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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING October 25, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:40 PM. We had 21 members in attendance along with one guest attending his first meeting, Joe Cilino from the South Orange Club.

Jeff expressed his thanks to all who helped or contributed anything to the Brookdale Show and reiterated how well the show was received. He also mentioned that the South Orange Club has offered the use of their meeting facility for a joint show with our club in the future.

Ken Schuetz then mentioned that his records indicate that a number of members have not yet paid their dues for the current fiscal year. Please remember that if you wish to remain an active member of the club, your dues need to be paid before the end of this December.

OLD BUSINESS:

The setup date for the Morris County Library display is December 9, 2005, which is a Friday, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. **Ken Schuetz** indicated that we will have over 30 models on display. However, we still need nautical pictures and maritime artifacts to display as well. Please contact Ken as soon as possible if you have any items of interest that can be displayed at the library along with the models. Directions to the library are included in this issue of the Broadaxe.

Work is progressing on the Northeast Ship Model Conference we are hosting at the Port 'N Starboard Conference Center in New London on Saturday, April 29, 2006. We will need to line up additional volunteers to help at the show and will be addressing these needs as we get closer to the conference date. Jeff reported that the other clubs that have responded to his initial contact are excited about the theme of "Ships throughout History" and expects a good response from the modelers as well.

Jeff Fuglestad brought up a point regarding a check the club received from the New York Shipcraft Guild, the

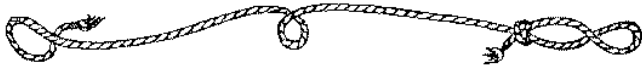
host club for the 2005 Conference, which represented a surplus generated from the show. Some discussion followed concerning this issue whereupon Jeff made a motion, which was seconded, to return the funds to the New York Shipcraft Guild. The membership voted to return the funds to the Guild.

Jeff Fuglestad then provided the members with a draft of the proposed change in the constitution, as prepared by **Bob Fivehouse**, regarding the increase in annual dues. Discussion then ensued regarding the wording of the change. A consensus was reached whereby the amendment change would be reworded to remove any reference to a specific dollar amount for the dues and instead indicate that the dues would be determined by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the membership. The revised amendment change is included in this issue of the Broadaxe for your review. A vote will be taken on the amendment change at the November 22nd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mason Logie, Jr. spoke to the club regarding interest in a June or July cruise in 2006 on the restored fireboat *John J. Harvey*. The *Harvey* was an active participant with the fire department on September 11th, in spite of her "museum" status. The boat would take 20 people on a cruise around the harbor. At a show of hands of who would be interested in the cruise, our club could easily fill the boat for a cruise on its own. Mason noted that the cost would be about \$35 to \$40 per person and will provide additional information at a later date.

Roy Goroski pointed out to the members that our meeting date was also the 100th anniversary of the Staten Island Ferry.



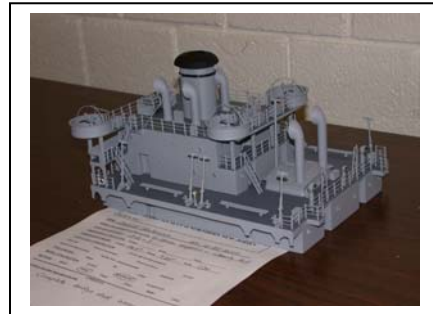
TECH SESSION

Ernie Connor discussed his technique for weathering his models which was very informative. After Ernie has painted his model, he will spray it with Future floor polish. He then uses black oil paint to weather the surface, completely covering the entire surface and then wiping it off. Using oil paint allows plenty of time to get the right effect on the model. Ernie brought several of his models, all expertly weathered. He also brought two of his models that are wired for light, sound and action, a Russian MIG and helicopter. Illuminated instrument panels, strobe lights, jet engines revving up – truly remarkable! Great job Ernie.



SHOW AND TELL

Ozzie Thalmann brought in his work in progress on his 1:96 scale Liberty Ship. Ozzie has substantially completed the Bridge Deck superstructure. If you look in the windows, you can see the ship's wheel Ozzie has included in his finely detailed model.



Tom Ruggiero updated us on his progress on *HMS Liverpool* which he has decided will be completed as an "in port" model meaning that the bulkhead panels separating the captain's quarters from the rest of the gun deck will be in place. Tom has also dry fitted the deck beams for the forecastle and quarterdeck. Next on his schedule will be the head rails and gun carriages. Tom also indicated he may try casting his cannon as shown in the latest *Lexington* practicum ("*Ships in Scale*", Nov/Dec 2005).



Our first time guest, **Joe Cilino**, brought in a model he started some time ago. It's a kit of a paddle wheel harbor tug boat, *Uncle Sam* used in New York harbor in the late 1800's. Joe replaced most of the wood supplied in the kit which was of poor quality. Joe is hoping to finish his model this winter.



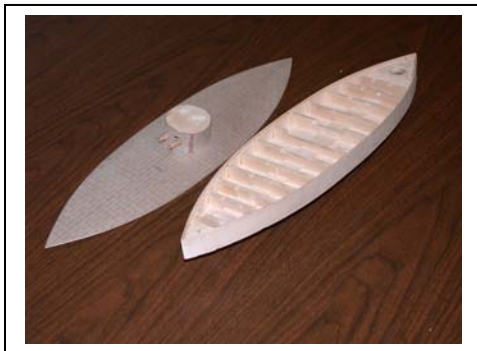
Larry Friedlander explained his method for constructing the ship's boat for his model of the *Rattlesnake*. His Mamoli kit included a cast metal boat which Larry used as a template for cutting out a solid block. He then carved out the interior of the block using his Dremel tool until, as Larry put it, you could see the light shine through the side! Larry planked the outside of the hull with pecan veneer he obtained from Constantine's Wood Center in Florida (www.constantines.com). The interior framing and seats are of boxwood. He also gave us a tip on how he makes his deck seams stand out so well. He uses oil pastel sticks in various colors available in any art supply store which he rubs on the edge before butting the planks together. The advantage of the oil pastels is that it won't bleed into the wood.



Dmitry Afonin brought in his nearly completed custom pleasure craft heavily modified from a Midwest kit of a Muscongus Bay lobster smack. Dmitry also had problems with the quality of the wood supplied in the kit, using only the kit's bulkheads. Dmitry pointed out that he simulated the plugs used on the deck planks with a tool he fashioned himself. He used trenails on the hull planking. He's currently working on the sails. He tried silk span but prefers to use a cotton material for greater authenticity.



Dennis Powell brought in his work in progress of the *USS Monitor*, scratch built in 1:192 scale (1/16" = 1'). Dennis found model railroad spikes which he will use to simulate the bolts on the armor plating on the sides and turret. Dennis also decided to build his model as it looked *before* her engagement with *CSS Virginia* thereby avoiding the need to also simulate the cannon ball dents in the turret!



The meeting was then adjourned at 9:55 PM.



FROM THE EDITOR

As you will note from the upcoming tech sessions schedule, the November meeting will be an "open" session. If you have an interesting tool or home made jig that you use, we hope you will bring it along to the meeting and share your experiences with us. I am planning to bring my Jim Byrnes thickness sander so you can see this tool up close and personal. We also encourage members to bring in samples of exotic woods they use in their model building.

Mike Gutsick



"Soundings from D Deck"

Our annual **White Whale Auction** is scheduled for December 13th. While we generally don't know what the members will bring, this year we do have one item in particular which will be auctioned off. It is a **New** MicroLux Miniature Power Tool set! This set goes for \$500 retail through Micro Mark. High bidder on this item will have a very Merry Christmas! In addition, 100% of the proceeds will go to the club! Gentlemen, *bring your checkbooks!* We also hope that members will bring in books as well. They sold quite well at the Brookdale show.

As noted earlier, the setup night for the club's display at the Morris County Library is December 9th. Directions to the library follow:

from the WEST

Route 10 East through Parsippany. Just before the 287 overpass, turn south off of 10 at the Hanover Mariott onto Ridgedale Avenue. Down Ridgedale about 2 miles, past Allen papers on the right and, next, the Morris County Mall on the left As you reach the Mall and approach the intersection, move into left turning lane. A Sunoco station is left and across the intersection from you. **Turn left onto Hanover Ave.** The library is a half mile down the road on your left. There is a stop light and overhead sign at the library entrance.

from the EAST

Route 10 West, passing under 287. Take the jughandle turn for Ridgedale Avenue and follow directions above OR Route 24 West to last exit, 1A. Turn right off the exit ramp and pass under Rte 24. Take the immediate right hand feed off of Whippany Rd onto Hanover Ave. The library is 200 yards up the road, on your right.

from the SOUTH

Route 287 to exit 36A, Morris Avenue and Rte 511. Turn right at top of exit ramp. **Stay in middle lane.** Pass the equestrian statue on your right, Ford Mansion (large white colonial home) on your left. Road narrows to two lanes; move into left turning lane as you approach the **second light.** Left turn off of Whippany Rd onto Hanover Ave. The library is 200 yards up the road, on your right.

from the NORTH

Route 287 to exit 36, Lafayette and Ridgedale Avenue. Stay to the right coming off of 287 and bear right onto Ridgedale Avenue. Seven tenths of a mile to intersection with Hanover Ave. (Sunoco station on the right); right turn onto Hanover. The library is a half mile down the road on your left, marked by a stop light and overhead sign.



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

November 22, 2005 – Tools of the Trade and Wood –the members are encouraged to bring in their special tools or jigs and samples of exotic woods they use in their model building

December 13, 2005 – White Whale Auction

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The following proposed amendment to the club's constitution is provided for your consideration. A vote to accept the change will be taken at the meeting to be held on November 22, 2005.

ARTICLE III – DUES

- A. Dues for Regular and Non-Resident Members shall be *(\$15) [as set forth in section 1. for a fiscal year] {11/22/05} ~~a year~~*, payable in July. New Members shall be liable for an *(initiation) [initial one-time] {11/22/05} fee ~~of (\$20) [as set forth in section 1.] {11/22/05}~~* which shall include the dues for the current fiscal year. *[For any new member joining five or less months before the end of the current fiscal year, the initial fee will be considered payment in full from that date through the end of the succeeding fiscal year.]{11/22/05}*
1. *[The cost of dues for membership in the SMSNNJ, for both existing members and new members, shall be set by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may change the amount no more than once in a fiscal year. Any changes will be treated as if they were an amendment and be brought before the membership according to the rules set forth in Article XIII. Any change in the dollar amount of the dues must be voted upon no later than two months before the end of the fiscal year so that the new dues amount can be published to the members before the beginning of the new fiscal year.]{11/22/05}*

Interpretive statement:

I have changed the way we deal with dues. As requested by the members at the last meeting, the dues will now be an amount decided by the Executive Committee and brought before the membership for a vote. I did not make it an amendment but I could do so if the membership so desires. It will be treated as an amendment and follow the rules for amending the constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIII. By doing this, we avoid having to reprint the constitution each time we change the dues. Since the dollar amount will be printed in the Broadaxe, each member will have received written notice of the change before they vote.

I felt that the word "initiation", as used in the article, was somewhat reminiscent of a secret society or a group in which the members are required to do some questionable act to join. Therefore, I took it upon myself to change the wording to "initial one-time" in order to sound more respectable and erase any doubt about its duration.

The third paragraph has been added to rectify the possibility of over-charging new members. For example, if a new member were to join in May and pay the \$30 initial fee, is it fair to charge them an additional \$25 in July for the next fiscal year? Since the fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, it seems fair that anyone joining at or after the February meeting have their payment extend into and including the following fiscal year. This gives them the advantage of getting an additional few months but I would rather extend this time than to short-change them.

The date 11/22/05 is the estimated date of ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fivehouse

Ad hoc Constitution Committee Chair

10/30/05

Changes are shown as:

Deletions: *(deleted text) {mm/dd/yy}*
Additions: *[added text] {mm/dd/yy}*
Changes: *(old text) [new text] {mm/dd/yy}*

The final corrected version of the amendment will read as follows:

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- B. Dues for Regular and Non-Resident Members shall be as set forth in section 1. for a fiscal year, payable in July. New Members shall be liable for an initial one-time fee as set forth in section 1. which shall include the dues for the current fiscal year. For any new member joining five or less months before the end of the current fiscal year, the initial fee will be considered payment in full from that date through the end of the succeeding fiscal year.
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A FEW ADDITIONAL PHOTOS OF ERNIE'S TECH SESSION AND WEATHERED MODELS



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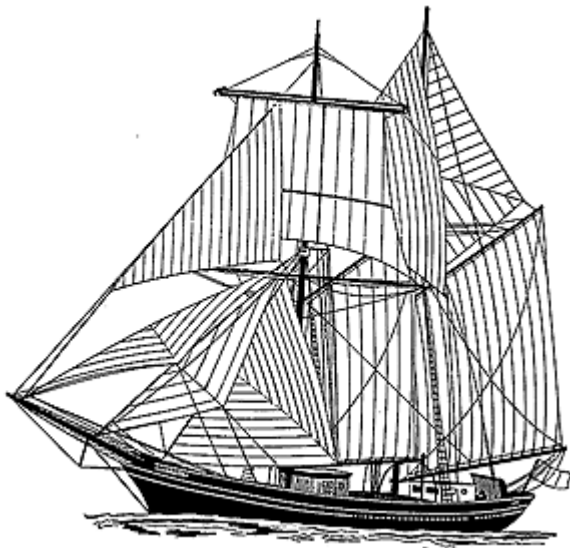
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