

Attendees (7): John Ratcliffe (Chair), Dennis Cartwright (Treasurer), Chris Holloway, Nancy Binnie, Bev Sawchuck, Luc Lafontaine, Barry Edgington.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:03. This was an in-person meeting held in our normal spot in the basement of the Clocktower Brew Pub (Glebe location).

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 6 April 2022

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

3. News and Recent Events

John gave a quick recap of news and recent events:

- The Scuba Finatics shop in Greely held a Garage Sale and Social on June 4, where they were encouraging vendors and attendees to donate to SOS.
- The Seaway Valley Divers club is holding their annual Pig Roast event at Guindon Park on July 16. This is a fun event where you can do two dives on the Milles Roches Power House for \$40.00. The Seaway Club has been very helpful in getting our mooring buoys out there.
- There is a dive clean up event in Kingston on June 18-19. More information can be found by consulting Neptune & Salacia Diving or the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes.
- John reported that he had submitted our annual chapter workbook to SOS Corporate last month; this is a spreadsheet we are required to submit each year which records our finances, assets, and summarizes our activity during the previous year.
- Luc asks if there is any news on the SOS (Provincial) AGM – John to follow up with SOS President Durrell Martin.
- Nancy asks about her membership status – difficult to tell what her current status is from the SOS website. Luc has similar issues. John to follow up with provincial membership coordinator (Steve Hatch). Attendees asked how many current members our chapter has – John guesses about 40 or so. As chair, his access to the SOS website allows him to see how many members we have, and their membership status (current or expired). He currently checks this about once a year to update our chapter mailing list. Dennis says he is willing to try and clean up and monitor our membership list, if he can get access.



3. Treasurer's Report (Dennis Cartwright)

Dennis gave a brief update on our finances. Since our last meeting in April we have received \$115.00 in membership dividends from SOS Corporate. This is a yearly amount we receive, based on the number of members in our chapter.

Barry delivered \$55.40 he recently collected from the donation box at the Scuba Finatics shop.

John R. says that John Mondoux, who deploys many of our mooring buoys in the Cornwall area, has asked for \$40.00 to help cover his gas and boat launch fees. Motion to approve \$40.00 reimbursement raised by Nancy and seconded by Luc – motion carried. John R. to mail cheque provided by Dennis.

With this recent activity, our current bank balance is \$6,387.04.

At our last meeting Dennis had asked if we had any other options in terms of accounts, to try and earn at least some interest. John emailed the SOS President and SOS Treasurer, but did not receive a response. Luc and Nancy say that as a non-profit group we are limited to the community account we currently use.

At our last meeting Luc raised the issue of Clocktower receipts. In past years meeting attendees would retain their food and beverage receipts which we would collect and submit to the Clocktower manager, who would then provide a percentage to our group in return. John has raised this with manager Bill Lewin, but has yet to receive a response – will follow up again.

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
2022 05 02		SOS Chapter Dividend Payment for 2021		\$ 115.00	\$ 6,371.64	BMO deposit Ogilvy & Mtl Rd.
2022 06 08	CK #57	John Mondoux - mooring support	\$ 40.00		\$ 6,331.64	Mooring support - gas and launch fees

SOS Ottawa – financial summary.

4. Donation Boxes

Barry reports that Dustin Proper from Proper Diving in Almonte has picked up a donation box.

Barry would like to recognize Tim Vezina and the Scuba Finatics shop for their support for SOS. Their recent contribution of \$55.40 has set a record for the largest amount he's ever collected from a single donation box. Thank you Scuba Finatics!

Dominique Gingras from the EPSO shop in Gatineau has expressed interest in getting a donation box. Barry has an extra one for them, but Nancy pointed out that we may receive complaints or run into issues with the provincial language laws, as all of our material is currently in English. Members present agree that we should try and get our Diver's Guides and other materials translated into French – John to follow up with SOS Corporate.

5. Buoy Updates

John reports that most of our planned moorings for this year have been deployed by our partners. A big thank you to Dominique Gingras from the EPSO store (Rothsay), John Mondoux in Cornwall (Fred Mercur), and the Seaway Valley Divers club (Milles Roches Power House and Eastcliffe Hall), as well as Chris Holloway for splicing mooring lines.

The Seaway Club has deployed two conical mooring buoys on the Power House – Luc says he thought there was supposed to be a spar buoy on this site.

The buoy for the Belly Dumper hasn't been deployed yet. John R. received about 100 feet of heavy duty mooring line from SOS Corporate and delivered it to John M. in Cornwall for potential use on the site, but John M. has since indicated that he likely won't be able to continue helping us with our mooring buoys.

John R. continues to act as our chapter's buoy coordinator, and updates the SOS website and emails the Coast Guard when buoys are deployed, so that they can issue navigational warnings (NAVWARNS).

Site	Type	Date Deployed	Deployed By
Rothesay	Spar	April 9	D. Gingras
Fred Mercur	Conical	May 11	J. Mondoux
Power House	Conical (2x)	May 21	Seaway Valley
Eastcliffe Hall	Spar	June 5	Seaway Valley

SOS Ottawa – sites buoyed in 2022.



Dominique Gingras and friends deploying a mooring buoy on the "Rothesay" site.



Ron MacDonald (R) and members of Seaway Valley Divers deployed mooring buoys on the Milles Roches Power House.

6. Prescott Scuba Park

John reports that the Town of Prescott has recently installed a swim ladder at the end of the access ramp for the Prescott Scuba Park, which will make it much easier to get out of the water. Neil O'Hare from the 1000 Islands Chapter worked with the town to get this installed – thank you Neil. John has sent a letter of thanks on SOS letterhead to Nathan Richard, Interim Director of Operations and the Town of Prescott to thank them for their efforts to support diving in the region.



New swim ladder installed on the ramp at the Prescott Scuba Park.

Chris Holloway presented his updated map of the Prescott Scuba Park. Members agreed that the map looks great, and is ready for distribution after some minor final edits:

- Change “Practice Platforms” to “Training Platforms”
- Remove the graphic scale

A motion to approve the draft map with agreed changes and to print 500 copies for distribution was raised by Nancy and seconded by John – motion carried.

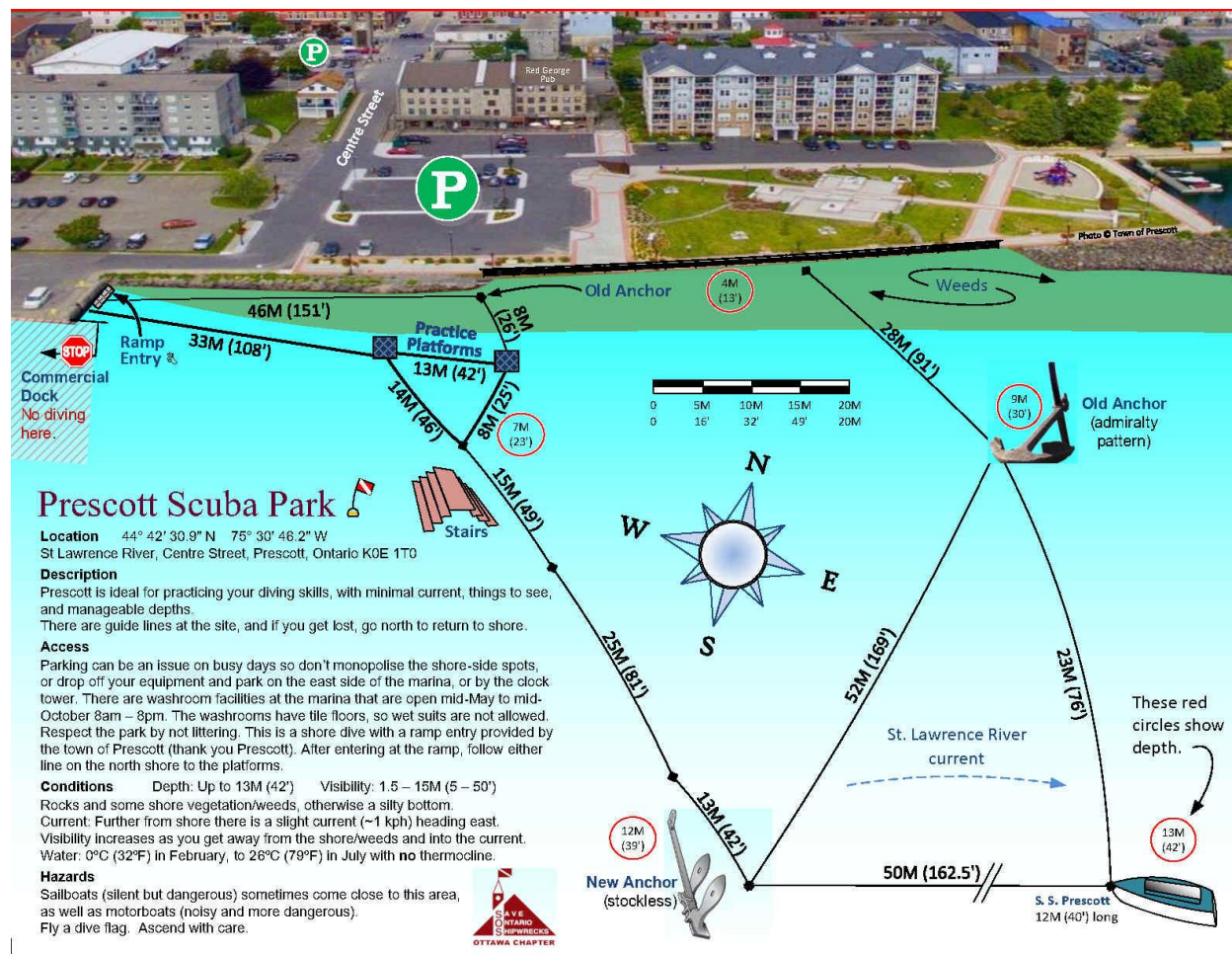
Chris to get quotes for printing. John says he can help drop off copies at local shops for inclusion with our other Diver’s Guides. Copies can also be mailed to shops.

Next steps for distribution:

- Inform SOS Corporate and the Town of Prescott that the map is ready, and send them copies
- Make map available online (SOS website and social media)
- Get quotes for printing
- Get hard copies printed (members agreed with 500 copies to start)
- Distribute copies to local dive shops for inclusion in our donation boxes - copies can be mailed or dropped off at shops



Updated Prescott Scuba Park map – page 1.



Updated Prescott Scuba Park map – page 2.

As a next step to develop the site, Nancy and Luc suggest that our chapter investigate the area and contact the Town of Prescott to explore the option of installing a land plaque featuring the map, which could be promoted as a risk mitigation measure for the town. A land plaque could also incorporate the history of the local area. Idea could be raised when we send them a copy of the map. Members agree that this could be an interesting project.

Next steps:

- Contact Town of Prescott to gauge level of interest
- Investigate local area to see what plaques are already there, including Coal Docks
- Contact Forwarder's Museum and investigate what other local historical resources are available

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 from his remarkable collection of vintage dive gear.

This month’s selection included a set of twin 38 cu ft vintage tanks (pictured below) with USN letters stamped on side, which may have been former USA aircraft oxygen bottles, and a Nimrod (Spanish) double-hose regulator, model: “Snark III Silver.” New/Vintage Reg including original box! Never used.



“Beyond the Edge”: A set of vintage twin 38 cu ft tanks.

8. New Business / Next Meeting Date

Chris Holloway asks if there are any other old SOS pamphlets or Diver’s Guides which need updating. John says a guide to the Eastcliffe Hall would be useful, but the strong current on the site would make it a challenge to map.

Next meeting to be held in late July or early August. Meeting adjourned at 20:30.