



SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

LOCATION: Bud's On the Bay

PRESENT: Tom Scott, Dave Sheridan, Roy Letts, Sharon and John VanSchyndel, Gail and Neil O'Hare, Steve Hatch, Helen Cooper, Stéphan Senécal and Nathalie Landry.

REGRETS: Paul Biezing

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

⚓ Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from February 19, 2019:

Motion: Stéphan Senécal, 2nd John VanSchyndel **Approved**

⚓ Financial Report Steve

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| ○ SOS Bank balance as of December 31, 2018 | \$12,567.27 |
| ○ SOS Bank balance as of April 1, 2019 | \$8,574.92 |
| ○ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund project balance | \$3,351.39 |
| ○ Adjusted SOS bank balance | \$5, 223.53 |

⚓ Report from the Board - Steve Hatch

- Meeting postponed to Wednesday, April 10, 2019
- Toronto Annual Outdoor Show: Not too many people showed up and it was discussed that we need a total revamping of our booth in order to attract them.
- Website: Steve confirmed that the Board paid extra dollars to Bolt Media to have the Website up and running since they had bid too low considering the amount of time and problems they had and there are still some issues to be resolved.
- The application for a Dive Ambassador for this summer was submitted and we are awaiting an answer from the Government.

⚓ Mooring Report – Stéphan Senécal

- Raimund Krob sent an email to notify that CCG has decommissioned Notship and replaced with Navwarn.
- City moorings: We are still waiting to have some discussions with the City.
- Moorings will be put in water as soon as the weather cooperates and Charters can help. Probably 1st or 2nd week of May 2019. We will keep you posted.

⚓ Token Project

- Tokens have been printed and we got 1250 printed. Scuba Blue is our color for 2019 and bathrooms' code has changed.
- City confirmed that the bathrooms will be opened April 18, 2019 or so (weather depending).
- Tokens and agreements have been mailed to Quebec's dive shops. Steve Hatch disbursed \$137.89 for the mailing.

Motion to have a cheque made in the amount of \$137.89 to reimburse his expense. Motion: Stéphan Senécal, 2nd John VanSchyndel – Approved.

- Split with the City (50/50) was approved and signed.
- Benches clean-up and repainting. Nathalie Landry volunteered to do the clean-up and repainting. She needs to rent a power cleaner in order to do the job well.

– Action Item Nathalie Landry

Motion to approve renting of a power cleaner and buying some paint to clean and paint the benches. Motion: Steve Hatch, 2nd Gail O'Hare Approved

⚓ Sculpture Park

- Tom Scott is still working on the pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage). – **Action Item Tom Scott**
- Steve Hatch is still working on his sculptures of a person on a sea doo for 2019 and a big face.
- Dave Sheridan came and made an update on his mold of a big hand. He will be ready to pour as soon as the weather cooperates. The base is 7 foot width. We discussed the possibility to have a plaque made to thank the donator of the mold.
- No update on Mario Beaucage who wants to do a sculpture.
- Underwater Chest board – Tom Scott notified that our Chapter did not think that this was a good idea and if he wants to go ahead with this idea, he needs to find people to do it.
- Clean-up dive: It was discussed that in order to attract more volunteers to our event, we could approach dive shops to get some gifts that we could offer during this event.

Motion to approach dive shops to get some gifts to give during our Clean-up dive. Motion: Helen Cooper, 2nd John VanSchyndel Approved

- The plastic skids that were stored at Dive Tech Training Center will be used to build another wood platform. Location to be determined.

- Paul Biezing is still planning on doing a 6-8 ft bottle tree to place in the sculpture park.

Dave Cooper Memorial Fund

- Current project balance \$3,351.39
- Steve Hatch received an email from Conal Cosgrove (Director of Operations, City of Brockville) saying that his preference for a new diver access point would be the Reynolds Park property (east of the Rowing Club). He invited SOS to discuss some ideas for this location. We discussed at the meeting the possibility to put some steps, a wood platform and trampolines.
- 2nd plaque – Steve Hatch is still working on that. **Action Item: Steve Hatch**

⚓ T-shirt and sculpture parks logo

- Steve Hatch contacted a few companies in order to have some submissions and each of them said that there is some kind of a problem with our design (colors and details). **Action Item: Steve Hatch**

⚓ New Business:

- **Peel Anchor Project** – Jeff Earle is still waiting an answer from the Aquatarium for a place. **Action Item: Tom Scott**
- **60th anniversary of the Seaway (at the Aquatarium: June 22, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)** – Katherine Hobbs (from Tourism Brockville) asked SOS if we could help the Aquatarium host an event to mark the 60th Anniversary of the construction of the Seaway.

SOS did not commit to anything. We discussed the possibilities to have a SOS booth at the Aquatarium for that day and inform people about our mandate. Maybe we could have some videos of the wrecks that made the seaway? Stéphan Senécal mentioned that Nathalie Lasselin made a superb DVD on the history of the J.B. King and we could ask her if she would be available for that date and if not ask the permission to display the film at the Aquatarium. Tom Scott also mentioned that Sébastien Pelletier made a great video of the J.B. King. Stéphan Senécal will follow-up with Nathalie Lasselin and Sébastien Pelletier regarding their permission to use their video for that date.

Neil O'Hare contacted Christian Rémillard who made a 3D model of lock 23 and asked him if he will be willing to present it at this event and Christian agreed.

- Katherine Hobbs also asked if we will be interested to work with her and the Aquatarium to promote them through events such as Underwater Santa, Underwater Bunny or even mermaids.

Motion to explore, with Katherine Hobbs, the option to prepare an event at the Aquatarium. Motion: Sharon VanSchyndel, 2nd John VanSchyndel

Approved

- **Aquatarium** – Leslie White (Active Director at the Aquatarium) mentioned to Tom Scott that she knows Malena Sharkey and that she will be very interested to have a mermaids' weekend after Labor Day.
- Leslie White is also very interested to have some kind of live experience underwater transmitted simultaneously at the Aquatarium. She mentioned that 90% of the gear was bought by the Aquatarium. We can try the concept (Centeen Park, Gaskin). We also been informed that an IT guy from the City could help – Advertising by SOS
- **Prescott steps:** Helen Cooper mentioned that the town will cost out an affordable option and present to council. This project will need funds. Helen Cooper reached out to John Ratcliff in order to keep him in the loop and discuss the possibility for an underwater park. They will need a platform.
- Helen Cooper received an email from the Augusta Township regarding some videos of the Rothesay.

⚓ **Next Meeting: May 14th, 2019.**

⚓ **Adjournment: 9:02 p.m. Motion: Sharon VanSchyndel**

