

2018 Ancient Mariners Board Meeting

October 23, 2018

ANCM President Dave Harmon called the meeting to order at 11:15 at Tom Denes and Cathy Gainor's house in Kensington.

Attendees: Peter Johnson, David Cheney, George Humbert, Pam Blumenthal, Mauricio Rezende, Nanci Sundel, Tom Denes, Cathy Gainor, Kara Permisohn, Dottie Buchhagen, Kristin Koehler, Holly Donnelly (Secretary and author of minutes.)

Holly began reading the minutes from the 2017 meeting. Nanci made a motion to approve the minutes without a verbal reading. Cathy seconded and the motion passed.

Dave started out by referring attendees to the list of board positions. He asked for a volunteer to take over the bulletin board posting from Tara Inverso, who is unable to continue the task. Kristin Koehler volunteered.

Gladys Arrisueno retired from the social committee.

The Social Committee announced the date for the holiday party: January 5 at Tom DeBettencourt's house. Tom's wife Lynn will cater again, everyone enjoyed the food last year.

The Albatross will be held March 30 and the social will be at Dottie's condominium near the pool. George felt that the budgeted amount for the social could be lower.

Pam Blumenthal suggested we consider Wheaton Regional Park for the picnic to avoid having all the social events in Potomac. Nanci agreed to look into it.

Pam Blumenthal gave the Registrar's report: 214 registered, which is low, but consistent with a trend in all USMS clubs. We usually have over 250. Not many new, younger members signed up this year. Dave Harmon suggested that the new USMS web design issues might be making it difficult for new members to sign up. Pam offered to reach out via e-mail to former members who have not renewed. We had very few new members in September, when there is usually a surge. Kristin suggested that putting "ancient" in the name might be off-putting to millennials. Pam reported that the team gave caps to all members last year, at a cost of \$150 for postage plus \$850-\$950 for the caps. All agreed to allot \$1100 for the caps in the budget this year.

Tom proposed a task force to recruit new members, including better social media outreach, possibly a name change. Kristin Koehler, Tom, Nanci, and Kara will be members. Cathy made a motion to approve, Nanci seconded and the motion passed.

Dave directed our attention to the financial reports distributed before the meeting. Pam made a motion to approve the reports, Cathy seconded, and the motion passed.

Next, the team discussed the proposed budget. The following changes were proposed:

- Reduce relay fees to \$100
- Reduce awards to \$25
- Include \$1100 for caps
- add \$50 for board meeting
- Reduce local outing to \$150
- Change Albatross to \$4500
- Increase budget for Bulletin Board from \$0 to \$100

Nanci made a motion to approve the budget as amended above. Pam seconded and the motion passed.

Dottie asked Mauricio what vehicle our funds were in, such as savings, CD, etc. Mauricio said they were in a checking account. Tom proposed buying a 9-month or 12-month CD to realize some interest on the team's financial reserve. Mauricio said he would look into rates. The motion was seconded by Dottie and it passed. Mauricio stated that the minutes from the board meeting had to be signed by the secretary and/or notarized in order for the bank to accept the transaction.

[Subsequent to the meeting, Mauricio said that we could buy a CD worth \$5,000.00 for 12 months.]

Dottie gave a report on the web site. The ancientmariners.org domain name is paid until 2024. If we change the name, we will need to pay to register a new name. The task force should check Go Daddy to see the availability and price of new names before proposing one. Dottie posted 160 photos on the web site in the last year. Newsletters went out in November and April. The next issue is November 2018. 35 people asked for a paper copy via mail. Dottie purchased a new camera under the set budget.

The Albatross will be March 30. Meet Directors Kara Permisohn and Dave Cheney need to schedule an organizing meeting.

Old business - none

New Business

Dave gave an explanation about a "Gold Club" USMS designation for which we now we qualify. He passed out a print-out from the USMS Web Page on Gold Club Designation (<https://www.usms.org/club-central/gold-club-designation>) that outlines the benefits and responsibilities of the designation. As a result of the designation, we get to display a gold club logo on the web site. There was a discussion of the 30-day trial membership. Dave will send Dottie the link to the form for her to add to the Registration page and Bulletin Board on the website.

Next, we moved to election of officers. Kristin Koehler will be added as an at-large member. Pam made a motion to approve the slate of candidates as amended. Nanci seconded and the motion passed.

Pam made a motion to adjourn at 12:48, the motion passed.