

## September Ferry Committee Meeting Minutes

The September HIFC meeting was held September 3rd from 1:00pm to approx 2pm.

Attendees were Benn Burke, Marty Chamberlin, Steve Drake, Dave Hancock, Kris Mullan, Janet Podell and Joe Taylor

After some brief opening comments by Janet concerning the newly approved drydock schedule, the August meeting minutes were approved without revision.

### **Previous action items reviewed:**

**Insulating the pilot house:** (status updates from JoeT and JoeL) The foam insulation on the pilot house has now been sprayed. The next steps are to paint and install the headliner.

**Lower standby costs:** (status updates from Marty) The 3rd and final fuel and spill management webinar sponsored by the DOE was attended on 8/17/2022. Two calls (and messages left) were made to Laura Hayes at the DOE. Laura is the DOE grant manager and the purpose of this conversation is to understand the grant requirements and schedule. Also put in 2 calls (with messages left) into Gary Fielder and Kinect World Fuels. The purpose of this conversation is to get the appropriate contacts to write an memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Herron Island and Kinect so that we have documentation of responsibilities and agreement to move forward with spill management other than the response boat. And talked with Fire Chief Nick Swinhert on August 22nd discuss sponsoring the spill response equipment grant from the DOE. Chief Swinhert was very interested. Marty to keep him in the loop as progress is made.

**Preventative Maintenance:** (ramp and dock PM status from Benn) Continued the discussion on the practicality of auto greasers. This approach seems like unlikely to implement. Also discussed the need for a forklift/personnel lift to reach the ramp cross beam that houses many of the grease requirements. This lift would also be used to put in, and take out the dock.

### **Treasure's request:**

- 1) Estimated costs of overhauls for 2025: (status to be provided by Janet) MER is confirmed as the company that has done much of the engine work. Now looking for historical data to help with cost projections for the 2025 overhaul.
- 2) Crew training requirements and associated costs: Marty met with Katri on 8/23 and transferred this item to her. This item is closed for HIFC action.
- 3) Value of upcoming shipyard: (Status to be provided by Janet) Historical information is in the attic of the office. Time is need to sift through the archives there.
- 4) Upcoming dock inspections and associated costs: (status to be provided by Janet) Sargent historical info is also in the attic.

5) Quarterly update on fuel costs and projections: (status to be provided by Marty) No update at the meeting. Marty to send out a separate note on status.

**Proposed Friday changes to the sailing schedule:** Nearly all the feedback on this change has been good. The summer sailing schedule is drawing to a close and the board will be discussing this in study session on September 9th, and will make a decision to bring to a board vote at the September 10th Board meeting.

**Shipyard preparation:** (various members to provide status) The last sailing before drydock has been revised. Saturday September 10th is the last day the ferry will run prior to drydock. Departure for Ballard is now scheduled for 8am on September 11th. The USCG inspection is still scheduled for the 12th.

The final drydock workstatement was discussed and is ready for Stabbert.

**Crew Transportation:** Since the schedule has change crew transportation revisions have been made and finalized. Katri will pick up Joe Taylor, Dan Morgan and Charlie Folk at Stabbert for transportation back to the mainland/ferry terminal. Tara Searles has agreed to transport Charlie and Dan back to The Island.

**Crew Scheduling:** During Marty's discussion with Katri on crew training, this item was also discussed. Katri agreed this item belongs with her as the Island Manager. This item is closed for HIFC action.

**Lengthening study and Support:** (status to be provided by Marty) Kelly Sonerholm sent out a note that was forwarded to the committee on 7/5/2022 concerning the lengthening study. Further discussion with the committee is required.

Additionally, a wide ranging discussion was held with Kelly on September 1st. This was primarily focused on the new boat. Vehicle length was discussed. And after a survey of the HIFC it was agreed that Kelly would use the WSDOT vehicle length to scope the boat. Lane width was discussed because of large width vehicles (dually's, septic, lumber trucks for example). And also overall boat width was discussed as Kelly does not have the current width of the dolphins to work from. Kelly and Marty agreed to an on-boat visit in the near future.

**USCG inspections:** AThere was a question raised about USCG inspections outside of drydock. The USCG comes annually to inspect the CW for life preserver, fire extinguisher and other compliance issues. Joe Taylor has taken responsibility to ensure this item is completed on schedule.

## **New Business**

No new business was discussed

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 8th at 10am.

Proposed agenda:

- Opening comments by Dave and Janet
- Review and approve last months meeting minutes
- Review and status action items
- New business
- Open discussion/next meeting schedule
- Close