

**March 14, 2020**

**9:00 to 12:00**

**Model Shipwrights of Western NY**

***MINUTES***

**(MSWNY)**

Meeting Agenda:

- New Business: Any New Business? <5 min

*There was no new business*

- Attendees: *Chuck B., Brian M., Bob, D., Bill E., Rusty J., Lacy S., Joe L.*
- Treasury/Dues: Will discuss in brevity at the meeting. Jim and Sam have paid dues plus added funds to the kitty which we will extend further into the agenda.

Recent Spending: Basswood for PBR (12/19- \$13)

Current Treasury: November balance post 11/15 = \$ 74.85 -13 = \$61.85

*With current dues/donations: 61.85 + 150 = \$221.85*

- Recent Donation: All 15min

A kindly and generous donor contacted me through our web site and has donated a rather rich collection of table top tools, hand tools and a partially completed but complete kit of the Constitution. Bill and I have discussed a way to handle the trove and we will have that discussion with all at the meeting. Pictures will be presented to give you an idea of the donation as it is sizeable.

*The tool set was brought in for inspection of the attendees. As we did not feel we have given all members a chance to view and make an offer for any of these stationary tools, Joe has agreed to provide his photos of the table top tools under separate cover, in an e-mail, initiate somewhat of a silent auction for our membership's participation. That e-mail will be released on 3/15. Further details as we get into this process. Do not*

*hesitate to make inquiry or if you wish visit the museum and personally inspect the tool set. The tools presently reside in our usual meeting room.*

- The Web Site: All 1 min

Just a reminder would like to update the site with your works, Design Notes, Topics of Interest etc!!! *Lacy prepared a disc of pictures taken at the NRG conference which included the conference proper, the Naval War College, The New Bedford Whaling Museum and the Hereshoff Museum. As with most East Coast venues those that missed the event can readily glean what a wonderful opportunity it was. Lacy reported nearly 100 were in attendance and the guest speakers were well versed in their presentations and demonstrations. It would be a lengthy disclosure herein so if anyone wishes to know more contact Lacy and see if he will loan out his photo disc. Some photos will be placed on our web site.*

*Joe has stated that he will update the gallery of the web site as well as provide reference for Chuck's presentation that was part of this agenda.*

- Upcoming Events 5min
  - ✓ April 25<sup>th</sup> NE Ship Model Conference
  - ✓ May 1<sup>st</sup> Western NY IPMS Event, Batavia, NY, Same place
  - ✓ June 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Niagara Ship Modelers Display

The display is at the Community Hub Centre at the Seaway Mall Branch of the Welland Public Library on Niagara St, 1:00 to 4:30 PM.

*Outside of making note of all these events and hearing from Chuck that we are invited to participate again with the IPMS group in Batavia we made no further plans at this time based on the Covid 19 virus. All that can be said at the moment is we will continue to heed restrictions and the wisdom of attendance.*

- PBR Project: Bill/Joe 10 min

We have reached somewhat of a milestone since November. The upper decking is the last piece of the puzzle to complete the entire hull “skinning”. This was finally achieved with Bill’s execution of the forward gun tub. Bill utilized his design and laser etching connection to fabricate the basic tub. What remains is to detail the inside of the tub. We would like some help doing so while we prepare the hull itself for priming and painting. There is significant body work to get to that point but we are beginning to see realize that this project can be turned over to the museum. We need your help on the detail work.

*In case you haven’t seen the progress of late go to the Scratch Built segment of MSW and visit our build log. Bill E fabricated the gun tub and had the tub rings laser machined. Lacy now has the forward guns and will aid us in fabricating them into a configuration that will be of a twin mount configuration. We will continue to work the inner detail of the tub and integrate this with Lacy’s work. Chuck obtained scale flame suppressers for the guns and Lacy will also incorporate these into the final configuration. It has been decided not to permanently mount the tub into the hull. This will make it much easier to outfit it before placing in its final location.*

*We are also discussing the need to think about the final diorama setting for the model. We think at the moment that the actual diorama will be in the neighborhood of 3 X 5 with a concrete docking simulation.*

#### Main Meeting Agenda:

- The Sailing Navy: Chuck 25 min  
Recently Chuck developed a presentation regarding the American Sailing Navy for a number of retired officers. Chuck received an enthusiastic response from attendees and he would like to share it with the group.

*Chuck treated us to a very interesting presentation of America's early sailing Navy. It is a quite interesting treatment of armament types, ship sizes, ship outfitting and the like. In it he covers tonnage weight of everything from ship's rigging to men's body weight in coming up with an entry into ship displacement. It is full of factual information, too much so to include herein so I have asked Chuck to provide an indirect reference so it can be viewed by other members.*

*Well done Chuck!*

- Present Day Work of the HMS Winchelsea Build: Rusty J. 20min  
Rusty has chosen a nearly all scratch route for its build you will recall. He has chosen Swiss Pear as his build material and it is easy to extrapolate that it will be a handsome model. He has agreed to bring it in and discuss his progress and lessons he has learned so far. One can follow his build on MSW under the HMS Winchelsea Public segment. Seeing it up close and personal will be a treat for us all.

*What a handsome model it is on the ways in Rusty's workshop. At this point it is almost entirely scratch built with his hull planked in pear wood. It makes for such a warm, handsome model. The attached picture just doesn't speak to its beauty. You may follow a detailed build of his Winchelsea on MSW under the Public Domain of the named build section.*

*Rusty walked us through his build steps using Chapter 2 and 3 of the Syren instruction set. Having the model in front of us brought the process to life. Rusty outlooks hull completion in about a month and will return with his work at a later date.*



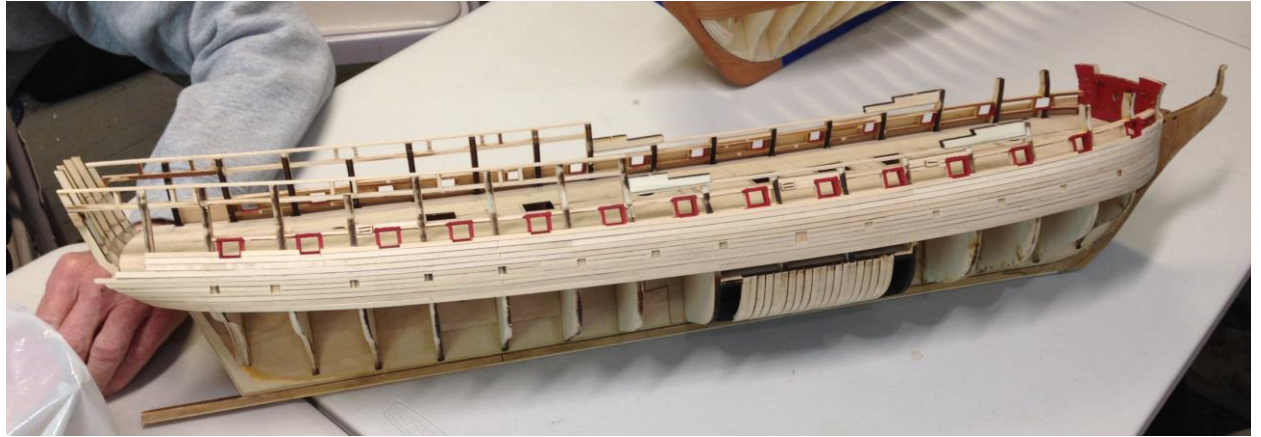
- HMS Cheerful Builds: Lacy S./Joe L. 30min  
Lacy needed a new build project and has recently chosen the Syren Cheerful. He is approaching it from more of a scratch build for the hull at the moment. If I heard him right he will weave in sub kits of Syren to compliment the project. Joe is plodding along with Cheerful and has finally risen to the deck level detail. He freely admits he was humbled a few times getting there and will share some of his faux pas. Both models will be shown.

*Lacy was not far enough along to think his model was ready to discuss so it turned out to be a solo flight with Joe's model. He discussed his **advancements and retreat episodes** that brought him to this level of the build. His biggest challenges were, of course, hull planking as this was his first model of this type. He spent time discussing his fairing of the hull both out and in board. He shared some of the blunders related to not thinking ahead and the dissonance between drawing and instruction set. For others that build this vessel he suggested holding off completely fastening deck furniture prior to deck planking as alignment and tolerance build up are surely to creep in.*



- The Confederacy Build Progress: Bob D 15min  
We got a glimpse of Bob's build recently and he has agreed to bring it back for further discussion and speak to his progress.

*Bob brought in his work to date on Confederacy. What amazes us all is that he does most of his work in the retiring hours of the day when most of us are crawling into bed. Bob is deliberate in his building and thinks through each step until he is confident to proceed. He confesses that he often takes a mental journey (of scale so to speak) and imagines himself aboard one of his subject vessels. Me thinks Bob is a romantic at heart and unlike most of us is unafraid to reveal it. Nice work Bob!*



- The Works of Sam C: Sam C 25min  
Weather permitting Sam will make a return to the meeting to not only show some of his recent works but would also like to have a brief discussion on where one may draw the line between scratch and kit, banned and accepted vendor supplied parts, kits developed with published/copyrighted plans etc. This is a tricky and ensnaring topic that we do not often speak of as most of us do not delve into this area. We will cautiously step into this area and we will see where it takes us in the time allotted.

*Sam was not able to attend as he was affected indirectly with the Covid 19 saga. His wife was called into school on Saturday to prepare for the shutdown of the school. This left Sam stranded without transportation. How this virus outbreak is changing the way we live!!!!*

- Future Meeting Discussion: All 15min  
You will recall that at our last meeting we discussed future meeting style in a roundtable mode. Sam has offered yet another variation of the theme perhaps not to replace our current meeting schedule but to supplement it. Sam really liked the multi club gathering we had 2 years ago and suggested that we try to make that a regular event. Discussion is encouraged.

*Over the winter we will further explore the development of Sam's idea in conjunction with the other suggestions provided. This includes impromptu/informal meetings at a modeler's shop, breakfast gatherings, another Strong museum like demo/display. This will take some work and imaginative development over the winter. To start we will form a small committee to further devolve into this. We will target the March general meeting for a further idea development. In the mean time I will contact the NRG to determine if other clubs nearby would be interested in participating.*

*And of course this was not covered so it will be a carry over to a future meeting.*

○ Next Meeting (April 11 2020)

Possible topics are being considered at the moment.

- *"Will the real" Donald Mckay standup: Don*
- *Aboard The Cutty Sark: Tim*

*We will continue to review the advice of local and state officials in terms of meeting in a group given the Covid 19 virus environment conditions. Standby.*