



SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday February 19th, 2019

LOCATION: Union Jack Pub in Brockville 59 King St W, Brockville, ON

PRESENT: Tom Scott, Steve Hatch, Dave Sheridan, Gayle and Neil O'Hare, Helen Cooper, John VanSchyndel, Brockville City Councillor Cameron Wales & Nathalie Landry via Facetime

REGRETS: Mike Hart, Paul Biezing, Roy Letts, Sharon VanSchyndel

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

⚓ Previous Meeting Minutes:

- **Motion to approve minutes from January 5th, 2019:**
- **Motion: Steve Hatch, 2nd John VanSchyndel** **Approved**

Tom Scott took a few minutes to welcome Cameron Wales to the meeting and provided a brief recap of the historical and ongoing interactions between Save Ontario Shipwrecks and the City.

⚓ Financial Report:

Steve Hatch

- SOS Bank balance as of December 31st, 2018 **\$12,567.27**
- Dave Cooper Memorial Fund project balance **\$3,351.39**
- **Adjusted SOS bank balance** **\$9,215.88**
- Yearend report to be submitted to corporate

⚓ Outstanding Financial Items:

- **Cheque # 060 \$100.00** **Jeff Earle Peel Anchor Todd not cashed**
- **Cheque # 064 \$100.00** **Jeff Earle Peel Anchor Robin not cashed**
- **Tokens \$90.00** **Kanata Dive – (Sharon to collect spring 2019)**
- **Cheque # 065 \$3,235.25** **Token Sales – City Share (delivered January 31)**
- **\$2000.00** **Sculpture Park Heritage Funding Cheque 2089**

⚓ Report from the Board:

Steve Hatch

- February SOS Board Meeting was cancelled
- Annual Outdoor Show Meeting will be held in Toronto February 23th.
- Steve will attend this meeting and also represent the chapter
- Steve provided an update on SOS Website, still ongoing work on this.
- Update on Dive Ambassador for next year, board has approved this.
- Tom Scott needs to provide our Chapter report for the meeting in Toronto on February 23th, 2019. – **Action Item Tom Scott**

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⚓ Elections for 2019 Board Executive of 1000 Islands Chapter

No additional nominations or candidates came forward. The 2019 executive was acclaimed:

<u>President:</u>	- Tom Scott
<u>Vice-President:</u>	- Stephan Senécal
<u>Treasurer:</u>	- Steven Hatch
<u>Moorings Coordinator</u>	- Stephan Senécal
<u>Secretary:</u>	- Nathalie Landry

⚓ **Mooring Report:** **Stéphan Senécal and Tom Scott**

- Tom provided an update on the Fireworks Barge mooring. He is in discussions with Chad Davis and Dan Elwood. The city is now interested in working with SOS to reduce the cost of maintaining this mooring.
- The city will need to transfer the mooring to SOS so that we can upgrade it to our standards and maintain the mooring.
- It has been suggested that we should request an annual tax deductible donation to help with SOS annual mooring expenses.

⚓ **Token Project:**

- 903 tokens sold for 2018
- Scuba Blue will be our next token color for 2019
- Presentation to the City of Brockville on January 15th, 2019 was well received
- The cheque for \$3,235.25 was given to the City on January 31, 2018
- We are still waiting for Conal to provide the new signed agreement
- We will order 1250 tokens for 2019
- Waiting for price from Ketchum approx 37 cents each plus graphics
- No update from the DBIA regarding discounts for diver token holders

Motion to approve purchase of the 2019 tokens:

- **Motion: John VanSchyndel, 2nd Gayle O'Hare**

Approved

⚓ Sculpture Park

- Tom Scott is still working on the pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage). – **Action Item Tom Scott**
- Sculpture Day, Clean-up Dive and BBQ scheduled for June 15, 2019 (need divers for removing old cement block and old line in water)
- Steve Hatch is working on his sculpture of a man on a seadoo and also at least one large face for 2019. Work on the molds is ongoing.
- Dave Sheridan gave an update on his mold of a big hand and we discussed some of his logistic issues with this large sculpture.
- No update on the tax receipt issue with Built Right Utility Bodies
- No update on Mario Beaucage who wants to do a sculpture, should have something soon. He is not looking for financial assistance.
- Steve contacted Lifecasting School of Art in Toronto and had an email exchange with the owner Gabrielle Fischer who is very interested in our sculpture park and may be interested in creating something for us for 2020.
- Paul Biezing plans to start and finish the bottle tree before the June 15 deadline
- Tom is also in contact with someone that wants to create an underwater chess board for Centeen. This was discussed and it was decided that we would support this only if the chess pieces could not be moved. It was feared that moving chess pieces could create safety and major visibility issues.

Motion to approve Cheque for \$500.00 to Steve Hatch for current sculpture expenses:

- **Motion: Tom Scott, 2nd Helen Cooper** **Approved**

Motion to approve Cheque for \$1,500.00 to Dave Sheridan for total sculpture expenses:

- **Motion: Tom Scott, 2nd Gayle O'Hare** **Approved**

⚓ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund

- Current project balance \$3,351.39
- Some of these funds are set aside for the Sculpture Park Plaque
- Helen would like to see the remaining funds directed to a secondary access point along the Brockville waterfront.

⚓ Dive Ambassador:

Dive Ambassador for 2019 summer: ideally from June through August

From Conal Cosgrove 50% Funding

Parks and Recreation Ontario is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the **Green Jobs Initiative**. This exciting program will provide direct financial support (via

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wage subsidies) to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other sector organizations for new, "green job" employment opportunities for youth. Applications must focus on the development of new green jobs for youth. **We decide not to apply based on the 50% requirement.**

From Kate Oxley:

The Canada Summer Jobs Program 100% Funding

It would be a good way for a chapter to get a student. The eligibility requirements look fine for SOS, not for profit organizations are eligible. As with any application, it is wise refer often to the guidelines during the writing of the application. Supervision and mentoring are important to explain in detail. Good outcomes from the SEP project last year are worth highlighting. At this point, I don't have any news about the Summer Experience Program 2019. It often doesn't get released until February. **Unfortunately we missed this application dead line**

Summer Experience Program 2019: Jen will apply based on last year's criteria with updates from Tom and Nathalie. **Action Item Tom Scott and Nathalie**

Steve will get pricing on T-Shirts based on the approved design

⚓ Aquatarium:

- Tom Scott has attended three meetings with Aquatarium Staff and Katherine Hobbs from Tourism Brockville regarding opportunities for SOS to help the Aquatarium succeed. Things are progressing on this front.
- They are looking at revising the insurance requirements to make it more appealing to dive instructors.
- They also are revising the rules around Commercial diving requirements

⚓ New Business:

- Steve is looking for some help with the design of the new plaque for the Underwater Sculpture Park. Dave Sheridan will try to come up with something.
Action Item Dave Sheridan
- Helen has made some progress in the struggle to get diving allowed of the wall in Prescott.
- Tom Scott was approached by Sarah from the Aquatarium with a request for SOS to partner with the Aquatarium to do something to celebrate this being the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Seaway.
- We had a great discussion about all the contacts and video sources we could connect them with for materials relevant to this subject.

- We agreed to meet and discuss this with them
- Neil O'Hare, Dave Sheridan, and Tom Scott agreed to volunteer for this.

Due to a rowdy table next to us, the meeting was difficult to manage. Gayle suggested that return to Bud's on the Bay for the next meeting.

⚓ **Next Meeting:** **March 12th, 2019. Bud's on the Bay** Regrets Steve

⚓ **Adjournment:** **9:05 p.m.** **Motion: Tom Scott**

