**Minutes**

# Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority Board of Directors

**BOARD MEETING - Thursday, January 29th, 5:30 to 6:30 PM**

## Call to Order and Introductions

## Meeting called to order 5:34 PM

Attendees: Public - Dan Barnard & Nat Gneckow (Planning committee for Ren Faire GraysHaven)
Board and Staff - Dave Douglass, Brandi Bednarik, CR Johnson;
Online Board - Vanessa LaValle, Susan Ogilvie, Scott Prato (city council member) and Denver Robbins online

### Item 1: Agenda

### Item 2: Welcome - Dave

### Item 3: Action Items - Dave

3a. Approval of Minutes, Facilities & Marine Operations December 18th and Fundraising January 8th. Dave makes a motion to approve Dec 18th and Denver seconded. All in favor none opposed, motion carries. Dave makes a motion to approve Jan 8th minutes. All in favor none opposed.
3b. Excuse Cindy Sherman (Travel), Scott Reynvaan (Work). Dave makes a motion to excuse Cindy, Denver seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Dave makes a motion to excuse Scott Reynvaan in work, CR seconded. All in favor, none opposed no discussion.

### Item 4: Committee Reports

**Finance Committee - Dave or Vanessa - Meet Wednesday Before the Board Meeting**

4a. January 2026 Treasurer's Report - Brandi introduces and approved the parts. Tonight Dave makes a motion that we approve the payables after the fact and payroll taxes $107449.10. CR Seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries. Dave makes a motion o approve the total transer in the amount of 89666.31 and CR seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries. At the meeting we discussed events for revenue generation.
4b. December 2025 Financials – Year-end financials take longer, we have to balance out our loan payment so the principal is the same and the interest was adjusted that should have been reflected last year. Some items were removed from 2024. Payables went up but went down in January. Income statement shows a loss as we went through what was capitalized and what was spent. Our expenses have risen, our capital budget and net income are down.
4c. Finance Committee Report

- Revenue Generation – will discuss with fundraising staff report.

**Executive Committee - Dave - No Meeting**

4d. Board Training and Conflict of Interest – Interest in Fundraising and Financial trainings. Set Date for conflict of interest once Scott and Valerie are on board.

4e. Board Recruitment, Engagement, and Onboarding. We will be at 9 again once Valerie and Scott are onboard. We are recruiting people to committees, like Nancy.

4f. Strategic Goal Updates

**Facilities/Marine Ops - Dave and Vanessa - Next Meeting February 19th**

4g. Environmental Timeline and Progress Report – still the same, reference the visuals in the board packet. We have submitted the feasibility study. We are trying to get a meeting with Quinault

4h. Lady Washington Update – the spars can finally be cut. Our work is still behind. We have to coordinate with Jimmy, Pat, PT Shipwrights and the crane. We are going to move the ship so they can work on other projects. Susan has update on the figurehead: Pat and Nick met and examine her, she is punked and came apart.

4i. Strategic Goal Updates

4j. We are moving forward with event planning and think we can do 5-8% growth. Going from 150,000-200,000 is our goal. We think focusing on events and providing programming will be better than being a landlord. We need more forklift operators; Roxie's shoulder is out. We have lots of people wanting to help on the property, work party on Valentines day.

**Fundraising Committee - Denver - Meet 2nd Thursday of the Month**

4j. Grant Report – January was a banner month. Website donation page needs upgrades. It will be more visual and less wordy. Auction items to Brandi from the Board it has been moved to march to not compete with Seahawks superbowl. GraysHaven ren faire, the energy and plan is exciting. Vendors are coming

4k. SEO and Marketing Report

41. Strategic Goal Updates

4m. Upcoming Events

**Item 5: Staff Reports**

It has all been covered in other topics. Timeline for sailing season: Sept/Oct is that worth it? Grants have been a trickle.

Public Comment : Ours GraysHaven team has some notes about events. He works as a contractor and is putting in his contracts that he is GHHSA promoter and materials will be at projects he works. He has a lot of ideas about generating items for GHHSA to sell. Historical armaments is a subject of expertise. Also linked in with ComiCon.

Adjournment 7:00 PM

**Next Board Meetings: February 12th and 26th**

**Committee Meetings February 19th and 25th**

Join Zoom Meeting

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