



Board Meeting Highlights 26 January 2023

President's Report

The President welcomed newly appointed Ian (Nusi) Reid to the board of directors. The President reported that the first members only 'behind the scenes' tour will be held at the Seymour collection storage location. The new LG Maritime Achievement Award will be replacing the SS Beaver award. The terms of reference and governance structure for the new award will be developed in the next few weeks.

Executive Director's Report

The E.D. reported that the operating plan for 2023/24 is being developed. The Board confirmed that the strategic priorities, as laid out in the 2022 strategic plan, will continue to be used for the 2023/24 plan.

The Board asked that reports from the School and Public Programs Manager and the Membership and Donations Coordinator be presented to the board on a quarterly basis.

Finance Committee

The treasurer reported that the forecast for 2022/23 are accurate to date with a predicted surplus.

Total predicted revenues for 2023/24 will show an increase due to grants and the Cora Shaw legacy donation. The treasurer reminded the board that expenses will increase due to potential staff salary increases and inflation.

Human Resources Committee

The HR chair put forward recommendations regarding staff salary adjustments. The recommendations were adopted.

Collections Committee

The chair informed the board that the Ogden Point storage area is in order with smaller items being stowed in tote bins.

Dorothy's restoration is progressing well with thanks to the Ladysmith Maritime Society's volunteers working hard under the guidance of Robert Lawson. Dorothy is still in track for being launched in May.

Classic Boat Festival Committee

Planning is now underway for the 44th Classic Boat Festival to be held this year on September 1, 2, 3. The Sunday awards dinner will be held at the Edelweiss Club. This will reduce the cost for the dinner tickets. A new location for the Friday reception will be pursued. The chair expressed hopes that the barge at the docks could feature information about Dorothy, the Ladysmith Maritime Society, Cowichan Bay and MMBC.

The chair would also like the MMBC to consider a scholarship aimed at bringing young boat owners to the festival.

Future Facility Committee

The President informed the board of the Bateman Gallery's public message wishing to switch spaces with the Maritime Museum of BC. The Future Facility Committee meets regularly to discuss plans for relocating to the BC Steamship Building.

DEAI Committee/ Learning and Visitor Experience Committees

The DEAI chair reported that the committee met earlier this month. Three accessibility audits have been completed. An honoraria guide and a new policy that includes a diversity lens is being developed.

Marketing, Membership and Fundraising Committee

The Massive Marine Garage Sale date has been determined for Saturday, March 25. Cost for this event are being negotiated with the GVHA. A new location for the Crabtoberfest is being explored. The Sea Shanty singalong event is getting closer to being finalized.

Learning and Visitor Experience Committee

The Collections and Exhibits Manager is now working on the MMBC's next exhibit.

Meeting adjourned at 18:30.