

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting November 20, 2004**

President Gunther called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Secretary John Weiss, Harry Broady, Jon Cash, Tom Corrigan, Paul deRoos, Annamarie Lavieri, Ralph Merriman, Gary Powell, Joe Sprague, and Kent Welcker.

**Officers.** President/Treasurer Al Gunther indicated that he and Secretary John Weiss were willing to serve in their present capacities for an additional year. There were no other volunteers or nominations, and their offers were immediately and unanimously accepted.

**TSCA Overview.** Kent Welcker requested an overview of the relationship between the national TSCA organization and the Puget Sound Chapter. Of specific interest were the membership requirements and dues structures. John Weiss provided a brief history of TSCA since its founding in 1974, and the chapter since its founding in 1997. The Puget Sound Chapter's founders originally decided to make membership in the national TSCA a condition of chapter membership. In 2002 the chapter bylaws were amended to remove that requirement. Basic national dues are now \$20 per year, and are assessed in the anniversary month of the member's original application. Chapter dues are \$15 per year, and are assessed on a calendar year basis.

**Chapter Dues.** Al Gunther reported the chapter treasury holds approximately \$330. The President or Secretary will accept chapter dues of \$15 for 2005 at any time. Those who wish to pay national and chapter dues at one time may do so, and the Secretary will forward the national renewal application and dues to the Treasurer in Mystic.

John Weiss proposed that the "snail mail" version of the chapter newsletter be mailed only to dues-paid chapter members who do not have ready Internet access. The e-mail version will still be sent to all chapter members with e-mail addresses on file with the Secretary, regardless of dues; and the web version will be available to the public. After discussion, the motion PASSED. The December newsletter will be mailed to the current "snail mail" list to provide notice of the policy change.

**Burgees/Pennants.** Harry Broady led a discussion on the traditional differences between "burgees" and "pennants." The triangular shaped item commonly known as the "TSCA burgee" is actually a "pennant"; a "burgee" is traditionally of a different shape (rectangular, with the free edge 'cut in'). Also, the TSCA logo is an illustration of a spritsail rig, using an oar as the mast. In smaller boats an oar was used instead of a separate mast, so less equipment need be loaded in the boat. He also noted that burgees are normally found on powerboats, while traditional small craft usually fly pennants. Harry followed with a demonstration of the proper way to mount a pennant for flying at the masthead. Boats without masts normally fly the pennant at the bow of the boat.

Gary Powell proposed that the Puget Sound Chapter take over the purchase, marketing, and resale of the National TSCA Pennant. The national President has recently decided to discontinue the purchase of the pennants because of slow sales. However, Gary has found a ready market via an informal Internet survey (10 "orders" already), if we can sell them at a price lower than the previous \$30. TSCA National President Tom Shephard gave us his approval to proceed if we so decide.

Gary researched several vendors, and found one that could supply them for \$20 each, plus a one-time setup fee. That would make a \$25 sale price feasible. He proposed that the chapter provide partial funding for an initial order, and he would provide the remainder. After discussion, the proposal PASSED. Gary will get a final price from the vendor, based on a few minor construction details that were discussed. Depending on the final cost of the initial order of 20-25 pennants, the chapter treasury will contribute \$250-300, and Gary will front the remainder. Al Gunther will determine final sales price. After Gary is reimbursed via sales for his share, all further proceeds will go to the chapter treasury. When the pennants are available, John Weiss will publicize them on the national and chapter web page, the Ash Breeze, the TSCA Internet discussion groups, and e-mail to chapter Presidents nationwide.

**Calendar.** The following events were discussed and scheduled. Messabouts will start at 11 am unless otherwise announced. Call the host with questions or further input:

**February 6 (Sunday, 10:30 am)**--Al Gunther (360-638-1088) will host an Eglon Beach to Point-No-Point messabout and a tour of "Al's 26."

**April TBA**--Stan Snapp (360-305-0607) will host the traditional spring Bowman Bay messabout.

**May 14**--John and Ellen Weiss (206-368-7354) will host a messabout at Lake Forest Park.

**June (TBA)**--Paul deRoos (206-526-5361) is researching a Hope Island (South Sound) Messabout.

**July 2-4**--Our participation at the CWB Wooden Boat Festival will again be explored.

**July 17**--Larry Feeney (360-733-4461) will host a messabout at Lake Whatcom, Bellingham.

**August 13 or 27 (TBA)**-- Kent Welcker (360-568-1007) will host an Olympic Peninsula Messabout, possibly at Fort Flagler or Mystery Bay.

**October 1**--John and Ellen Weiss (206-368-7354) will host "Curry 'n' Oars" at Lake Forest Park.

**November TBA**--Annual meeting; date and venue TBA.

Other planned messabouts to be finalized as details become known:

January "Chili Row"--looking for a host/sponsor; venues discussed include Gasworks Park, Coulon Park, UW Activities Center/Seattle Arboretum, and Bellevue Slough.

Ralph Merriman will host a Jetty Island Messabout.

The Calleas will again host a messabout at their TRAMAC estate on Hammersley Inlet.

Rich Kolin may host a Cama Beach Messabout.

Other area messabouts:

July 10-11--Messabouts of West Oregon at Sucia Island.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.