

June 10, 2017

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- **Greeting and Introductions** **5 min**

In attendance: Bill Emerson, Chuck Baylis, Bob Dowd, Jim OConnell, Rusty Jones, Tim Igoe, Joe Lorenzo.

This was the first meeting for Jim OConnell. Jim was warmly greeted and spent a bit of time relating his Navy experiences. It was a real treat for the group! From the get go he was a willing participant in our meeting.

- **Business: All** **15 min**

Treasury Report: *With a recent check the treasury is now \$270 this is sufficient to extend our web page for another year. Although this subject was not addressed I have yet to pay the web page subscription but it is due by 11/18/2017.*

IPMS Batavia Show: *Chuck reflected on the show and future events such as the local show in Webster NY this September. More on that in the future. Chuck related that many IPMS attendees stopped by our prominent display in the lobby to inquire about the Military History Society and our group. We should not overlook Chuck's efforts and support to make it all happen. Well done Chuck and thank you! Chuck would like us to participate in the Webster event as well.*

Langley Update: *Bill has received approval for the model acceptance and as he relates he is patiently waiting for the Smithsonian to give him the invite.*

NRG/SNL "Around The Horn" posting update: *The Secretary of the NRG*

Group Promotion Idea: *Mike Kamish has suggested that we contact some nearby museums and arrange a display or demo to further our cause. There were no comments in the negative. We will address this at our next meeting. No action on this and we will address hopefully at our next session.*

Web page input: *It has been related that we lack just one more “permission to use graphics” from Dover publications and I can release Part 2 of the planking tutorial to our shop notes collection. Many thanks to Model Expo and Brown, Son and Ferguson LTD for there responses.*

○ **Summer Program Kickoff**

Tim took the group through his thinking of the build of a PBR Mark 1 (Brown Water Navy River Patrol Boat) of the Viet Nam era. This version of the vessel is a 31 foot craft that was used extensively on the rivers there during the conflict. Although there were a number of armament configurations this version will have single or twin 50 caliber machine guns and a lighter automatic gun station aft. The model version we will undertake is a 1/6 scale, waterline model. Chuck Baylis obtained drawings of stations/bulkhead, general detail of deck appointments etc. While these are not detailed build drawings they are sufficient with added pictures and information we will trying to gather. Chuck also informed us that indeed a restored unit is in Charleston South Carolina that we will attempt to contact for support. Many of the deck appointments have already been purchased by Chuck so we have a good lead in when at that stage.

In terms of getting started here are some salient elements:

- *Tim will draft a high level Project Plan. The thinking is he will use Excel spreadsheet.*
- *Joe/Tim will prefab the base board and strong back in preparation for the hull fabrication. Have it ready for next session in July.*
- *We explored ways of how to infill/fab the hull beyond the bulkheads (Joe/Bill/Tim) to come up with a way forward. Blue board, an extruded, high density foam insulation, was recommended*
- *Jim was going to try and find out who the original builders were*
- *Bill (and now Jim) was to search for on line information regarding the Mark 1.*
- *Other elements discussed but not ruled on:*
 - ✓ *Navigation lights*
 - ✓ *Build night*
 - ✓ *Build log/binder*
 - ✓ *Feasibility model or sub model*
 - ✓ *Water simulation; a 2 part resin seen at the Batavia IPMS event*

- **Modeling Reference:**

Bill continues to work on his Civil War double ender gun boat. In so doing he is working with a new (to him) vendor in Lima NY. The company Smidgeon, now has capability to laser cut brass. Bill will use this method to fashion the gun rails on the model. He also mentioned the facility has a “pre press” capability to automatically fix fabrication file anomalies before commitment to cutting. Bill also mentioned it can accept Corel Draw output.

- **Next Meeting**

5min

A July meeting will be focused on project plan review and build next steps. Standby for a announcement early July.