



SOS 1000 Islands Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 10th, 2021

LOCATION: Barley Mow

PRESENT: Ian Robinson, Dan Krupa, Stéphan Senécal, Stephen Hatch, Charles DuPont, Dave Clee, Dominique Gingras, Neil and Gail O'Hare, Gaétan Grondin and Helen Cooper

REGRETS: None

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Motion to accept the agenda for August 10th, 2021:

Motion: Gaétan Grondin, 2nd Stéphan Senécal **Approved**

Motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021:

Motion: Neil O'Hare, 2nd Gail O'Hare **Approved**

Financial Report Steve Hatch

- SOS Bank Balance as of August 5, 2021 \$9,634.61

The current SOS Bank Balance includes the August 5th deposits of Dive Ambassador's sales and 200 DBAC Token Sales. Also a donation of \$1,311.86 from EPSO from July NAS Course profits.

- Centeen Park Slates \$245.00
- Centeen Park Dive Tokens \$378.00
- Donations \$102.00
- 200 DBAC Token Sales \$1,800.00
- Poster for Step Opening – Steve Cheque 228 -\$22.55
- Misc Project Expenses, Refreshments - Steff Cheque 227 -\$220.83

Motion to approve the Financial Report:

Motion: Gaétan Grondin, 2nd Dominique Gingras **Approved**

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- **Report from the Board** **No Report**

- **SOS Website Issues** - Report Steve Hatch
 - Steve has spent about 4 hours working with John Raso to implement the new premium Membership Module. Still more work to do.

- **Mooring Stickers** - Report Stéphan Senécal
 - Raimund is taking the new design to the board for approval **on August 11, 2021**

- **Mooring Report** – Stéphan Senécal
 - Stephen reported that the mooring buoy on the Lyman Davis has gone missing and the block has been dragged some distance from the wreck.
 - Stéphan reported that there are guide line repairs required at the Daryaw and Lillie long drift.
 - Stéphan also reported on the near loss of the Brockville Fireworks Barge Mooring Buoy due to a failure of the attachment points at the concrete barrels caused by the mixing of S/S cables and carbon steel rebar. Luckily the drifting mooring did not cause any damage to the Robert Gaskin, but highlights the need for mooring inspections. Thanks to a huge effort by a small group, the mooring and S/S cables were towed back upstream to the original barrel location and attached the old barrels with some new 60 foot lines. This is a temporary fix and we need to come up with a better long term solution for this mooring. We do have the ability to bill the city for any materials required to maintain this mooring.
 - Stéphan is doing another underwater task force training session this Thursday and another one is planned for September.

- **Token Project**
 - Update **Action item Steve Hatch**
 - **50 Tokens relocated from Dive Tech to Helen at DBAC**

- **Sculpture Park**
 - We still have three sculptures in Steve's garage to be installed at Centeen this year.



- We may use the lion sculpture for a memorial to Bob Ligthart.

- **Dave Cooper Memorial Fund**

The New Step Project is now complete and there are no funds remaining in the Dave Cooper Memorial Fund. The new river access is receiving lots of use and great reviews! We do have some ideas for improvements and upgrades at this site, but are waiting to resolve the parking concerns before investing more at this location. The official opening ceremony was held on July 22nd at 9am.

- **Updates**

- Update on pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage) – **Action Item Nathalie Landry**
- Dive Ambassador - **Action Item Tom Scott, Stéphan Senécal and Nathalie Landry**
- Aquatarium:
 - Artificial reef (report/proposal to meet with AQ) – **Action Item Tom Scott**
- Spare buoys from the Coast Guard – **Action Item Tom Scott, Steve Hatch and Stéphan Senécal**
- Update on the 2 wood and plastic pallet platforms sunk in the water park in Prescott – **Action Item Neil O’Hare**

- **Artificial Reef Project: Report** – Steve Hatch

- Today Jean-Sébastien Neveu had his second phone conversation with Rayna Beaupré Executive Vice-President at Groupe Maritime Verreault Inc. , the current owners of the former Coast Guard vessel Montmagny. Talks are progressing well and we have just received some drawing they have of the ship. Jay Straith President of the Canadian Artificial Reef Consulting is C.c in the conversations and is forwarding details to his sinking expert Wes for his input.
- Steve is working on a presentation of the project to the city of Brockville
- Steve is working on a presentation of the project to the Prescott Coast Guard
- Steve has made initial contact with Trevor at View Into The Blue about potential instrumentation on the Artificial Reef.
- Helen mentioned a possible Tourism Grant and will forward info to Steve.



- **New Business?**
 - Jen Carter from the Aquatarium sent an email to Stéphan Senécal asking if we would be willing to facilitate a short demonstration with their last two weeks of summer camps. River Explorer runs Aug 16 to 20 and Shipwrecked runs Aug 23 – 27. She said that it would be great to have a 30-minute interaction to talk about SOS and diving. Show off some dive gear and get to watch a diver enter the water. Each week they have two groups with a time slot of 30-45 minutes.
Stephan needs SOS Promotional material from SOS
We are looking for any paper Diver Guides or the PDF for all of the Thousand Islands Wrecks!
Pentland / FA Georger
Ash Island Barge
Henry C. Daryaw
JB King
Kinghorn
Lillie Parsons
Muscallonge
Robert Gaskin
All of this material was once available free to the Chapters through Ships Stores -
Steve will follow up.
 - Further discussions with the Aquatarium included the possibility of SOS Volunteers diving in the tank at the Aquatarium once per day for 14 weeks everyday next summer. Most of the members present felt that this was too large a commitment for members to take on. Dave Clee did volunteer to do it 3 to 4 times.
 - The Aquatarium is hoping that SOS will be able to offer Scuba Santa again in Dec.
 - Dominique Gingras wants to purchase a full set of slates - **Steve will follow up.**
 - Ian Robinson is co-ordinating a memorial service at Centeen Park for SOS 1000 Islands Chapter founder Robert (Bob) Lighthart. It will take place on September 15, 2021 between 1pm and 2pm. More details to follow.
- **Next Meeting September 14, 2021 via Zoom meeting or in person if permitted**
- **Adjournment 8:30pm**