

August 6, 2022 Ferry Committee Meeting Minutes

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

After some brief opening comments by Dave and Janet acknowledging the new Island manager, the July meeting minutes were approved without revision.

Previous action items reviewed:

Insulating the pilot house: (status updates from JoeT and JoeL) JoeT gave an update on progress to get the pilot house insulated. The ceiling has been sanded/wire wheeled, nearly all the holes have been drilled to support the furring strips, and the ceiling is nearly ready for the foam insulation to be sprayed. Foam is estimated to be sprayed in the next couple of weeks as schedules allow. Warmer weather is conducive to the spray application.

Lower standby costs: (status updates from Marty) Another fueling operation was observed on July 20th. This was to collect information on the truck process and deck procedures as below deck fuel tank observations were noted on the last fueling. Discussed insurance ramifications, boom and DOE options with new contact (Gary Fiedler) at World Kinect. Talked with Scott Wurster at the DOE several times. Mostly about equivalent compliance plans for Herron Island, WAC 173-180, and applying for a grant to purchase spill containment equipment (and associated training). Also have a phone call into the Pierce County Fire District office in Lakebay (to Chief Nick Swinhert) to discuss sponsoring and housing the spill equipment as state grants need to be thru municipalities.

Preventative Maintenance: (ramp and dock PM status from Benn) Maintenance for greasing blocks was discussed. These are difficult to reach and options were discussed on how to do this routinely and safely. A large boom/fork lift was discussed as a possibility, at least in the short term as these blocks haven't been greased in a while. Benn will have a discussion inside his company to discuss options on accomplishing this. Marty to get Benn the diagram out of the pilot house that discusses locations and frequency of maintenance.

The other portion of PM was concerning the CW. (Status updates from JoeT) After discussing oil and filter changes, maintenance logs and fault codes it was decided that further investment into any PM documentation would be over kill. This portion of the PM action assignment is closed.

Treasure's request: This item is broken down into 5 sections. Each now has a committee member assigned to provided status.

1) Estimated costs of overhauls for 2025: (status to be provided by Janet) JoeT will obtain the model and serial numbers off each engine and provide that data to Janet. Janet to contact MER for data on each engine so as an estimate can start to be established.

2) Crew training requirements and associated costs: This was determined to be a Island manager responsibility. Marty will communicate this action with her (now down to 4 items for the ferry committee).

3) Value of upcoming shipyard: (Status to be provided by Janet) There are documents in the office that have valuable information. This will help provide cost data on previous work and provide insight into future activities

4) Upcoming dock inspections and associated costs: (status to be provided by Janet) The office may contain this information as well

5) Quarterly update on fuel costs and projections: (status to be provided by Marty)

Proposed Friday changes to the sailing schedule: Early feedback indicates the change has been well received. The prevailing thought is this will be adopted as the new summer schedule. There was a comment about adopting this as the schedule for the year. This will require further conversation as the winter Friday schedule is slightly different.

Shipyard preparation: (various members to provide status) Dave has worked with Kris to have Midnight Blue Painting available for paint requirements during shipyard. Simplan seal invoice has been received. The CW will depart on September 8th. The USCG inspection is scheduled for September 12th.

Crew Transportation: Benn will drive JoeT, Dan Morgan, and Charlie Folk back from Stabbert on the 8th. Transportation to the island still needs finalization.

Crew Scheduling: Schedule swaps to be coordinated between crew members, vacations need to still go through the island manager.

Ferry Conference: After a brief discussion it was determined that no one needs to attend at this time. This is closed.

New Business

Shipyard options: there was a note sent out to the team with the various shipyards that could be considered for alternatives to Stabbert. After some discussion it was determined that Stabbert is the best solution for now. Further discussions will ensue as the need arises. For now this action is closed.

Lengthening study and Support: This was feedback from Kelly Sonerholm from Art Anderson. This note was sent to the team on July 5th. Time ran out to discuss this issue in detail. Further discussion will occur in future committee meetings.

Request from Kelly Sonerholm on shipyard costs: After a brief discussion a response was proposed. Marty to reply to Kelly.

USCG inspections: A brief discussion was initiated by Janet to understand and get ahead of inspections related to the USCG. Further discussion next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 3rd at 1pm.

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