

Attendees (10): John Ratcliffe (Chair), Dennis Cartwright (Treasurer), Brennan Massey (Secretary), Chris Holloway, Nancy Binnie, Dustin Proper, Rick Cairns, Bev Sawchuck, Leonard Baak, Barry Edgington.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:05. This meeting was held in our normal spot in the basement of the Clocktower Brew Pub (Glebe location), and was our first in-person meeting since November 2019.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 14 September 2021

A motion to approve the previous minutes was raised by Leonard and seconded by Dennis – motion carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report (Dennis Cartwright)

Dennis gave a brief summary of our finances – no new transactions since our last meeting in September. Our major expenditure this year was the \$987.41 we provided Neil O'Hare to construct two training platforms in Prescott. Our current bank balance is \$6,256.64.



Save Ontario Shipwrecks - Ottawa - BMO Account Summary

Date	Code	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance	Notes
2021 01 01		Balance from previous year			\$ 6,743.14	
2021 04 15	CK #56	Prescott Platforms	\$ 987.41		\$ 5,755.73	
2021 06 21	IB	United Way Donation		\$ 100.00	\$ 5,855.73	BMO ATM 1450 Mervale
2021 06 21	IB	SOS Membership Dividend 2018 - 2020		\$ 287.00	\$ 6,142.73	BMO ATM 1450 Mervale
2021 09 13	MB BR. 0081	Donation Box		\$ 113.91	\$ 6,256.64	Sharkey's, Diver's Warehouse, KDS, Deco Stop

SOS Ottawa current finances.

4. Buoy updates

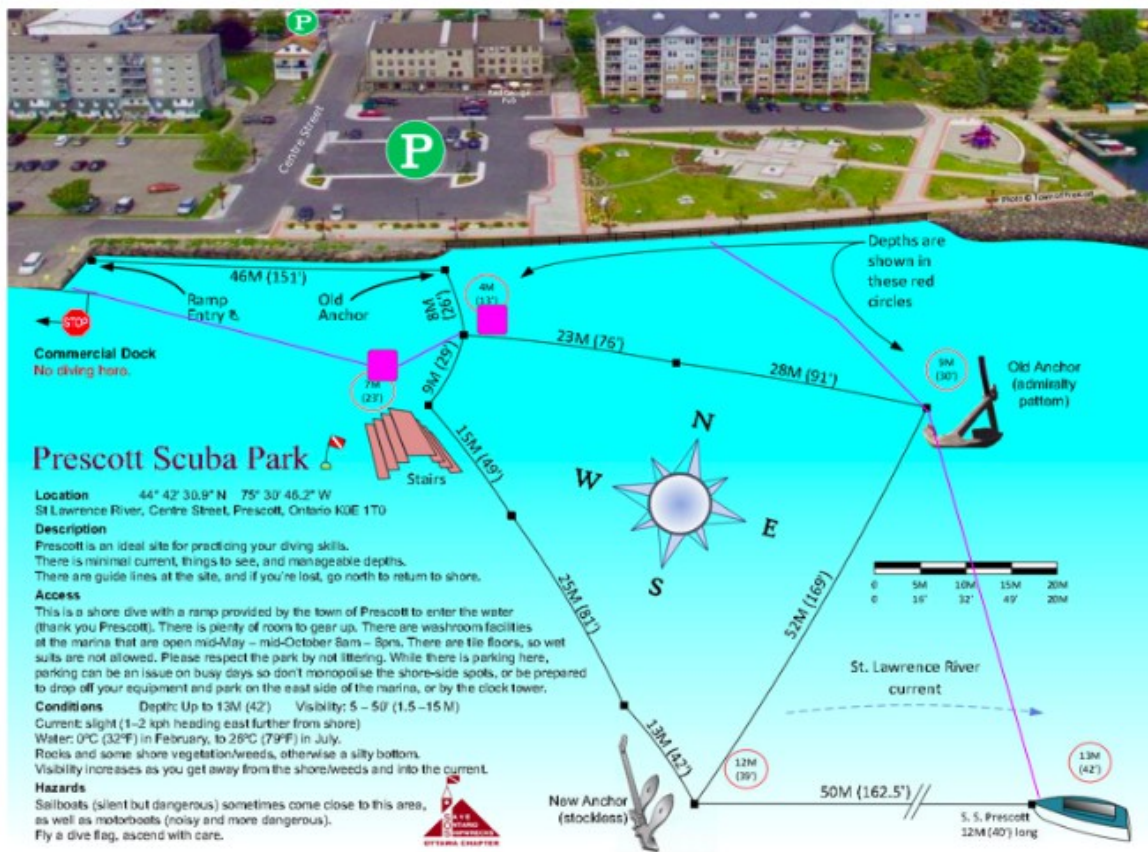
John reports that all of our mooring buoys have now been removed for the season. These were the *Fred Mercur*, Milles Roches Power House, *Eastcliffe Hall*, and *Rothesay*. Dominique Gingras from EPSO and Stefan Senecal from the 1000 Islands Chapter recovered the *Rothesay* mooring. John Mondoux and members of the Seaway Valley dive club in Cornwall recovered the others and cleaned and stored them for the winter. John R. delivered two small conical buoys to John M. in Cornwall last month, as he wants to moor Lock 20 and the Belly Dumper next year. Murray Hollis is storing our remaining buoys at his property in Stittsville - three large spar buoys, and one small conical buoy.

Our chapter doesn't currently have a Buoy Coordinator and this couldn't have been done without their help – a big thank you to everyone involved.

Site	Type	Deployed	Removed	By
Fred Mercur	Conical	04-26	09-13	John Mondoux
Milles Roches	Conical	06-12	10-09	John Mondoux
Eastcliffe	Spar	07-02	10-03	Ron MacD.
Rothesay	Spar	05-21	11-20	Dom Gingras

SOS Ottawa Buoys, 2021 season.

5. Prescott Scuba Park



Prescott Scuba Park Map (Draft), by Chris Holloway

The Prescott Scuba Park map has been updated to reflect the training platforms installed July 17, 2021. The local dive community has been utilizing these platforms and no major issues with construction or placement have been raised. Chris, who has been developing the map, stated that there are still minor issues with the map but it is almost complete. He took some extra measurements but lost his data. Dennis suggested we could add compass bearings.

It was mentioned again that the entrance and exit is still a known issue with the park. The current ramp to enter the water ends very shallow in the water and has no ladder. This makes it difficult to exit, leaving some to climb up the breakwater rocks or utilize a ladder on the pier. John mentioned these issues to Neil O'Hare, who says he has been in talks with Prescott city staff and is currently working on a plan to resolve this issue.

John reminded everyone to try and avoid parking along the first row of parking near the flower beds, as it's also a popular spot for local community to members to spend time and watch the ships. Let's respect these guidelines and continue to build good relationships with people in Prescott.

Barry said we should try and get the 1000 Islands Chapter to flip the set of stairs in the Scuba Park right side up. He also pointed out that the two exit lines from the "Old Anchor" to shore are more perpendicular, rather than the angle shown on the map.

6. Chapter Elections

Chair

Current: John Ratcliffe

Nominations: NONE
All in favor for John remaining the Chair, John accepts.

Treasurer

Current: VACANT (Debbie Reinhart stepped down; Dennis Cartwright acting)

Nominations: Dennis nominated by John, Seconded by Chris.
All in favor, Dennis accepts.

Secretary

Current: VACANT (Jeff Porter stepped down; Brennan Massey acting)

Nominations: Brennan nominated by Dennis, Seconded by Barry.
All in favor, Brennan accepts.

Buoy Coordinator

Current: VACANT

Nominations: NONE, position left unfilled (John acting)

7. Beyond the Edge (Barry Edgington)

Barry kindly agreed to resume his popular “Beyond the Edge” portion of our meetings, where he brings in a selection of his enormous collection of vintage dive gear. Tonight's selection was a complete kit from Nimrod, with double hose regulator and steel 72 in a unique backpack featuring an integrated tank boot design.

8. New Business / Next Meeting Date

Dustin Proper of Proper Diving asked why the Red Pine Bay wreck near Arnprior no longer has a buoy. Chris said there was little interest in the wreck due to the extremely low vis; John and Barry agree. Chris says that the block is still there, but the line from shore has broken. Dustin and Brennan are willing to help fix the lines, and Chris offered to work with them to buoy the site next season. John said there is an extra buoy that could be used for this wreck. Nancy says she might have a copy of Brian Prince's old survey report.

Barry says we should support the 1000 Islands Chapter's artificial reef project – members agree.

Dennis asks about process for disbursing funds – John says expenditures have to be approved by chapter members through a vote.

Next meeting to be held in late March. Motion to adjourn at 19:55 by John and seconded by Brennan.

Book Table

The following books were given away:

- *The Story of the Mary Rose* (1982), by Ernle Bradford
- *Ghost Ships* (1983), by Emily McCain (2 copies)
- *Breathing Underwater: the Quest to Live in the Sea* (2004), by Dr. Joe MacInnis
- *Treasures of the Baltic Sea* (2003), eds. Ulrika Djerw and Johan Rönby
- *The History of American Sailing Ships* (Reprint, Orig. Pub. 1935), by Howard I. Chappelle
- *Nautical Archaeology: A Handbook* (1971), by Bill St. John Wilkes
- *Waterlogged Wood: Study and Conservation* (1984)
- *PADI Advanced Diver Manual* (1984)