



Board Meeting Highlights 25 May 2023

President's Report

Dorothy's pre-launch went well and the actual launch will be accompanied by good media coverage.

Executive Director's Report

The summer students have started and are settling in well. The hiring process is underway for the Memberships and Donations Coordinator. This post is expected to be filled in the next two to three months.

The Executive Director and Events and Development Manger will be working on a Marketing Plan. The website re-design is slated for the fall of 2023.

Meetings have been held with the Managers for School and Public Programming and Events and Development to discuss plans and events for the up-coming fall/winter seasons.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reminded the board that the MMBC has just entered the new fiscal year. The last fiscal year started with a deficit but ended with a strong surplus. Given that fewer grants have been granted and the termination of COVID related funds, this fiscal year may have a different outcome than the last one. The recent funds from an estate will be rolled into the GIC plan.

Human Resources

The Chair reported that the Employment Manual is under revision.

Collections

The committee met recently to review latest offers of donation to the collections.

An international journalist will be at *Dorothy's* launch and hopes to nominate *Dorothy* for the best refit in the world.

Classic Boat Festival

Planning us well underway for this year's festival, however, a sponsorship has not been found to date.

Future Facility Committee

The President summarized the situation with the Steamship Terminal and current status with our proposal. Committee members met recently with the Ministry of Tourism.

DEAI Committee

The committee will be meeting in June.

Learning and Visitor Experience

Several exhibit planning sessions have been held and will be held to generate ideas for the upcoming exhibits.

Memberships, Marketing, Fundraising

It is hoped that upcoming fundraising events, Sea Shanty Sing-a-long, Classic Boat Festival and Crabtoberfest, will generate a positive flow of funds. MMBC directors are thankful for the generous support from Finest at Sea for the Crabtoberfest which will be held at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. This location will provide for more seating, better washroom facilities and heating.

Governance

The committee will be meeting in the near future.

Other Business

The proposed Impact Report of Maritime Museums in BC will continue to be explored.

The transition of the SS Beaver award to the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Maritime Excellence is almost complete. A draft MOU has been developed between Government House and the MMBC.