

April 13 2016

9:00 to 11:30 AM

Seventh Meeting Minutes

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 0 min
Tim Igoe, Bill Emerson, Bill Kolshorn, Bob Dowd, Lacy Smith, Mike Kamish and Chuck Baylis were present as well as a special guest Collin Krueger (my grandson who is modeling a Dumas 1949 Chris Craft Runabout).

- War of 1812 on Lake Ontario: Chuck Baylis 60min
Chuck Baylis provided an excellent work on Lake Ontario's involvement in the War of 1812. He covered principal players, ship types, ship armament, ships in particular and the boat building industry on both sides of the lake. It was extremely well done and well received. Thank you Chuck!

He is willing to share his slide presentation to our group and I will follow up and on obtaining it. There were many interesting facets he covered, too numerous to mention here so the slide presentation should serve his work well.

- The Philadelphia Gun Boat: Lacy Smith 40min
Lacy brought in his splendid model of the gun boat Philadelphia. It drew much praise from all attendees. We all agreed that his rendition of the model was superior to some other treatments we have seen published. He drew on photos and information he had obtained of the resurrected gun boat at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, its ½ size replica there and also the Smithsonian presentation on this subject. It was a handsome model and his added detail was perfect. Well done Lacy!

Here is a greAT tip:

Lacy was asked how he did the "clinging of the hull planks on the model. He explained that it was a simulation. Lacy clips the head and some stem of a common pin off which he inserts in a hole drilled in a soldering iron tip. He bends the stem so as to restrain it and uses the cutoff end to burn simulated nails in the hull planking. It was quite an effective simulation method.



- The Galley Washington Furor: All 20min

In the closing segment the group discussed the recent denigrating "Letter To The Editor" in the recent NRG journal concerning the authenticity of the Galley Washington drafts available through the Nautical Research Guild. It was a lively discussion and all agreed the author of the letter, may not have been in dispute regarding some aspects of the research, but was way out of line in declaring it was a model "that should not be built"! The general consensus in the group was that any modeling or replication of any historical ship may not be without question given its lack of full documentation, revision and repair history and the ravages of time. The model, all agreed, is a statement of current understanding, interpretation of what is known today about the subject. Tomorrow may enlighten us further. And, just for the record why do we do this modeling anyway? The answer is because it is of enjoyment and is educational so lets' get on with it!

Lacy spoke briefly to the high quality of the drawing package and practicum. He plans to mill his own lumber for his build. It should be a splendid rendition.

- Action Items From Prior Meeting(s) 0 min
 - Journal Input: All

Time did not permit coverage of this topic.

- Group Business 10min
 - Web Site ??????:All
 - Facebook ??????: All

We spoke briefly on this subject and Mike brought up a salient element. If we did develop a Facebook "window" how would we get people vectored to it? Secondly what would we publish on this site? No further actions were taken. Sooooo we will bring it back next session.

Chuck Baylis did suggest we contact a "principal" of the plastic model group here in Rochester to introduce ourselves and explore further interest. I have the contact info and I will pursue this avenue.

- ✓ Future Meetings;
 - ✓ May: Roger Gaborski will speak to CNC machining, NE Ship Model Emporium Visit by Joe Lorenzo and his wife.
 - ✓ June: Mike Vasile miniature figure painting. His topic is already developed and he will cover materials and techniques in a slide presentation format. His topic should last about 30 Minutes. **We have an opening for other topics.** If not I will speak to "building ship model cases".
 - ✓ July: **July topics are TBA (need to hear everyone's thoughts).**
 - ✓ August: Mike Kamish trip and visit w/Carlos Montalvao. Other topic(s) TBA
 - ✓ September: Bill Kolshorn is tentatively scheduled for this month speaking to his work on the "Sara B" model progress.