**Minutes of the Museum, Education and Overnight Camping Committee of the Patriots Point Development Authority, 10:30 AM, Thursday, September 19, 2019, Leadership Training Facility, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Marlowe, *Chairman*

Wayne Adams

NOT PRESENT:

Zeb Williams

PPDA STAFF PRESENT: Larry Murray

David Clark

Bob Howard

Robert Simmons

Jessica Steinberg

Melissa Buchanan

Cindy Clark

Brook Griffin

Hannah Giddens

Kenny Brinckman

Sarah Edmiston

Ms. Marlowe called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

Prior to the meeting, a copy of the proposed agenda were distributed via electronic mail to the Board members, media and designated guests.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr. Adams moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Marlowe asked for a correction by general consent to include an addition to reflect a discussion to review the budget in full. Adopted and passed.

**C. MUSEUM SERVICES REPORT**

Robert Simmons and David Clark gave the following report: David provided a handout. Minor repairs from Dorian continue, about to close deal on purchase process on parts and labour for aircraft repairs and hope to be finished before final report later this year; identify options for Clamagore exhibit- Keith and David identify parts to save; Larry said that Richard from the Pampanito asked for parts from the sub; continue to develop an exhibit list both current and future as part of the 7 year strategic plan to include collection storage expansion with cost estimates for budget/foundation sponsors; Larry said that top 3 small, medium and large- with the direction to break out; Ms. Marlowe asked if size was identified by cost, scope or actual size, David said size and cost go together, Larry said it will be broken down and re-presented as David is getting cost estimates now; Melissa presented on the SEMC conference to be held, that Patriots Point is a pre-tour site on October 20 and she is on the planning committee and will be speaking at the JIMI session; The Yorktown Reunion is next month with great oral history opportunities; Robert reported on the B25- provided a handout with a press release, p.3 being a history, synopsis of where it was and where he wants to go, cost $25,000 and the intended goal is $40,000, there is a weight issue for the public being able to get into the plane, Ms. Marlowe asked if the DuPont family donated and to make that distinction, also a current and intended goals list, the first education group is to go through 10/4, Ms. Marlowe asked how long and Robert said it’s a 2 hour program and Cindy provided that 12,000 5th graders, Mr. Adams asked about the 11 items listed and Ms. Marlowe asked what the most expensive thing was, buying the gun, Robert said that was $2500 and that there was a lot of info to put inside as to why the interior was stripped, why changing to “Ruptured Duck” as plane name, Larry said the 11 items would be broken out by cost, Ms. Marlowe asked about power and lighting, Mr. Adams asked for a page to just show the $25,000 costs, the public weight issue was discussed to which Ms. Marlowe asked if a ladder alongside could be used so everyone could at least look in; Ms. Marlowe asked about how many aircraft needed repair, David said 4 all on the flight deck and Robert said all parts are located, all are safety issues, Larry said that the hanging chad is the M-60 tank as its not a fit with our exhibits based on history, the only place is the bus lot, there was discussion as to the tank’s location and who had been contacted and if it could be tied in or an independent exhibit; for the October meeting, the committee was asked to discuss the dog tag exhibit, for the grant from Charleston County Ms. Marlowe and Mr. Adams were unaware and they asked why the board did not know, there was discussion on the location and rough condition.

**D. EDUCATION AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING REPORT**

Cindy reported: the first EIA school is 10/4; she thanked museum services for their work on the B25; the EIA application was sent early with no increase asked for; 7,000 registered for EIA to 10,000 at 85% capacity, covering Anderson to Beaufort in 21 of 46 counties; the State Department of Education will be using the Harbor Room for 9 different training sessions for teachers; Hannah reported: Science reader update- will now be printed in full colour, the book bid is out with 56,000 state wide to 600 5th grade schools, should resolve this week; Kenny reported that from a flight academy donation, 15 computers were updated resulting in no failures during class due to higher performance, graphics quality increased, two new communication systems for the American Airlines grant 737 program to focus on 21st century skills and career awareness, Flight Academy is now also in the old O2 conference room for instruction period, allowing for more classes (600/wk or 120/day) and will be summer camp headquarters, the partnership with Military Magnate school continues with them coming eight times last year, the goal is to increase in-school presence, most of these groups are here on scholarships to learn career awareness, Ms. Marlowe asked for clarification on O2 room location and programs and if during site visits certain demographics are targeted and Kenny said 8th grade and JROTC; Sarah reported on camping that in last 3 months 1345 campers have come, since 2014 numbers are definitely behind (see handout), reservations for October are still coming in, largest organization is boy scouts and numbers are declining due to legal issues, Blue Ridge Council is growing and included Patriots Point in their fall kick-off ad, will go after more school groups- shift marketing to schools, schools from NC and GA come to Patriots Point as well, there is a focus on the Mormon groups coming, they will be volunteering and cleaning, Ms. Marlowe asked what the max camper number was and if family retreats were possible, Sarah said 620 and that after visiting the Midway- yes, they are possible, Larry said this would be brought back in October.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Steinberg, *Recording Secretary* Larry Murray, *Executive Director*

*Recording note: These minutes do not reflect a verbatim transcript.*

*A taped recording of these minutes is maintained for record purposes*.