

SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 9th, 2019

LOCATION: Bud's On the Bay

PRESENT: Tom Scott, Steve Hatch, Paul Biezing, Sharon and John VanSchyndel, Stéphan Senécal, Gayle and Neil O'Hare, Dan Krupa, Dave Sheridan and Nathalie Landry.

REGRETS: Helen Cooper, Gaétan Grondin and Roy Letts

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

⚓ **Previous Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve minutes from June 11th, 2019:
Motion: Stéphan Senécal, 2nd John VanSchyndel **Approved**

⚓ **Financial Report Steve**

○ SOS Bank balance as of July 2, 2019	\$6,390.28
○ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund project balance	\$3,351.39
○ Adjusted SOS bank balance	\$3,038.89

Motion to pay Thousand Islands Sportswear for the order of 100 t-shirts with cheque #074 dated July 2, 2019 in the amount of \$1,356.00:
Motion: Sharon VanSchyndel, 2nd Gayle O'Hare **Approved**

Motion to pay John VanSchyndel for expenses video switch equipment for live streaming on June 15, 2019 with cheque #075 in the amount of \$87.72:
Motion: Steve Hatch, 2nd Tom Scott **Approved**

Motion to pay Stéphan Senécal for expenses regarding our BBQ of June 15, 2019 and furniture for our Dive Ambassador (Rebecca Sharp) with cheque #75 in the amount of \$287.11:
Motion: John VanSchyndel, 2nd Sharon VanSchyndel **Approved**

Motion to pay Tom Scott for expenses regarding our BBQ and video of June 15, 2019 with cheque #076 in the amount of \$70.71:
Motion: Stéphan Senécal, 2nd Dan Krupa **Approved**

Motion to pay Steve Hatch for expenses regarding the repair of the Wind Dancer Sculpture and the gift card from The Beer Store with cheque #78 in the amount of \$146.28:
Motion: John VanSchyndel, 2nd Stéphan Senécal **Approved**

Steve Hatch will charge the above expenses to the appropriate projects.

⚓ **Report from the Board - Steve Hatch**

Steve Hatch mentioned that since he is not a board member anymore, the usual update from the board will no longer be as detail as before.

- The board had his first meeting last Wednesday (July 3, 2019).
- **Website:** John Raso is still working on it.
- **Membership:** Steve Hatch mentioned that we lost a few corporate memberships since last year. Some probably due to our problem with our Website and some probably because of lack of benefits?
- **Corporate banner and feather:** Our banner has a hole in it and our feather is missing a part. We will ask corporate to forward us a new banner and Steve Hatch will try to find the part missing for the feather. We talked about maybe have 1 banner made for Thousand Islands Chapter. – **Action Item Steve Hatch**
- **NewsLetter** – Nathalie Landry will ask Jennifer Bush if she is still the one taking care of the Newsletter. Since last year, nothing more was done because of the lack of answers from other chapters. – **Action Item Nathalie Landry**
- Stéphan Senécal brought to our attention that last year Chris Phiney mentioned that he had some spool of line but nowhere to put them. Maybe ask if the spool is still available?

⚓ **Mooring Report – Stéphan Senécal**

- Stéphan Senécal forwarded all numbers to Navone but never received an answer back. He will wait and see if something will come.
- Last weekend, the Bow mooring of the Gaskin broke loose with all its chain and ropes and had to be repaired. Stéphan Senécal, Steve Hatch and Nathalie Landry, with the boat and help from Tom Scott, went today and replace it.
- 2nd line on the Lillie needs to be replaced but the current is too strong presently to do this. We will wait and see if the flow will drop.
- Tom Scott mentioned that the Stern mooring on the Muskie is working fine.
- **Fireworks mooring barge:** We have taken over this mooring. Stéphan Senécal, Steve Hatch, Nathalie Landry, Larry Burnah, Dan Humble, Luke McKenzie, with the boat and help from Vincent Dokis from Abucs Scuba, were there to put the mooring. Steve Hatch is drafting a rental agreement for the City of Brockville. We will discuss this more at next meeting.

⚓ **Token Project**

- **Dive Ambassador:** We hired a new Dive Ambassador for 2019. Her name is Rebecca Sharp and she will be at Centeen Park every Friday to Monday until the last week of August.

⚓ **sculpture Park**

- Tom Scott had a post-mortem with the Aquatarium after the live underwater show of June 15, 2019. He told us that the Aquatarium were very pleased with the work SOS has done with the underwater video. They ask if SOS Thousand Islands will want to be more involved with them at promoting the river. They were discussing maybe do underwater live show of some wrecks, maybe do some live underwater show every few Saturdays? If we want to do more, we will need a commitment from the Aquatarium to pay for some equipment and ask the City if it is possible to have a permanent Wifi connection at Centeen Park.

Motion to work with the Aquatarium in finding ways to promote the river with some underwater live show:

Motion: Sharon VanSchyndel, 2nd John VanSchyndel **Approved**

- Tom Scott is almost done working on the pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage). – Action Item Tom Scott
- Tom Scott took a few minutes to congratulate everyone who participated, from near or far, to the success of our Sculptures’ Day, Underwater Live Show, Clean-up Dive and BBQ. It was a success all the way and we deserve a good hand of applause!
- Most of the sculptures are now in place in the Sculptures’ Park except the man on a seadoo. The big hand has been moved to its place but it tilted a bit and Stéphan Senécal and Steve Hatch will try to move it and fix it.
- Steve Hatch mentioned that Built Right Utility Bodies has received their tax receipt.

⚓ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund

- Current project balance **\$3,351.39**
- New diver access point at the Reynolds Park property is on hold indefinitely because the City has environmental issues with that park (parking east of the Rowing Club) – **Action Item: Stéphan Senécal, Steve Hatch and Tom Scott**
- 2nd plaque – Steve Hatch is looking at making a stainless Steel plaque with the drawing of the pirate map of the t-shirts. Steve will keep us posted. - **Action Item: Steve Hatch**

⚓ T-shirt and sculpture parks logo

- 50 T-shirts were made and people love them. We discuss the possibility of making baseball cap, tuques and golf shirts with the embroider SOS Logo.

Motion to have some baseball cap, tuques and golf shirts made with the embroider SOS Logo:

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

- Sheila (the donor of the drawing of the pirate map) wants to have 4 t-shirts and she said that she will pay for it. It was decided to donate 2 t-shirts and have her pay \$20/each for the 2 more. - **Action Item: Steve Hatch and Stéphan Sénécal**



New Business:

- **Peel Anchor Project** – It was supposed to be revealed at the 60th anniversary of the Seaway (at the Aquatarium: June 22, 2019) but Jeff Earle forgot about it - **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.)** – Tom Scott and Rebecca Sharp (our new Dive Ambassador) were representing SOS Thousand Islands Chapter for this event.
- Leslie White from the Aquatarium and Malena Sharkey will meet and discuss some possible event.
- **Prescott steps:** They are ready but no news yet. The material for the platform is there and waiting. Tom Scott will talk to John Ratcliff of the Ottawa Chapter.
- Tom Scott came with an idea of doing an SOS off season dive trip and everybody wants to discuss that subject more and think that it is a good idea.
- We received a \$400.00 donation from Dalton Rogers (our last year Dive Ambassador) and we are going to draft a thank you letter expressing our gratitude.



Next Meeting: August 13th, 2019.



Adjournment: 9:07 p.m. Motion: Sharon VanSchyndel

