



The Maritime Awards Society of Canada

AGM Minutes

September 20th, 2006

1. Opening

The President, Dr. James Boutilier, opened the MASC AGM at 5:20pm.

Jim welcomed all those in attendance – a quick round table of introductions.

Board Members present;

James Boutilier
Peter Chance
Rod Dobell

Tom Pederson
Roger Kerans
Ted McDorman

Officer present;

Office Manager, Beverly Reist

Members present;

Richard Kirby
John Lindsey
Phil Bissell
Judith Johnston
Dwain Emrich
Connla Woods

Michael Shepard
Shaun Peck
John Goudy
Richard Kirby

Note: MASC reports, with much sadness, that Richard Kirby passed away soon after the MASC AGM. Captain Richard Kirby, was a strong supporter of MASC. His efforts, enthusiasm and support will be missed.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM of 2005

A motion for approval of the AGM minutes of 2005 – Moved by Rod Dobell
Seconded by Peter Chance
Unanimously approved

3. Business arising from the AGM minutes of 2005.

None.

4. Constitution and By-Laws

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were mailed all members of AGM including a mail in ballot. A total of 13 Resolutions were passed.

All 13 Resolutions were read to those present.

Clarification for;

Resolution 1. Point 4. – This is in addition to scholarships.

Resolution 2. President's Club members: Recognition and benefits supporting University of Victoria.

5. President's Report

Awaiting

Points:

- Loss of Douglas Johnston
- Thank you to Judith Johnston
- Fund created
- Initiatives – Dalhousie support at local level
- Corporate Campaign
- Public Form – CAPP workshop – maybe
- President's Club luncheon
- Ken Summers resignation
- Welcome to New Governors
- Beverly Reist
- Scholarship payment deferrals

6. Treasurer's Report

Income and Expense Report

The year-end reports revenues of \$2467.45. In comparison to last year's figure of, again a deficit, of -11346.29. However, Awards have an outstanding amount of \$10k for 2005/2006 – payments of 5k each for University of Calgary and Memorial University.

A comparison report from April 1, 2006 to September 20th, 2006 showed a deficit of -\$2789.10.

Project Revenues ending in 2006:

CFN Project - \$4969.00

Arctic Workshop - \$6412.75

MASC will require revenues from membership, projects and/or corporate funding to maintain their scholarship commitments and their maritime education/information sessions.

New to the report since Year End is the addition of the Douglas M. Johnston Memorial Fund. At a later date the Executive Committee will allocate these fund appropriately as per the mandate. The fund as at September 20th, 2006 was \$5388.82.

MASC running costs

The MASC running costs have been improved.

The hours of the Office Manager are allocated to either MASC office or Project.

Printing and marketing is now being created "in house" saving MASC extra yearly costs.

The website is an important asset to MASC however, currently MASC has insufficient funds to manage the site. Shawn Reist, our Webmaster, will volunteer his hours for the time being.

Membership

Our current membership stands at 86 members as at September 2006.

Members – 27
Sustaining – 14
Supporters – 6
President's Club – 26
Life Members - 11

A new marketing brochure has been created for the President's Club.

Donations

Donations totaled \$15,250.00 for end of the fiscal year.

MASC Scholarship Report

\$8k was awarded in 2005/2006 to the University of Victoria due to President's Club membership. In comparison to \$27,500 total for 2004/2005 disbursed to all 4 Universities.

An outstanding amount of \$5k for both University of Calgary and Memorial is reported.

All 4 Universities awarded scholarships since the last Board Meeting of April 2005 as listed in the Financial Report.

At the time of reporting;

Scholarship Funds stood at;

Dalhousie: \$82, 016.00
University of Victoria: \$135,776.00
Memorial: \$ 51,819.20
University of Calgary: \$56831.00

The Halifax MASC Board members confirmed that further funds would not be required for Dalhousie at this time from MASC Victoria office. They hope to create a Halifax MASC fund to self sustain the Dalhousie endowment fund.

7. Corporate Funding

Roger Kerans is heading up a team “The Corporate Committee” joining Roger are Russell Moore and Jack Ebbels. The Committee will target corporations for sponsorship recognition. The funds will be utilised in a variety of ways including workshops, scholarships and office expenses.

The sponsorships vary from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Roger made the point that personal contacts are a requirement to get our foot in the door. Any personal contacts in the shipping, oil and gas industries would be appreciated.

8. Endorsement of the actions of the Board of Governors

A motion to endorse the actions of the board of governors was made.

- Moved by John Goudy
- Seconded by Richard Kirby
- Unanimously approved

9. New Business

Phil Bissell spoke on behalf of the NOAC (Naval Officers Association of Canada). Reported the NOAC Endowment fund will include a \$1000 distribution for MASC.

Rod Dobell spoke of the positive position of MASC – comments below

It is important, as we contemplate the gloomy picture painted by the financial reports, not to lose sight of two—maybe three—more basic points.

First, and most important, is to take note of the most recent awards at the four universities at which MASC supports graduate research in maritime affairs and marine resources.

Have a look at the four topics for research:

“The potential role of community-based monitoring in DFO planning, management and operational decision-making” (Dalhousie);

“Probabilistic inversion of ocean ambient noise and reflectivity data for seabed geophysical parameters” (Victoria);

“Fisheries by-products as potential sources for the discovery of novel drugs” (Memorial);

“Geldsetzer for multi-polarized microwave sensing of snow-covered sea ice” (Calgary).

MASC's basic purpose was to encourage and offer support to such research ranging widely over topics of contemporary importance in Canada's ocean policy and maritime management. That basic purpose has been successfully pursued up till now.

Second, note that in each of the four universities, we are more than halfway toward the initial goal of establishing endowments that would render this first round of graduate awards self-sustaining. Finding endowment contributions to complete accomplishment of this goal should not be impossible.

Finally, note that although our program of workshops and public forums has generated little revenue, these events have been successful and very well received by the limited numbers of participants involved. On the basis of our growing experience in these activities, expansion of the target audiences and progress in the goal of increasing public awareness should not be beyond reach.

Over the past few years, the overwhelming portion of revenues to support the MASC fellowship program has come from professional services MASC has been able to provide using, in a volunteer capacity, the expertise of a few of its Board members—in acting as the Secretariat to the BC Government Scientific Panel on BC Offshore Resources, and in its partnership with the Ocean Management Research Network, for example. One of the strengths MASC may be able to build upon is its links with the four universities, each of whom is seeking to extend programs in oceans and marine resources, and all of whom might find MASC's emphasis on oceans governance and marine resource management, as well as on public outreach and awareness, an interesting complementary capacity worth developing. Through these links, MASC may be able to draw on further expertise through which, by exercising its recognized convening capacity, MASC may be able to enhance future revenue flows.

We've had delays and setbacks in recent efforts to develop the workshop program, and uncertainties associated with changing government priorities have not helped. But the fields within which MASC has sought to serve remain high on the public agenda.

So the present financial reports may seem—indeed are—gloomy. But it is important to remember that MASC continues to make some progress toward the important fundamental purpose from which it began.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Dr. James Boutilier (President)
Beverly Reist (Office Manager)