

SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 4th, 2020

LOCATION: Bud's On the Bay

PRESENT: Tom Scott, Steve Hatch, Sharon and John VanSchyndel, Stéphan Senécal, Dan Krupa, John Krupa, Bill Toole, Helen Cooper, Robert Taillon, Dave Sheridan and Nathalie Landry.

REGRETS: Paul Biezing, Neil and Gail O'Hare, Gaétan Grondin

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda for February 4th, 2020:

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

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

⚓ **Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from December 10th, 2019:

Motion: Stéphan Senécal, 2nd Steve Hatch **Approved**

⚓ **Nomination for 2020 Board Executive of 1000 Islands Chapter**

- Additional nominations will be accepted and elections will be held at the March 12th, 2020 meeting:

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

⚓ **Financial Report Steve**

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| ○ | SOS Bank balance as of December 5 st , 2019 | \$11,555.25 |
| ○ | Dave Cooper Memorial Fund project balance | \$2,837.24 |
| ○ | Adjusted SOS bank balance | \$8,718.01 |
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- a) Includes December 23, 2019 City of Brockville donation for fireworks mooring in the amount of \$850.00.
 - b) Does not include 2019 token revenue received January 14, 2020 by Boutique Aqua Service Joliette Cheque # 002883 in the amount of \$180.00.

- c) Nathalie Landry gave \$100.00 to Steve Hatch for 4 toques sold.

We need to vote a few motions regarding some expenses that we discussed and made:

- Helen Cooper, with the help of SOS 1000 Islands Chapter volunteers, made a Santa Claus parade float for the Santa Claus Parades in Brockville on November 30, 2019 and in Mallorytown December 1, 2019. The expenses were in the amount of \$303.79 and we discussed that at our meetings on October 8, 2019 and November 12, 2019.

Motion to reimburse Helen Cooper the amount of \$303.79 for the making of the float for the Santa Claus parades.

Motion: Stéphan Senécal, 2nd Sharon VanSchyndel

Approved

- Gaéтан Grondin purchase an Elf Suit in the amount of \$53.07 for his participation in the Scuba Santa in the tank event with the Aquatarium.

Motion to reimburse Gaéтан Grondin the amount of \$53.07 (cheque # 088) for the purchase of an Elf Suit for the Scuba Santa in the tank event with the Aquatarium.

Motion: Sharon VanSchyndel, 2nd Steve Hatch

Approved

- Stéphan Senécal purchase some food and refreshments in the amount of \$99.54 for our Annual January Social event.

Motion to reimburse Stéphan Senécal the amount of \$99.54 for food and refreshments for our Annual January Social.

Motion: Tom Scott, 2nd John VanSchyndel

Approved

- Dave Sheridan had a pull-up banner made for an amount of \$270.07 for SOS 1000 Islands Chapter promoting our Underwater Sculptures at Centeen Park.

Motion to pay the Brockville Copy Shop the amount of \$270.07 for the purchase of the pull-up banner to promote SOS 1000 Islands Chapter and our Underwater Sculptures at Centeen Park.

Motion: Tom Scott, 2nd Nathalie Landry

Approved

Dave Sheridan will pick up and deliver to Helen Cooper this weekend.

Helen Cooper will take the new banner to the SOS booth at the Outdoor Show in Toronto on February 21, 22 and 23.



Report from the Board

- There will not be a Board Meeting at the Outdoor Show in Toronto on February 21, 22 and 23.



Token Project

- We discussed to order 1,000 tokens this year with 2,000 maps of our Underwater Sculptures Park. We also discussed the possibility of redoing the promotional sign that dive shops used at their shops to promote SOS and our tokens program.
- Update on sales for last year: Steve Hatch is still working on numbers. - **Action item Steve Hatch**
- Split with the City: Tom Scott told us that it will probably be by the end of February or beginning of March. He will keep us posted. - **Action item Tom Scott and Steve Hatch**
- DBIA: Nothing new since our last meeting. Tom Scott will send a request for an update. We will discuss more at next meeting. - **Action item Tom Scott**
- Tom Scott mentioned that maybe we could place our order for the tokens in March so we could have them sooner, because we will probably have an early spring. Since the beginning of winter, there are divers almost every weekend using Centeen Park.



Sculpture Park

- Update on pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage) working on it in winter time. – **Action Item Tom Scott**
- Update on sculpture for 2020: We are still not sure exactly what we will do for this year. We will discuss more at next meeting.
- Sign for the City: Dave Sheridan gave us an update regarding his sign that the City of Brockville wanted to promote our Underwater Sculpture Park. The sign is beautiful and will be placed probably at the end of the parking space near the pump house in Centeen Park.
- Choose a date for our annual Sculpture Day, Clean-up Dive and BBQ: Since we are not sure about what we will do for our annual Sculpture Day, we will discuss more at our next meeting. Steve Hatch mentioned that we should keep the same date, the 3rd Saturday of June.
- Our certificate of insurance was upgraded to 5 million coverage and the City of Brockville was named as an additional insured, as asked by the City last year. Janis

Webster from the City asked that a correction be made to their name and mailing address. We will ask that the changes be made.

⚓ **Dave Cooper Memorial Fund**

- Current project balance \$2,837.24
- 2nd plaque – It was decided that the new plaque will be put only next spring. - **Action Item: Steve Hatch and Stéphan Senécal**

⚓ **SOS T-shirts and SOS Toques**

- T-shirt and toques sales for 2019: Steve Hatch is still working numbers. - **Action Item Steve Hatch**

⚓ **Updates:**

- Aquatarium: Dave Sheridan is still working on the interactive map at the Aquatarium.
- Buttons: Helen Cooper is still working on them. She mentioned that she received a few ideas and that Steve Hatch and Vince Dokis done some design that are pretty good. She will need to decide what she want on them. She was thinking of ordering 2,000 of them to start. She wants divers to be visible to the community and the businesses they frequent. - **Action Item Helen Cooper**

⚓ **New Business:**

- Tom Scott meet with Abby from the Aquatarium regarding the Peel Anchor. They will be unveiling it soon. Tom asked them to talk to Jeff Earle, as he was the one who reached SOS in the first place. Tom also mentioned that it will be a good idea to ask Jeff to contact the former owner to gather more information and maybe do a presentation and ask if he would come.
- Paul Bizing sent an email to Nathalie Landry, as he is presently in Florida for the winter, and he wanted to share his thoughts about the sinking of a military decommissioned tank/canon like item as an artificial reef. Maybe not part of our official sculpture park, but it could be as a tribute to our Brockville Rifles. They would be a great asset for such a project in terms of support, acquisition and preparing it for sinking it.
- Tom Scott talked about the possibility to have an artificial reef sunk near the fireworks mooring. This plan will be part of a partnership with the Aquatarium, the City of Brockville and SOS 1000 Islands Chapter. It could be tied in with a

science project regarding the measurement of the salinity of the water, the water temperature, visibility, etc. We could have some acoustic and could be wired to have underwater footage of it. We could look for something made of metal nice and strong around 150' long that we could put in around 40'-45' feet of water. It could also become a scientific data center. Tom also look at the Federal program that could offer some grant money to do that. If the project goes on, we could eventually shut the Robert Gaskin and focus on the artificial wreck and this could relieve enormous pressure off the Robert Gaskin. Tom will prepare a report/proposal for next meeting and we could meet with the Aquatarium to propose something to them and they can come out with their proposal.

- Sculpture park: Tom Scott was contacted by Christof Opalka who now works for the Coast Guard regarding some big spare buoy that they want to get rid of. We could have them for free. We just need to contact them by email or letter. We discussed this opportunity and were they could be dropped. Tom Scott will email them tomorrow to ask.
- Helen Cooper went to meet Merrell, a diver, that is the new owner of Duck's Dive in Picton who wants to open-up to divers again. He is presently working on the cottages. There is some work to be done before.
- We discussed the possibility to have some slates of our underwater sculptures Park be made to sell to divers.
- Helen Cooper was approached by some divers about doing something at lock 23 to accommodate divers. Tom Scott said that she could touch base with John Ratcliffe from the Ottawa Chapter who is responsible for that area.

⚓ **Next Meeting:** **Next Meeting March 10, 2020**

⚓ **Adjournment:** **8:24 p.m.** **Motion: Dan Krupa**