.
 - (1) Steve suggested we add a QR Code to the program to facilitate more interaction via our website donations.
 - iii) Fourth preference is for more interaction with related organizations (like LCMM).

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- iv) Fifth was to become a charitable organization.
 - (1) Works to make sponsorship more attractive and to minimize our tax liabilities.
 - (2) Others with that status: Adirondack chapter and Lyman owners' group.
 - (3) We are already incorporated.
 - (4) Sue will send Rich "how-to" info from the Adirondack chapter.
 - v) Sixth preference is to increase our status with the City of Burlington...
 - c) Holly encouraged all to observe operations this season and update the Plan accordingly in the Fall.
- 9) **Spring Dinner:**
- a) Potential speaker:
 - i) Chris Sabic of LCMM
 - ii) Bob Schumacher about his land yacht speed record.
 - iii) Kent Smith, ACBS photographer.
 - b) Jay Annis will bring several to the dinner.
- 10) **Other Business:**
- a) Nominating Committee will be established at the next meeting.

Next meeting to be June 20 at 4:00PM via ZOOM

End of Meeting Record

Prepared by Fritz Horton
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