

SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

LOCATION: Bud's On the Bay

PRESENT: Tom Scott, Steve Hatch, John VanSchyndel, Matthew Charlesworth, Guillaume Courcy, Stéphan Sénécal, Dave Sheridan and Nathalie Landry.

REGRETS: Paul Biezing, Brian Price, Neil and Gail O'Hare and Helen Cooper

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.



Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for November 12th, 2019:

Motion: John VanSchyndel, 2nd Matthew Charlesworth **Approved**



Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from October 8th, 2019:

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



Financial Report Steve

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| ○ SOS Bank balance as of November 1 st , 2019 | \$7,460.96 |
| ○ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund project balance | \$2,837.24 |
| ○ Adjusted SOS bank balance | \$4,623.72 |



Mooring Report – Stéphan Sénécal

- **Navwarn:** Still no news yet. Stéphan Sénécal will follow-up with Raimond Krub regarding this issue.
- **Kinhorn:** Moorings have been removed and a jug has been placed at the stern.
- **Moorings:** All the other moorings will be removed as soon as Helen Cooper returned from Florida the week of November 18.
- Stéphan Sénécal will make a list of hardware to buy for next year.
- **Lillie Parsons:** The 1st and 2nd line need to be replaced. Need to remove fishing hooks from the line.
- **Fireworks mooring barge:** no news yet from the City for our invoice to be paid. Steve Hatch will follow-up with the City. – **Action Item: Steve Hatch.**



Token Project

- **Tokens:** 50% of revenue collected yet. Steve Hatch will send another reminder.
- We need to think about a color for next year.



Sculpture Park

- Tom Scott is still working on the pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage). – **Action Item Tom Scott**
- We need to talk about what we want to do with sculptures for next year.
- **Nomination of SOS – Thousand Islands Chapter for the 60th Awards of Excellence Gala:** SOS – Thousand Islands Chapter did not win this Awards, but it was a good evening representing our Chapter and the promoting video done by Tom Scott for our Chapter did look very good and people were talking about it.
- Tom Scott discussed the numbers to be put in the report for the City. Rebecca Sharp, our Dive Ambassador for the 2019 summer, logged 1,290 divers and 596 of them filled a survey:
 - 62.6% came from over 100km away;
 - 30.6% came from between 20km & 100km;
 - 6.8% came from less than 20km or locally;
 - 48% came from Ontario;
 - 42% came from Quebec;
 - 6% came from the US;
 - 4% came from somewhere else either in Canada or Europe;
 - 64.5% stayed a minimum of 1 night;
 - 81% stayed 1 to 2 nights;
 - 14.5% stayed 3-5 nights;
 - 4.5% stayed more than 5 nights;
 - 62.5% stayed in a hotel/motel;
 - 33.3% camped;
 - 4.2% stayed in a B&B;
 - 94.7% had a minimum of one meal at a local restaurant;
 - 52% visited a local grocery store;
 - 27% visited a local coffee shop.
- It was discussed to maybe ask Charter boats to do surveys for SOS (i.e. # of divers, # of meal, # of stay)?
- We need to ask the City for a meeting regarding our report. Maybe in February?
- Make 2 platforms to put at Reynold's yard next year.
- We survey the new trampoline and there is a bit of fluffed rust at the anchorage point where the material is connected to the frame but no major issue.



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 Sénécal**



T-shirt and sculpture parks logo

- **Update on T-shirts and other items:** Helen Cooper sold a bunch of them. We still need to do an inventory for Steve Hatch to compiled numbers.



Updates:

- **POW invoice paid?** Matthew Charlesworth said that one person is holding back from POW and he said that this invoice will be paid. – **Action Item: Tom Scott**
- **Quote on external harddrive:** waiting for Black Friday to buy. – **Action Item: John VanSchyndel**

Motion to approve the purchase of an external harddrive to put all of our pictures and videos at the same place:

Motion: Steve Hatch, 2nd Guillaume Courcy **Approved**

- **Rockport access:** Maybe post on Facebook some information? Guillaume Courcy and Stéphan Senécal will discussed more – **Action Item: Stéphan Senécal**

- **Aquatarium:**

- **Scuba instructions:** the tank is opened for rental. Look for on internet on the Aquatarium Site; \$250.00/hr;
- **Santa for the Holidays:** (3 Saturdays during December) – Tom Scott and Dan Humble will do it. Tom Scott will send an email to Thomas Harder to talk about this;
- The Aquatarium is still looking for more divers for their team. If anybody is interested contact the Aquatarium; we discussed that they don't make it easy for people to volunteer.
- **Video covering Centeen sculptures' park:** we are still trying to work things out but we the visibility being so poor and the temperature that drop don't make it easy. We are still hoping that this could make this year.
- Tom Scott spoke to some members of the Aquatarium Board of Directors. They would like to be able to create a closer connection with the river in the future. They asked if SOS Thousand Islands will help them, be part of it. It was discussed to maybe do different shows that they could screen there? They talked about maybe putting an artificial reef out of Reynold's yard but we need to put the City on this. If this happened, it could relieve pressure out of the Gaskin and Lillie.

Motion to approve our participation with the Aquatarium in developing new ideas to promote the river in the near future:

Motion: Matthew Charlesworth, 2nd Dave Sheridan **Approved**

- **Buttons:** We will discuss this subject more at the next meeting.

- **Sign for Centeen Park:** Chad Davies, from the City, wants to have some ideas. We discussed and unanimously decided that Dave Sheridan would be the best person to represents us on that subject. – **Action Item: Dave Sheridan**
- **Brockville Christmas Parade November 30, 2019 – Action Item: Helen Cooper –** Nathalie Landry and Tom Scott will be representing SOS.



New Business:

- Dave Sheridan talked about the possibility of putting some wreck footages on the interactive map displayed at the Aquatarium. He will discuss this subject with the Aquatarium and follow-up with us. He asked if some members have footages that we could use? – **Action Item: Dave Sheridan**



Next Meeting: December 10th, 2019.



Adjournment: 9:00 p.m. Motion: Stéphan Senécal

