

October 12, 2019

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwrights of Western NY

Meeting Minutes

(MSWNY)

Meeting Agenda:

Chuck B., Mike K., Jim O., Lacy S., Matt M., Bob D. attendees

Business: All 5 min

○ Treasury/Dues

Recent Spending: *None and no further discussion*

Current Treasury:

○ October Possibilities: All 5min

NRG 2019 Conference Notice

The NRG Workshop and Conference will be at the New Bedford Whaling Museum October 24 thru 26. The tours are fully subscribed.

The drive is about 6 1/2 hours (400 miles). There is a relatively inexpensive Hampton Inn nearby in Fairhaven/New Bedford.

Who is/may be going?

Lacy appears to be the only one going at this time. Joe L. had to cancel his attendance. Lacy will be taking pictures and speaking to the sessions at the November meeting.

○ Donations, Donations, Donations: Joe 10 min

Because of our web site we have gained some notoriety. Over the last month I have been contacted by 4 parties interested in donating ship

kits, tools and models to our organization. I will be speaking to the offerings and what we should do with the donations. Your ideas here would be of great help.

- Unopened kit of The Bluenose (Model Shipways)
- Three models, all need work, Bluenose, Sea Witch, Constitution (plastic)
- Partially completed hull of Half Moon AL kit, tools etc.
- Awaiting feedback on another donor who is cataloging late husband's holdings
- Ex Navy and sea captain is sending us his kit of the WASA as he is no longer interested in building it.

We will have to find a good home and for these kits/models. It was suggested we post the model collections on our web site and offer them in a more open arena and that we include the IPSMS folk for any plastic models we receive.

- The Web Site: All 5 min

I have just been notified that the cost of maintaining the public domain web site will increase in November and will rise from \$168 to \$204. We need a group discussion in light of this 20% increase.

The attendees remain supportive of continuing the public domain version of our web site despite the cost increase. Dues, that have already collected should cover the cost.

- Model Restoration Project: Brian 5 min

My stab at representing Brian left something to be desired. Brian we would like you to share your progress to date and pictures of the restoration and of course your outlook for completion.

Brian was unable to attend due to his work schedule. We will bring him back next month.

Main Meeting Agenda:

- Today's Technology Applied to Ship Modeling: Joe 25 min
Joe has been experimenting with CNC routing as it relates to fabricating parts for ship models. Bill provided Joe with sample files of his Mortar Schooner to replicate on his Sainsmart 3018 Pro CNC system. Simultaneously Joe was working with a Rochester Woodworker Society member to fabricate certain parts on his professional system for yet another model. Joe will share his experiences with the group.

Joe presented his findings and has posted a condensed version of the subject under Shop Notes as a revised segment on CNC machining.

- A Method of Planking a Bow: Chuck Passaro 25min
In constructing his Winchelsea, Chuck Passaro has released some special videos on how he goes about planking the bow of his incredibly beautiful models. This should be informative to all.

We were unable to view this series of 3 videos as the speaker system of my laptop was inadequate to provide the sound amplification. Here is the link to these excellent videos. <https://modelshipworld.com/topic/21431-discussions-about-chapter-two-external-hull-planking-for-winchelsea/>

We may bring this back for the November meeting.



- The Works of Sam C: Sam C 25min
I have recently spoken to Sam and he is going to try his utmost to make the meeting. He wishes to participate more this year and has some interesting projects in the que or in the works. I am leaving it up to him what he wishes to focus on. As almost all of you know Sam has built and designed kits so he has a wealth of knowledge of this industry. He is always interesting to listen to.

Sam was unable to attend. Hopefully November is an opportunity.

- Future Meeting Discussion: All 15min
It is time for us to look at the schedule and content of future meetings for the group. We need to have an interactive and lively round table discussion about how we manage ourselves from this point forward.

In roundtable fashion the group addressed the current state and suggestions for the future makeup of our meetings. At this moment we seem to all agree that we will make the November meeting our last 2019 meeting and resume again in March of 2020. Here is what is on the table from the floor:

- 1. Move meetings to evenings*
 - 2. Just have quarterly meetings*
 - 3. At least one shop meeting in the off periods*
 - 4. A dinner/gathering more in line as a social event at least once per year with a guest speaker*
- Next Meeting (November 9)
Two topics are being considered at the moment.
 - *The NRG Conference Feedback/Presentations: Lacy*
 - *Beginning the Winchelsea framing: Rusty/Joe*
 - *Confederacy construction to date; Bob*