

## October 15 Model Shipwrights Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chuck Baylis, Mike Carnahan, Tim Igoe, Bill Emerson, Tom Lockwood, Joe Lorenzo, Lacy Smith

From the earlier released agenda here are comments and action items (yes we still can't escape action items):

- Intros were quite interesting. Not surprisingly, it is a diverse group from all professions. The general experience for modeling ships ranges from 2 to more than 20 years. Predominantly the group builds kit form or are kit "bashers". Bill Emerson is probably the most versed scratch builder.
- Chuck Baylis, the Executive Director, welcomed the group and introduced us to the history of the Military History Society of Rochester, their mission and his splendid museum.
- Naming the Group: Three names were proffered as follows. *No decision was made but the group at large is asked to vote on these names and offer any others for consideration. Submissions are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.*
  - Model Shipwrights of Western NY
  - Model Shipwright Guild of Rochester
  - Rochester Area Model Shipwrights
- Nautical Research Guild Announcement: We are invited to submit an announcement in the Secretary Newsletter of the NRG. *Tim Igoe volunteered to ask his wife, of a graphic artist background, to develop a logo for the group. Joe Lorenzo will prepare a submission that will include acknowledgement of our venue.*
- Meeting Day/Time: We discussed potential meeting times and days. We have been offered Saturday mornings at our current location as a backup or alternate day to meet. *It was agreed to keep Thursday evenings as the primary meeting time (but not the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month). Saturdays will provide a backup or supplemental day to meet as we deem necessary.* Since the museum opens at 12 PM on Saturdays we have time in the morning to meet.
- Group/Forum Mission: Joe Lorenzo provided a draft of a mission statement. It was circulated for comment. No comments were received. Here is the mission statement in its current state.  
*"Create and perpetuate an environment for continued learning and development in model ship building and research. We will do so by maintaining a vibrant and inspiring atmosphere in which we will share experiences, research results, building techniques and knowledge."*

We will continue to work this as we mature our forum.

- Future Topics: All elements as enumerated in the 10/15 agenda release stand as viable subjects. Two elements were discussed in more depth.
  - Virtual Library; all members most likely have a decent library of ship plans, books, design articles etc. *It was suggested that we document our references and submit them (the item identity, not the material) for reference to be included in the museum's database.*

Details have not been worked out such as the format, data entry and access. All felt this was a valuable group asset. Further action to be discussed at the next meeting.

- Three members at the meeting are working on the Essex by Model Shipwright. Tim Igoe is conversant with the kit designer. *To that end Tim is to see if he can journey to Rochester to attend a meeting or better yet join our forum. If he is unable Tim to see if a filed trip is possible.*
- Group Project: One way to improve skill, learn and contribute is to support a group project. Several were suggested. No actions taken. This will be discussed further at subsequent meetings.
  - USS General Pike a corvette of the War of 1812 which fought on Lake Ontario. Given the limited data Tim Igoe suggested a waterline model which would be built and elements sourced out amongst the group to achieve its end.
  - The Model Shipwright Longboat
  - The Hudson River Sloop/ Supposedly the plans and practicum will be ready by year end. This is an NRG product.
- Any Snow Birds?: of those attending none communicated they are absent for the winter.
- USS Langely: Bill Emerson did a splendid job of describing his 5 year build of this magnificent model now on display at the museum. He covered the plans sourcing, his trip to view another model and some of the techniques he utilized to build this very complex model. He indicated he utilized modern technology (laser machining) to fabricate the super structure elements, his use of "Ever Coat" auto body compound to simulate the hull plating to name a few. It is an excellent model and it was an excellent discussion.