

QUIMPER CLUB INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MS VEENDAM, ST LAWRENCE RIVER

October 9, 2017

Patricia Hull, president, called the meeting together at 5:15 pm. She introduced the agenda for the meeting. Upon motion made and seconded, the agenda was approved.

Sherry Lohnes, secretary, read minutes from 2016 meeting in Kansas City. Upon motion made and seconded, they were approved. Sherry then reported on membership. We have a total of 180 members. New members are: David Walter, Judy O'Heir, Annaick LeRoux, Erwan Nedelec, Janet(Sue) Stehle, Siobhan McCarthy and LaBelle(Cricket) Forstrom, who is in attendance today. Sherry requested that when renewing, members send in the paperwork, even if using Paypal as it helps to keep track of member information. And she also requested that the renewal form be filled out in its entirety, so that information is not overlooked or incorrectly documented.

Patricia asked for volunteers to help with the journal. She is currently the editor as we have not gotten a replacement since Gaynor retired. Pat reported that we have been attracting members through social media.

Pat gave the 2016 financial report for Suzanne Vallerand, who was unable to be with us. The 2nd 2016 journal came out late, so some of those expenses will be reported in 2017.. Also, deposits may need to be made in 2017 for the trip to Quimper in 2018, therefore will not show up in the pertinent budget year. A similar thing happened with the Duck boat refund from the 2015 Seattle meeting. Jim Borthwick motioned that we accept the budget and Dick Williams seconded. Adopted by all.

Patricia asked membership if there were anything they want her to do. Answer was "no".

Lucy Williams, 2nd vice president, reported on changes/improvements to the Website. The webmaster has helped Lucy and Lucy announced that she is masterful! The website has been skinned and gutted. It has a new host service and is clearer and more interactive. She asked how many had logged into the website recently. Show of hands, few. She stated that the club was started because we collect Quimper and now we have become friends as well. Lucy was the original collector in the Northwest and now we have new members there. Colin Hull started his interest after he and Pat came to the Savannah meeting for her to perform. Go to the website, we need to use it! Send Lucy news, she will post it.

(Pat reminded us that we are sending a card to Peter and May Frances Ramsey. Peter made this cruise and meeting happen. He even sent name tags to Pat last week. May Frances is doing better, but has a long road ahead of her. We wish her well.)

Anne Marie, 3rd vice president, presented plans for the meeting in Quimper 2018. She went to France in July and was doing legwork for the meeting. It is scheduled for September 2018. There is a new convention center in Quimper that works well for our meeting. We will stay at the same hotel as before, though now it is a Best Western. The information bureau has reserved the whole hotel for us. If there is overflow we will use another hotel as well.

Tentative schedule:

Friday Sep. 21: 3PM: Tour of Faience Museum on your own

5PM: Meet and Greet on patio of museum

Saturday, Sep 22: 9;30AM tour of the Departmental (Breton)museum.

11:00AM: Breton Dancers in the courtyard

Lunch on your own

2:00PM : Choice of guided tours:

Quimper gardens

Historic Quimper

Beaux Arts Museum

Henriot Faiencerie Tour

Sunday, Sep 23: 10:30 AM Board bus for picnic at home of Judy

Datesman and Marcel Cotin

Book signing by Tony Graviano for just published book on Paul Fouillen

Breton Music and dancing

Possibility of sale by artisans and dealers

3:30 PM Board bus back to hotel

Monday, Sep 24: 9:00 AM Board buses for one of two tour options available. You will have time for both if desired.

- a. Visit to M. Cavellec's extensive personal collection
- b. Visit the reserves at the Breton Museum, where they store artifacts not currently on display(This is not open to the public)

Lunch on own

2:00PM Board buses for one of two tours above

Tuesday, Sep 25: There are two optional tours today- may only select one

9:00AM 1. Board bus for Valley of the Saints. Picnic lunch. Visit to Leclerc Foundation in Daoulas near Brest- a small but

wonderful museum

2. Bus to Pont Aven. Includes a tour of a newly renovated art museum. Lunch TBD.

Visit to walled city of Concarneau

Wednesday, Sep 26: 9:00AM Business meeting at the Centre des Conges du Chapeau Rouge in Quimper

2:00 PM Banquet , same location

The hotel will be available that night. Anne Marie says that flying to Orly would allow us then to take a plane to Quimper, as other transportation is not easy. She will try to keep us informed about this. Friday, Sep 28 , there is a big antiques fair in Chatou, on the outskirts of Paris. It is large , fun and great food. However it is hard to get there. If enough were interested maybe we could rent a bus. There may be a brocante in Brittany. Anne Marie asked people to talk to her during the cruise(or later) if they have any ideas. Lucy asked if it were possible to do two tours on Sat. , as there were too many choices. Payment will need to be by check as credit cards are too expensive.

Anne Marie asked members to bring to her attention names of antique journals they find. She would like to send out an announcement of this meeting to the journals. Lots of effort has been put in already for this meeting in Quimper, Anne Marie, Suzanne and Judy. It is our 20th anniversary.

Karen Davis praised Pat Hull for all the work she has done as president and head of the journal. Talked about how friends made thorough QCI are generous with themselves, using a personal example with Sarah Anderson in Texas. She then presented details for the post meeting visits upon departure from the cruise. She was so well organized and generous with

her time, home and collections. Karen is functioning as honorary historian for this meeting.

Pat Hull presented a discussion of elections. She referenced the by-laws and questioned whether we can stagger the elections so that not all board members elected are new at the same time. We originally had a staggered system according to Susan Cox. It was changed, but now we have discovered the original plan works best. Lucy wondered if we should do away with set term limits. Has to be a halfway point. Send ideas to Pat Hull, not Lucy. Pat had current and previous board members stand to be introduced with their positions.

Winter edition of Le Journal is in the pipeline. Lucy asked if anyone had pieces made in occupied France, if they exist. We think they may have been destroyed. We would like to do an article about them. Kathleen Thomerson will do another article based on marine life. There will be an article about saints. Hopefully collectors will be willing to write articles about their particular interests. It helps to educate all of us. Lucy asked for members to take pictures of stuff and send them to her.

Pat asked for a show of hands for changing of the by-laws. She will send information to the entire membership so that we can have a paper trail. All agreed to a survey regarding changing of the by-laws. Sherry Lohnes encouraged everyone to have an email on record and to keep them up to date, so that this important information is not missed.

All present agreed on the venue for 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM ADT.

Sherry Lohnes

Secretary

Patricia Hull

President

