

Minutes of 2006 NAFTS General Meeting

**National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors Reunion
San Mateo Marriot Hotel San Mateo CA
Saturday Evening, 15 October 2006
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting**

Tom Thomas, Secretary

At 0820 a Call to Order was issued by President Rodger Dana

- **Invocation** by NAFTS Chaplain Bob Campbell
- **Pledge of Allegiance** recited by all in attendance
- **Treasures Report** was read by Treasurer Jack Sweet
- **Summary** of Board meeting was given by Ray Evans

President Rodger Dana introduced new board members and officers elected at 2006 board meeting.

- **Vice President** elect Jim Wassmuth
- **Secretary** Tom Thomas (re-elected)
- **Board members re-elected** for another term:
 - Neil Bjornsen, Harry Jaeger, Ralph Smith, Hal Tenny, Jim Wassmuth, Ray Evans, Nick Radke
- **New Board members:**
 - Eddie Ford, Mike DeCesare, Craig Rothhammer, Rich Tetrault, Joe Giangrosso
- **President Rodger Dana** called for a motion from the floor to ratify the above elected officers and board members and approve the Treasures report. It was so made and voted on without dissent.

President Rodger Dana discussed the up coming reunion for 2007 planned for St. Louis MO and announced that a hotel contract was about to be signed. He then discussed the Board's agreement on selection for the 2008. Providence Rhode Island was the board's choice for a reunion location for the 2008 reunion. The host was to be Jim Wassmuth and the Nipmuc crew. Nominations for other cities were opened with the stipulation that the nomination must contain the name of a willing guest host for that city. No nominations were forth coming. A motion was made from the floor to vote on Providence RI as the site. A vote was taken by raised hand and passed unanimously. President Dana announced that Providence would be the site for the NAFTS 2008 reunion.

- **President Dana** introduced the Molala members that helped in hosting the 2006 reunion here in San Mateo, followed by an introduction of the Towline editors and other Committee men at the meeting.

Board member Harry Jaeger was introduced to talk about his position of President of the Tamaora/Zuni foundation and the progress of restoring and making a museum of the vessel as a maritime educational platform and historic museum. Harry gave a long oration on the history of the USS Zuni/USCG Tamaroa. Project. He cited the need for additional funding and invited all NAFTS members to donate or join the Tamaroa Maritime Foundation.

- **Member Mike DeCesare** made a motion to donate \$5000 from the NAFTS treasury to the Tamaroa Maritime Foundation. After lengthy discussion the motion was tabled by 2/3 vote from the floor because the NAFTS bylaws, Article XI prohibits expenditures of funds not included in the NAFTS budget or approved by the Board of Directors in compliance with the annual budget as approved by the Board. President Dana stated that the matter would be taken up at the 2007 Board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was received and passed. President Dana adjourned the meeting at 0930