

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8/16/24 BATON ROUGE, LA REUNION

The business meeting of the August 2024 Reunion was called to order and opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Memorial Service began with the reading of names of each fellow shipmate that has passed away since the 2023 Reunion or that we became aware of their passing followed by the sound of the bell for each. Taps was played at the conclusion by trumpeter Derek Carson.

The Financial Statement for period 1/1/23 to 12/31/2023 was disseminated for inspection as well as the Minutes of the 2023 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Statement and Minutes as is and after a vote the motion passed.

Discussions were commenced regarding the future of the Association, whether or not there will ever be a new Bon Homme Richard ship and contacting other ships to join with ours for future Reunions. These were just general discussions and nothing was decided or voted on.

Next, the position of Vice President was up for election. A motion was made to nominate Fred Shea for this position, it was seconded and after a vote Fred Shea was elected as Vice President to serve a three-year term from 2024 to 2027.

Regarding the 2025 Reunion, Jim Barton offered to look into going to Cleveland, OH and Bill Moran offered to look into a small town outside of Sacramento, CA, called Elk Grove. They will offer hotels in those areas our RFP and the Committee will evaluate their responses and select the hotel with the best fit for our purposes. Other members requested that another Reunion in Nashville, TN would be desirable so I guess the Committee will look into that city also. A Motion was made to follow up on these cities, it was seconded and passed.

A discussion was also had on going to places where carriers are located. Nothing was decided or voted on so I'm assuming when members offer to host a Reunion it will be at a place where we can visit a carrier.

The subject of holding a Reunion every other year rather than every year was discussed, however, nothing definitive was agreed upon nor voted on. I will say that the By-Laws state that a Reunion will be held every year so if the subject of having one every other year is agreed on, the language in the By-Laws will necessarily have to be changed.

A special "Thank You" went out to Roger and Suzanne Borne, Ellen & George Feth, Ginnie Shea and Peggy O'Dell for their assistance in assuring that the Registration Room, tours, banquets and this Reunion as a whole ran smoothly. They did a great job!

There being no further business to come before the Association, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and voted on to close.

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Borne", written over a horizontal line.

Roger J. Borne, Secretary/Treasurer

USS Bon Homme Richard Shipmates Assn.

Date: 9/19/2024