



Ballard Maritime Academy Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2009; 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Ballard HS Room NW211

<p><i>Member in Attendance:</i> Jim McManus, Trident Seafoods, Chair Charlie See, Ballard Foundation, Vice Chair Gary Stauffer, YMTA Lynn McManus, BHS Alum, Co-Secretary Amy Gooden, The Glostén Associates, Co-Secretary Diana Parker, Port of Seattle, BMA Parent Darcy Niedermeyer, BMA parent, webmaster Rich Haynie, BMA parent, R Haynie Insurance CC Conklin, BMA Alumni Parent Brian Westerman, USCG Annmarie Todd, BMA parent/newsletter</p>	<p><i>Teachers/Advisors</i> John Foster Megan Vogel Bob Austin, SPS, CTE</p> <p><i>Students</i></p> <p><i>Guests</i></p>
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I. Welcome/Introductory Comments

C.C. welcomed us all with assorted colored Peeps. Amy shared her chocolate eggs. Brian W. was happy the sun was out so he wanted to get outside also.

II. Report on Maritime Industry

III. BMA Club Activities

The students have ordered shirts for their club. Somehow there was glitch in the payment process but now it's ironed out they should be here soon. They are going to have a more active part in the planning of the May 17th parade and will have another meeting soon. They are actively recruiting new members to the BMA.

IV. Maritime Career Day

Career Day will be held at the Maritime Events Center on May 7th. John will take a group of students to the event.

The Fall Fisherman's Festival is scheduled for September 26th.

17th of May Parade. The BMA club will plan more this year. Jim suggested that John get in touch with the Nordic Heritage Museum to see if they can use the Viking ship in the parade and maybe help them work on it, too.

V. BMA Activities

1. April and beyond

The juniors are learning the rules of the roads for WA. State so they can go online and get their safe boaters card. They need to go to WA. State Dept of Parks and take the test. John will give those students extra credit.

They will get started on their ROV's soon after the prep design, in pairs they will build and test their units in the pool. John is excited because the parts have been upgraded from the past years. He will let us know when the pool test will occur.

There is a competition of the ROV'S in May and he thought Amy said Glosten would sponsor the team. He will talk to Amy to see if this will happen.

The boat kit is here and they will start building it so it will be finished to donate to the BMA auction and hopefully raise funds for the future.

Next month they will start getting prepared for the Zodiac trip in May. The seniors and some juniors will participate and share their knowledge while on the Zodiac.

2. Job Shadows and Internships

Gary is still looking for places that would be willing to have interns but his schedule is so full that he has requested back up help. Megan will help the kids get in line for the 5 NOAA internships and Brian suggested that the kids write to prospective employers or businesses that they are interested in and ask them if they like an intern for the summer. Hopefully that will work.

3. BMA Calendar Updates

May 8th -10th is the new date for the Zodiac trip. It has been updated on Google calendars

VI. Recruiting for Sophomore Class

Recruiting is slow but we have a few more new applicants since last month. Megan is offering to teach a Marine Science/Oceanography class. BMA students will have first priority. It will be a year-long class through the UW with 5 credits being earned for UW and 1 credit for the high school. BMA Steering Committee has agreed to purchase the textbooks for the class. The tuition is somewhere in the \$ 200-\$300 range, which is less than a class on campus. Ballard is the only Seattle school to offer the class. We hope that will inspire students to sign up for the BMA and also ease some of the academic worries of their parents. The BMA Club will help because freshman can join a club and then sign up for BMA the following year. Darcy wants to go to the 8th graders and recruit there. Brian is going to head up a recruitment sub-committee to see what can be done to get kids interested in BMA. Amy, Megan and John are willing to be on that committee also.

VII. STCW Certification for BMA students

One student for sure and possibly another one wants to attend NFPVOA SCTW class. John will check to see if any others are interested. The juniors will have the opportunity when they go to Cal. Maritime this summer.

VIII. BMA Newsletter

The Newsletter deadline is this Friday April 10. If anyone has anything to add get it to Annmarie Todd by then.

The website has been given pictures from John and Darcy will upload them to the site.

IX. Cal Maritime Trip-August 16th-21st

John is working on assembling info from the instructor at the California school. John Nygard will go along as a chaperone. The NOAA grant will fund most the trip and if they need more we can approve it. Ten students will make the trip which will include taking attending and take the water related component of their SCTW basic safety training.

X. BMA Annual Dinner Plans

The dinner is set for June 5th, from 6-10, at the Leif Erickson Hall. The group would like to have the students give testimonials on what BMA has meant to them. Jim will contact Capt. Sig from the Deadliest Catch to see if he could say a few words also. He is fishing now so Jim will get him when he gets home. Charlie asked members to procure auction items from friends and business for the dinner and also for the Seafoodfest raffle. He will also find out about another cruise donation from Holland America Line. Charlie also is looking for Doug to sign the papers about renting the hall for the event.

XI. New Business

Megan was offered and accepted the job to teach a college level Marine Science/Oceanography class for the UW. It is the only Seattle Public School to offer it. Congratulations Megan!

The Amazon trip was amazing. Zip lines, Snakes, Pirannas, Pink Dolphins to look at. and fishing, eating, experimenting and sightseeing were the activities to do. Sixteen students, Megan and a grad student made up the group.

NEXT MEETING –Monday, May 3, 2009, 4:00 PM