

SOS 1000 ISLANDS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 11th, 2020

LOCATION: 1000 Islands Brewing Co., Brockville

PRESENT: Tom Scott, Steve Hatch, Sharon and John Van Schyndel, Stéphan Senécal, Dominique Gingras, Dave Sheridan and Nathalie Landry.

REGRETS: Guillaume Courcy, Matthew Charlesworth, Gaétan Grondin, Neil and Gayle O'Hare, Paul Biezing

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda for August 11th, 2020:

Motion: Sharon Van Schyndel, 2nd Stéphan Senécal **Approved**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

⚓ Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from July 14th, 2020 with amendment (put emphasis on Stéphan Senécal work on Covid-19 Protocol):

Motion: Steve Hatch, 2nd John Van Schyndel **Approved**

⚓ Financial Report Steve

○ SOS Bank balance as of July 2 nd , 2020	\$6,133.20
○ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund project balance	\$2,837.24
○ Adjusted SOS bank balance	\$3,295.96

Helen Cooper already sold for \$1,800.00 of tokens!

⚓ Report from the Board

- Save Ontario Shipwrecks received our Provincial Grant.

⚓ Mooring Report – Stéphan Senécal and Tom Scott (Fireworks Barge mooring)

- 8 moorings were place in one day with Dominique Gingras's boat : 2 moorings on the Muskallonge wreck (bow and stern), 2 moorings on the Robert Gaskin wreck (bow and stern), 1 mooring in Centeen Memorial Dive Park, 1 mooring on the Lillie Parson's wreck (cement block upstream from the wreck) and 2 moorings on the Daryaw wreck (North rock basket and South cement block).

- Helen Cooper, with her boat, put the 2 moorings on the Kinghorn wreck (bow and stern) and 1 mooring on the site of the Firework's bargew (Brockville).
- Stéphan Senécal went diving to check the Fireworks mooring and all the cables.
- Matthew Charlesworth sent an email confirming the Preserve Our Wrecks (POW) gave us entire property of the Ash Island Barge site.

Motion to take over the Ash Island Barge site:

Motion: Helen Cooper, 2nd John Van Schyndel

Approved

⚓ Token Project

- DBIA Tom Scott ask for an update from DBIA. We are waiting for a list from them. As of this date, Spitfire Café, located at 10 Victoria Ave, Brockville, ON K6V 2A9, is doing a discount of 15%. Tom Scott mentioned that he is still working with them for new businesses on board with our rebate project. - **Action Item Tom Scott**
- Helen Cooper mentioned that she had sold 130 tokens so far.

⚓ Sculpture Park

- Update on pamphlet about Save Ontario Shipwrecks protocols (Marine Heritage) still working on it. – **Action Item Tom Scott**
- **Maps of Centeen Park:** Steve will work on updating the maps and will make an order. Steve will transfer the file to Dominique Gingras for him to work on it. – **Action Item: Steve Hatch and Dominique Gingras**
- It was discussed to formally ask the City for law enforcement regarding parking for 2-4 hr. We will put it on our Facebook page.
- It was discussed that SOS – Thousand Islands Chapter could fund the restructuration, add another set of steps and fix the cement in the Reynold's Yard parking lot.
- Dave Sheridan asked Steve Hatch to amend his post from the SOS Facebook page regarding the criticism of some of the locals towards divers. After some discussion, we decided that this was not the right thing to do.

Motion to amend Steve Hatch's post from the SOS Facebook page:

Motion: Dave Sheridan,

Declined

- Stéphan Senécal mentioned that it will be a good idea to talk to the Brockville's journal about Centeen Memorial Dive Park and the parking issues.

⚓ Dave Cooper Memorial Fund

- Current project balance \$2,837.24

- 2nd plaque – Stéphan Senécal had place it on the 2nd stone and everybody are speaking about it. - **Action Item: Steve Hatch and Stéphan Senécal**



SOS T-shirts and SOS Toques

- It was discussed not to proceed with the purchase of more t-shirts and toques since the season was delayed and that we do not have a dive ambassador this year to promote them. If somebody wants one, Helen Cooper has some to sell.



Updates:

- **Application for 2 new SPAR buoys:** Stéphan Senécal had applied for 2 fat SPAR buoys. Raimund Krob ask if we can keep the old ones in case some chapters would need it. He also applied for another spool of rope. - **Action Item: Stéphan Senécal**
- **Task force for helping with moorings:** Stéphan Senécal, in cooperation with EPSO in Gatineau, decided to offer training that would allow divers in the area to participate in future installations/de-installations/repairs of the moorings. Stéphan Senécal will guide the divers through the process required to safely install the buoys, lifting the cables as well as the fastening techniques. Topics covered will be:
 - SOS Mooring Handbook;
 - Rope splicing (3 strands);
 - Underwater hardware;
 - Underwater tools;
 - Safe work protocols
- **Aquatarium:**
 - **Interactive map** –Dave Sheridan said that no progress was made on video for the Aquatarium.
 - **Artificial reef (report/proposal to meet with AQ):** Tom Scott is still talking with the Aquatarium – **Action Item Tom Scott**
- **Donation of old steel buoys from the Coast Guard (letter or email to be sent to them):** The Coast Guard responded and they are willing to paint, cut hole and relocate them depending on when and the urgency of it, they could do it. They ask how many we will need and what shape. They have multiple shapes. We discussed that maybe we should go there and see for ourselves and think about what we want to do with them. We mentioned that we could use 2 for the Muskallonge shipwreck, 2 for the firework barge site and 1 for the Robert Gaskin shipwreck. – **Action Item Tom Scott**

- **Christian Rémillard 3D model of the Robert Gaskin:** 1st draft of report was sent to Steve Hatch and Tom Scott amended it from Steve's comments. Tom Scott said that he will not be available to do the chartering for it since he is busy with personal stuff but at the same time, Stéphan Senécal received an email from Christian Rémillard saying that he has some health issue that prevent him from doing the underwater part but will be able to edit the videos and ask if maybe Stéphan Senécal and Dominique Gingras could do the videoing. He is willing to teach them how to and lend them his video lights and camera to do it. –**Project Manager: Stéphan Senécal.**
- **Slates of our underwater sculptures Park:** Tom Scott sent an email to Brian Prince asking if he remember who did the underwater slates for SOS. Brian mentioned that it was Albion screen printing in Gatineau and that the contact was Michel Valiquette. Tom Scott forwarded that email to Matthew Charlesworth.
- **Old shackles:** Stéphan Senécal brought the old shackles to show their deterioration.



New Business:

- Stéphan Senécal mentioned that he saw a tug boat name the "Peninsula" in Marathon, Ontario and that he sent pictures to Tom Scott and Steve Hatch mentioning that this could be a great artificial wreck for our project with the Aquatarium. The tug boat is beached on the shore and it is there for the past 2 years since the City of Marathon could not move it further. We discussed the possibility of sending an email to the person responsible in Marathon asking if we could have it. Maybe ask Katrine Hobbs to tie it with the city and government. Sharon Van Schyndel said that she will take care of this and update us. – **Action Item Sharon Van Schyndel**
- Tom Scott mentioned that he received an email from the City of Brockville asking if SOS – Thousand Islands Chapter could help them in doing some video footage of the south and east sea wall at Centeen Park where it meets the river. No rush, when we can. Tom Scott said that he will bring this project to the meeting and Stéphan Senécal said that this could easily be done. – **Action Item Stéphan Senécal**



Next Meeting: September 8, 2020



Adjournment: 20:50 p.m. Motion: Stéphan Senécal