

SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 13th, 2021

LOCATION: Zoom meeting

PRESENT: Sharon and John Van Schyndel, Neil and Gail O’Hare, Dan Krupa, Stéphan Senécal, Bill Toole, Stephen Hatch, Helen Cooper, Dominique Gingras, Tom Scott and Nathalie Landry.

REGRETS: Matthew Charlesworth

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda for July 13th, 2021:

Motion: John Van Schyndel, 2nd Neil O’Hare **Approved**

Motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021:

Motion: Bill Toole, 2nd Stephen Hatch **Approved**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

⚓ Financial Report Steve

There was an error in my spreadsheet where I did not revise the 2019 to the 2020 starting balance when I copied the spreadsheet. The SOS Bank Balance in my previous 2020 financial reports would have low by \$1,010.47. This error did not affect The Dave Cooper Memorial Fund.

○ SOS Bank Balance as of July 7, 2021	\$5,640.60
○ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund project balance	\$0.00
○ Adjusted SOS Bank Balance as of July 7th, 2021	\$5,640.60

The current SOS Bank Balance includes the July 6th deposits of Dive Ambassador’s sales:

○ Centeen Park Slates	\$405.00
○ Centeen Park Dive Tokens	\$410.00
○ Donations	\$5.00



Report from the Board – Matthew Charlesworth

- **Update on Communicable Disease Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement for SOS:** An online version via Google of the form will be available on our Website which all chapters must use and which must be signed by all participants before any event. If you need more information, please talk to Steven Hatch.
- **SOS Website issues:** Stephen Hatch and John Raso are working on memberships.
- **NAS:** A NAS course is scheduled for July 16, 17 and 18 and was already booked to maximum capacity with EPSO in Gatineau.
- **Mooring stickers:** Raimund Krob is working to perfect them.
- **AGM:** The 2022 AGM is scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2022 at the International Centre in Toronto. It is scheduled the same weekend as the Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show.



Mooring Report – Stéphan Senécal

- The buoys were put on the Kinghorn (2) and Ash Island Barge (1) last week from Helen Cooper's boat.
- The Underwater Task force is ready to service the buoys.
- Stéphan Senécal and Stephen Hatch will put the buoys next week on the Muskie (1), the other line has dropped, the Gaskin (2), Centeen Park (1), Firework barge (1) and Lillie (1) with the help of Helen Cooper's boat. We will do the Daryaw when somebody is going there.



Token Project

- It was discussed if we should order more tokens or if we should ask vendors if they have some left. Stephen Hatch will send an email to vendors asking the status of their sales to see if it is possible to recuperate some. We also decided to have a motion in case we would like to put an order for some.

Motion to approve the order and payment of 250 more tokens:

Motion: Sharon Van Schyndel, 2nd Tom Scott

Approved



Sculpture Park

- **Pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage):** Nathalie Landry will send an email to Durrell Martin offering her help to update these. - **Action Item: Nathalie Landry.**
- **Sculpture for 2021:** Nothing new, waiting to put the sculptures in. We discussed if it was possible for Dominique Gingras to come to Stephen Hatch's house with his truck to pick up the lion and use his boat with the crane to put the lion down in the water. Dominique Gingras told us that it would be feasible. - **Action Item: Dominique Gingras and Stephen Hatch**
- **Sculptures' Park Slates:** We have them and they sell very well.



Dave Cooper Memorial Fund

○ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund 2021 project balance	\$2,837.24
○ Copy Shop Drawings, cheque # 217	\$9.04
○ Thousand Islands Concrete, cheque # 219	\$1,084.80
○ Steve Hatch Re: Reynolds Material & Rentals, cheque # 223	\$359.01
○ Stéphan Senécal Re: Reynolds Material Expenses, cheque # 221	\$946.83
○ City of Brockville Invoice # 14133 Re: Tactile Plates, cheque # 220	\$298.29
○ Steve Hatch Re: Reynolds Material, cheque # 225	\$168.94
○ TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$2,866.91
○ Over Budget	\$29.67

The Project is now complete and 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 Engineering required by the city for this project was done by Eastern Engineering and was donated by the City of Brockville.

We received good response to requests for assistance and we have 434 volunteer hours invested in this project. We also had good community support with donations of material including:

The sign is ordered and the Grand Opening will be on July 22, 2021 where SOS – Thousand Islands Chapter will donate the new stairs to the City of Brockville.

- Helen Cooper - Misc. Lumber for forms \$500.00
- SOS Members - Chain Link Fence, Misc. Wood, Fasteners Etc. \$250.00
- Thousand Islands Concrete - 2.5 Cubic Yards of Concrete \$500.00
- City of Brockville - Woven Geotextile Cloth \$40.00
- City of Brockville - 5 Yards Granular A and Backhoe \$300.00

The metal steps and railings were entirely funded by donations from Dive Shops and individual divers through a GoFundMe Campaign set up by Dominique Gingras. The entire amount required was donated in one hour. Thank You to EPSO, Dive Tech and all the individuals that donated.



Updates:

- **Aquatarium:**
 - Artificial reef: Stephen Hatch will put a report in place to present to the City of Brockville. Jean-Sébastien Neveu will take the lead regarding communication with Verreault Navigation for now on this project and he will report to Stephen Hatch. – **Action Item: Jean-Sébastien Neveu, Tom Scott, Stephen Hatch, Helen Cooper and Stéphan Sénécal**
- **Spare buoys from the Coast Guard:** We are waiting a call from them to schedule a date for a drop off of some of the buoys.
- **Platforms in Prescott:** Neil O’Hare, Stéphan Sénécal and some other divers will help building the 2 new platforms this Friday and Saturday a crane will launch them in the river. Location was already looked upon and an updated version of the map of the Prescott Park was drawn. – **Action Item: Neil O’Hare**



New Business:

- Reynold Yard: Ask the City of Brockville if they have some picnic table left and if it is possible to put a memorial bench there?



Next Meeting: August 10, 2021 via Zoom or in person if permitted.



Adjournment: 8:30 p.m. Motion: Bill Toole