Minutes

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority Board of Directors

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, August 6th, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Zoom Attendees: Vanessa LaValle, Susan Ogilvie, Scott Prato, Denver Robbins, Legal Counsel Art Blauvelt, Nancy Wood Siglin, Stan Severson, Scott Reynvaan

In-Person Attendees: Dave Douglass, Deb Butler, Cindy Sherman, CR Johnson, Brandi Bednarik

Call to Order and Introductions – 5:35 PM

Item 2: Welcome – Dave

2a. Deb Butler Board Application
2b. Nancy Wood-Siglin Board Application
2c. Updates and Opportunities for Small Boat Program

Introductions and review of applications. Discussion.
Stan has been supporting the small boat program since 2000.

The Seaport went into Executive Session at 6:01 PM to discuss potential litigation with their attorney. Executive Session ended at 6:11. Reentered Regular Session.

Item 3: Action Items - Dave

3a. Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2026 – Dave D Motion to Approve the Minutes, CR Seconds, No Discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Item 4: Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Cindy – Next Meeting 08/26/26

4a. July 2026 Treasurer's Report – Cindy made the motion to approve the payables, after the fact, and payroll and payroll taxes. CR seconds. No discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Cindy made the motion to approve the total transfers. Vanessa seconds. No Discussion. All in Favor

4b. June 2026 Financials
4c. Finance Committee Report

Financials were reviewed. The first invoice for the building demolition is on the financials. June had a profit before capital expenses.

Executive Committee – Dave

4d. Executive Committee Update – Mediation Postponed – New Date September 9th
4e. Board Recruitment, Engagement, and Onboarding

- Set Date for Board Training – Tentative September 15th – Coordinating with George and need to doublecheck with Denver
- Set Date for Strategic Planning Workshop – September 15th, 5 PM based on work schedules

4f. Strategic Goal Updates – We need more community input. Board guides staff focus.

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

4g. Environmental Timeline and Progress Report

4h. Lady Washington Update – The cover is on. Shrinkwrap is on. Coast Guard inspected the wood for the spars, and it was dry enough to cut. Planking to begin in August. Finish in December. Port Townsend has two large jobs to do in September and October, then Lady will go into the shop.

4i. Strategic Goal Updates

Fundraising Committee – Denver – Meet after GraysHaven

4j. Grant Report

4k. SEO and Marketing Report

4l. Strategic Goal Updates - Equip the Ship reached it's goal of $75,000. Looking for auction items. Olympia Paranormal event in October.

4m. Upcoming Events

Item 5: Staff Reports – The new GraysHaven newsletter will be coming out through Constant Contact. The walkthrough with the City happened. Minimal adjustments need made. The sprinkler and fire suppression are the big items that need to be addressed. Brandi met with the Mayor, and they would like to partner on the development.

Public Comment – Nancy praised Brandi's event rental success. Suggests we need an event coordinator.

Adjournment – 7:07 Dave motions to adjourn. Cindy Seconds. No Discussion. All in Favor, None Opposed.

Next Board Meetings: August 27th
Committee Meetings August 26th and as Needed