

Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights

February Meeting Notes, 2013

Meeting Commencement:

Meeting on Saturday, February 16th got underway at 9:34am in our usual place, our shop aboard the Eureka.

There were 14 attendees in all, which included 3 new members/guests (it was a pretty crowded room).

Leo Kane moderated/presided and Clare Hess took notes.

New Formats:

We began with Leo's announcement that we're trying to tighten up the meeting and note taking. Leo agreed to take the helm again at the meetings and he and Clare will trade off on the note taking duties.

We're asking that people try to keep discussions short and to the point and if there are lengthy individual discussions that require extra time, that they hold off to discuss during the informal talk time after the formal end of our meeting.

Additionally, notes from our Show and Tell portion of the meeting will mostly be limited to items that are actually brought in to share.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Paul Boot reported that we have \$449.45 with 2013 dues almost all collected.

Gracie S report:

Belaying pins are done and there is now discussion about putting sails on the 3/8" scale model. Running rigging is the next step with a table of lines being put together (and may be done by the time of this writing).

The Park will be donating a case, but there is still question of a base for the model. It was pointed out, however, that the model was already drilled out for mounting pegs.

Announcements:

MSW Site Down:

Clare Hess announced that the Model Ship World site, the largest blogging site in the ship modeling community, had recently crashed, taking all of the blogs and posted information and discussions with it.

NRG Photographic Ship Model Competition:

Details are out for a new NRG Ship Model Contest. Rules and entry form for this photo based contest are available on the NRG website:

<http://www.thenrg.org/photographic-ship-model-competition.php>

Or just go to <http://www.thenrg.org>, click on the NRG Events tab and then under that, click on Photographic Ship Model Competition.

This is the second such contest. The first one was held in 2011. Cost to enter is \$25 per model and you must be an NRG member to join. However, there is a special deal where you can join and pay for the entry at one time for \$60. Entry deadline is May 31, 2013.

Ages of Sail:

Roger Jeya in San Lorenzo is looking for some help at his shop. He runs the ship model distributor Ages of Sail, which is the authorized USA dealer for many ship model lines including Amati, Caldercraft and others.

Show and Tell Segment

Barbara Hayes shared with us her portfolio of the knot work she does. Her work is available in 3 different shops in the Bay Area and her work includes a wide variety of neat rope work in miniature. They make nice gifts!

Clare Hess brought his yacht America which is a 3/16" scale plank-on-bulkhead scratch model based on Model Shipways plans. The main unique features are the etched brass scroll work and the carved and gilded eagle on the transom.

Visitor Tom Specter from Berkeley discussed his work on his first ship model, the HMS Bounty by Billing Boats of Denmark. Tom is at the planking stage and has been progressing with some help from Leo.

And More.

Technical Discussion

Member Tom Shea led a brief discussion on the making of skylights and he brought in some example skylights he made for the talk, including one from the yacht Cornet and one from the model he is building, the Great Lakes brig Niagra.

Meeting Adjournment and Informal Talk Time

After the official end of the meeting, Bruno showed the whaleboat that Arlo is working on – a european whaleboat based on an Artesania Latina kit. The frames are up and the

planking is going on, but under Bruno's guidance, he has chosen to use some nicer wood than is provided in the kit.

Vistor Luca and his dad Ken, showed the Bounty model they are working on together, a neat solid hull kit from the "Constructo Junior" line.