Minutes

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority Board of Directors

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, August 27th, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Attendees in Person: Brandi Bednarik, Cindy Sherman, Nancy Siglin Wood, Scott Prato, Deb Butler

Attendees via Zoom: Vanessa LaValle, Susan Ogilvie, Scott Reynvaan, Denver Robbins, Carl Brownstein, John Shaw, Valerie Scanlan

Call to Order and Introductions 5:34pm meeting began

Item 2: Welcome – Denver

Item 3: Action Items - Dave

3a. Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2026 - Scott moved to approve, Cindy seconded. No discussion, all in favor; none opposed.
Brief discussion on adding conflict of interest to applicant packet moving forward. Will update applications moving forward.
-Valerie joined 5:38pm, she remained muted and did not vote-
3b. Vote on Board Applicant Deb Butler - Denver motioned to approve Deb, Scott Reyvaan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
3c. Vote on Board Applicant Nancy Wood Siglin - Denver motioned to approve Nancy, Scott Prato seconded.
3d. Vote to Excuse Dave Douglass- Denver motioned to recognize that Dave is abesnt for work committments. Scott Prato moved to second. All in favor, none opposed.
3e. Vote to Excuse CR Johnson - Denver motioned to approve CR, Scott Reynvaan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Item 4: Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Cindy – Next Meeting 08/27/26 4:30 PM

4a. August 2026 Treasurer's Report - Cindy moved to approve, Denver seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Cindy moved to approve, Denver seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
Valerie abstains from voting formally.
4b. July 2026 Financials. Cindy makes a motion to approve, Denver seconded.
4c. First Draft of Budget Assumptions

Executive Committee – Dave

4d. Executive Committee Update – Mediation 09/09/26
4e. Board Recruitment, Engagement, and Onboarding
- Set Date for Board Training - TBD
- Set Date for Strategic Planning Workshop – Tentatively 9/15/26 4 PM

4f. Strategic Goal Updates: date upcoming. Checking in about potential attendees. Denver is facilitating. 1-2 year outlook with awareness towards 5 year goals.

Facilities/Marine Ops – Dave and Vanessa – Meet after GraysHaven

4g. Site Security and Break in Report. Filing insurance claims by the end of week. Police are working with neighbors for security footage. CR is supporting re-keying of Seaport property. Building demolition pending lead and asbestos survey. We had a keylog, but will now have a check-out system. It will be an adjustment but seems prudent.

4h. Lady Washington Update: PT Shipwrights correspondence and need for volunteers for spars. Longboat crew doesn't have the time to volunteer; Denver and Vanessa approve of PT Shipwrights. Materials are also a consideration. Valerie asks what Pat's cash request is and why wasn't she notified of break in? Break in just happened, facilities met over it and Board meeting is when everyone is informed. Spar work is happening now; they will move Lady inside in November and she will stay until she is done. Grant reimbursment is pending, DOE would prefer something other than Quickbooks.

4i. Strategic Goal Updates:

Fundraising Committee – Denver – Meet after GraysHaven

4j. Grant Report: 10 active projects. Fundraising has focused on events. We reached out to Equip the Ship goal. Online and in-person auction concurrent. Olympia Paranormal Ghost Walk. Vendors have signed up; we are sold out. Upcoming corporate grant applications. Fundraising letter. Am Fund is providing 6 trips. Discussion on renewing memberships for 2 years. Planks and spikes continue to sell. The website is 95% complete. YT videos are being shot by two volunteers. Community ed partnerships upcoming meetings– Waterkeepers; Stan Severson from GH College; maritime industry promotion. Brandi met with Mayor and Greater Grays Harbor. Council of Governments.

4k. SEO and Marketing Report

4l. Strategic Goal Updates: Lady Washington film exhibit is completed, need a better place for it.

4m. Upcoming Events – September 11 – 13th, October 24th, October 30th

Item 5: Staff Reports: covered in committees

Public Comment: Carl wants to put in a bid for building capacity wants it to be a priority. He is willing to reach out to individuals to build this team. He is not proposing resurrecting the spar lathe. Susan and Scott will approach Jay Inslee. Vanessa wants to support Carl build capacity.

Adjournment: 7:12pm Denver makes a motion, Scott and Vanessa seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Next Board Meetings: September 24th
Committee Meetings September 23rd and as Needed