

Anderson Island Irregulars, Inc.  
Annual Meeting of the Membership  
Sunday, June 1, 2008

Attendance: Max Maxwell, Ed Fazio, Wanda Butler, Barbara Daniels, Bob Bortolin, Catherine Ferrante, John Paul Gouzie, Jack Daniels, Jenny Stallard, Steve Schneidermeyer, Walt Kostich, Lori Kostich, Beverly Genader, Mike Stallard, Jerry Stahl, Dorothy Galligan, June Fliri, Peter Hagen.

The meeting began at approx. 2:00 during our pot-luck luncheon. Many members took a morning sail on the river in the Dyer Dhows prior to the meeting, which began with self- introductions, old (returning) members and new members alike.

After clarifying a question regarding the \$850 donation from A.I.I. to the Seaport, the minutes from the last annual meeting were accepted and approved.

Dorothy Galligan, Acting Treasurer, presented the financial report (attached). As of today's meeting we have 21 paid Anderson Island Irregulars Members and 19 AIMS Mates. A few more members paid the 08/09 dues during the meeting. We have renewed our membership with US Sailing, which also entitles us [among other things] to a discount on our insurance premiums. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report (after making adjustments to separate A.I.I. monies from AIMS and displaying them separately on the report).

We anticipate an addition of \$300-\$400 for 2007/2008 to the existing \$850 (for a total of approx \$1200) for an A.I.I. contribution/donation to the Seaport's Community Sailing Program. A suggestion was made to use of \$100 or so for a beer and pizza party (after the WoodenBoat show, for instance) for the Shipyard employees who have been very helpful to the AIMS program. Other ideas from the previous year for the donations were reiterated [binoculars, materials for the ewconstruction of sail lockers, and donation to the Barbara A. Johnson Sail Education Safety Fund].

#### Old Business

Web site issues – it was learned that the website was paid for via personal credit card from a member who is no longer active. Dorothy Galligan volunteered to contact our bank for a debit/credit card, as the website will not accept payment by check.

Calendar for AIMS information and Training Sails is now operational—see *andersonislandirregulars.org* for details. If you want to sail on any of the days available, please contact the Skipper so he knows you will be coming. We currently have three Training Skippers who can train Mates who go sailing with them: Max Maxwell, Alan Grate, and Peter Hagen. We also have two Skippers who are certified to take the boats out: Ed Fazio and Mike Planeta.

Recruitment is an important aspect of keeping the AIMS program alive. This is an ongoing project with which every member can assist by spreading the word. Revised brochures were distributed.

Volunteering is a 'requirement' of AIMS membership. By volunteering with AIMS, the Seaport receives the benefit of including our hours in their reportable volunteer activity and the AIMS member receives a Mystic Seaport volunteer badge immediately (normally not issued until a minimum of 40 volunteer hours are logged). The badge comes with many perks, such as a 25% discount on items purchased in the store and 10% off at the

Seaman's Inne Restaurant.

A Mid-Winter meeting was held at the Seaman's Inn in February 16, 2008; minutes attached.

Boat repairs and maintenance, since last reported:

*Blissfull* fuel lines to engine replaced and new plugs installed by Peter Hagen, who also did major electrical work last year to *Blue Bayou* and began this work on *Blissfull*.

New washboards made by Jack Daniels were installed on *Blue Bayou*.

Work that needs to be done includes: prop problem on *Blissfull*; tiller problem on *Blissfull*; radio checks on both boats; the port [red] navigation globe on *Blissfull* needs to be replaced; circuit breakers need to be labeled and the ongoing electrical work needs to be completed on *Blissfull*.

Logo items: Collared tee-shirts in A.I.I. colors in addition to caps and visors will be ordered and will be available for purchase (and marketing) this summer.

New Business

As of 12/31/08 the Memo of Understanding between A.I.I. (and its offshoot, AIMS) and the Mystic Seaport is expiring and will need to be renewed.

Our two boats, *Blissfull* and *Blue Bayou* will need to be moved from their current docks near the Shipyard for the WoodenBoat Show at Mystic Seaport on June 27-29 (by the way, volunteers are still needed for this event!).

Some of the items discussed for purchase for our boats this year included working depth sounders for both boats; a new main sail for *Blissfull*; and a man-overboard frsibee for MOB situations.

Election of Officers

The slate of Officers for the 2008-2009 year was presented:

President: Ed Fazio

Vice President: Bob Bortolin

Secretary: Marjorie Farmer

Treasurer: Dorothy Galligan

Membership: Max Maxwell

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the slate of Officers be accepted as presented.

President Ed Fazio asked all present to think about and offer any ideas, comments about what they would like our group to do in the upcoming year(s).

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Fliri, Secretary

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