

SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 14th, 2017
LOCATION: Meeting room – Bud’s on the Bay
PRESENT: Tom Scott, Steve Hatch, Gerald Baker, Roy Letts, John and Sharron VanSchyndel
Brian Prince & Dave Sheridan
REGRETS: Paul Beizing, Nathalie Landry, Stéphan Senécal, Bob Swan, Helen Cooper

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion to approve October 10th 2017 minutes. Motion: by John, 2nd by Gerald – passed.

FINANCIAL

Bank Account - As of October 31, 2017 – Total SOS Account Balance was \$11,171.43.
- The Dave Cooper Memorial Fund balance is \$3286.70.
- Estimated Token Revenue in the bank: \$4247.00
- Mooring Costs: \$3,113.97
- Estimated working funds: \$2,736.77

REPORTS

SOS Board Eastern Representative Report

- Krissy Nickle has resigned her board position for personal reasons but will continue to be involved with SOS and the new web site committee.
- The board has not yet decided how to fill this position. If anyone is interested please contact Jen.
- Corporate continues to work on the RFP for the new website. We only received two quotes. Richard is working with the rest of the committee to finalize the process and hopes to award the contract next week.
- Quarterly news letter: Chantelle Blanchard will contact each Chapter Chairs.
- Luc has completed Phase 2 (mailing of the challenge coins). Luc will keep a few coins on hand for future use. Approximately 50 coins will go to SOS Ships Stores for sale.

Chapter Moorings:

- Steve ordered the mooring supplies from Fastenal as per 2799 quote of \$2,877.27 plus tax. Supplies were picked up by Tom & Steve from Fastenal today, invoice ONBRC 120268 \$3,113.97. Tom mentioned it was important for members and users to realise how much maintaining these moorings costs Save Ontario Shipwrecks. We should do more to make the public aware of the reason these mooring are installed and the cost associated with it.
- All local chapter buoys are out and stored at Stephan’s

- Wayne Green reported all of the moorings he maintains are out except the Kinghorn, which should be out next week.
- We should reach out and create a relationship with the new owner of Thousand Islands Pleasure Diving.
- New mooring buoys have not yet been shipped to Steve Hatch
- SOS website mooring data base is not up to date.
- Steve contacted Raimund to get it revised to show 2nd moorings
- So far no reply from Raimund.
- Tom Scott believes he has GPS numbers for the 2nd moorings
- Sharon asked about the donation boxes. We collected \$182.06 from the donation boxes this year. The boxes were paid for by mid July so any future money donated is profit.

Donation Boxes:

THOUSAND ISLANDS CHAPTER PROJECT REPORTS

Dave Cooper Memorial Fund:

2nd set of stairs

Project Manager – Stéphan Sénécal

- Memorial Plaque – The memorial plaque has been delivered
- Steve has been to Lafarge twice and once via email about the rock and possible transport to Centeen Park. Contact person has not been available or replied to the email. Steve will try again but we may need to explore other options.
- Steve Hatch has completed the design and drilled the holes for the additional handrail on the new steps. The existing railing cannot be reached at the low water levels. We only have 6' of left over material at Robert Taillon's shop and there will be additional welding required. Steve will purchase the required material and get Rob to do the welding. We can wait to paint and install it in the spring – Helen Cooper has approved this additional expense.

Underwater Sculpture Park:

- Eel made by Steve Hatch is almost ready to be taken to VTF to create the mold
- Dave Sheridan came to the group with a proposal to create a mold for a giant hand sculpture approximately 9 feet high. This project will take a couple of years and Dave would like \$1500 from SOS for the material to create the mold. When the mold is complete Dave will make SOS one hand sculpture at no additional cost. Dave will retain ownership of the mold. The group was agreeable to this proposal but we need to figure out funding before committing to the project. The chapter would need to come up with \$750.00 and get matching funds from corporate.
- Steve Hatch and Dave Sheridan followed-up with BCI, they are proceeding nicely and have not yet requested additional funding.
- Dave has concerns about the safety of pouring cement at BCI and has got permission for BCI to do it at TISS. Dave will contact BCI to convey this message.
- Bottle Tree – Steve asked Robert Taillon to give us a quote, Rob thinks it could be a diver hazard and does not wish to make it.

Dave Sheridan will contact TISS and see if they would consider making it for us as a welding class project.

- A request has been made of SOS to put up a marker above the sculpture park so that it can be more easily located by snorkelers and free divers. We will look at how best to do this and put something up in the spring.

Diver Tokens:

Project Update – Steve Hatch

- New training platform sign –. 5 Tokens at Work signs of French & English were ordered from D&D Signs. Cost is \$45.00 per sign. It was decided that if profits are good these signs will be paid for as a token marketing expense.
- Token Revenue in the bank to date is \$4247.00– Helen Cooper has sold roughly 240 tokens this year. Dive Tech sold 105.
- Steve Hatch contacted vendors via email to send in revenue, response has been slow. All local and Ottawa vendors have been collected. He will resend the reminder to the Quebec vendors.
- We have the trampoline and it will put it in place in the spring
- Tom will work on renegotiation of the revenue split as part of his January presentation to the city.
- We will finalize the 2018 Centeen Park maps & token quantities after we get this year’s sales numbers
- Tom will approach Henderson Printing about re-print of the dive site map and adding the sculpture park to it.

NEW BUSINESS

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| Marketing t-shirt | - | Need to brainstorm on what we would like to see on those. |
| Dive Ambassador | - | See if Corporate will be willing to do it? Tom |
| | - | See if City will be willing to chip in? Tom |
| Presentation to City | - | January Tom Scott. |
| January Social | - | January.13 th Pot Luck Four Winds Tom Scott for details |

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 13th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting Room – Buds On The Bay.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 20:47 p.m. Motion: by Sharon, all in favour