

SOS 1000 Islands Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday June 14th, 2016

Location: Meeting room Bud's on The Bay

Present; Tom Scott, Steve Hatch, Steff Senecal, Nat Landry, Roy Letts, John VanSchyndel, Sharon VanSchyndel, Todd Paterson, Paul Biezing, Dan Krupa, Barb Krupa, Dave Sheridan, Bob Swan, Wally Adamson, Sam Kabbani, Jenn Bush

Regrets; Bill Stephenson

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

1. Minutes for April meeting approved. Motion Sharon VanSchyndel, 2nd John VanSchandyle.
Minutes For May meeting approved. Motion Bob Swan, 2nd Steff Senecal.
2. The Chair started the meeting with a discussion on how, the 1000 islands Chapter of SOS wants to utilize social media. The chapter came to the conclusion that social media is a vehicle for the chapter to spread the news as to what the chapter is doing. The chapter also uses social media as a vehicle to convey transparency of our chapters activities, ie posting the chapter's meeting minutes, financial reports. The 1000 Islands Chapter of SOS however does not wish to utilize social media as a platform to debate the plans and subsequent decisions that the members have made at the monthly meetings. It is the members of the chapter desire that those that wish to be involved in the planning and decisions that the chapter makes to attend the chapter's meeting, where these plans are discussed, debated and decisions are made for implementation.
The members also discussed implementing Administrators and Standard Operating Procedures for our social media interaction. Suggested rules, admins, guidelines to be presented to membership at the July meeting.
3. Financials;
 - i. Bank Account as of April 29th, 2016 was \$1831.68.

- ii. there are 4 outstanding cheques (including below reimbursement to Steve Hatch), which will bring our account down to approx. \$587.00
- iii. The board has approved to our \$2000.00 funding request for the sculpture park. We are still awaiting the cheque. It was apparently sent to the Chapter's Chair previous mailing address.
- iv. Motion to reimburse Steve Hatch for Sculpture supplies, mooring supplies totaling \$771.82. Motion Steff Senecal 2nd Jenn Bush - Approved.

4. Report from Board;

Jenn Bush report that the work with the website is ongoing. Also that the Board is working on a survey for members to complete. Please take the time to complete when it's available. The Board would like to utilize to SOS Ontario Website more. The Chapter asked Jenn to pass on the Chapter's appreciation for the support the Board gives us.

5. Moorings:

- Moorings have all been deployed. Upgraded buoys, lines, chain and shackles have been placed at the 2nd mooring locations on the areas wrecks.
- The drop off mooring at the Lillie site needs to be extended. The block has fallen off the ledge at 30-32 feet down to the 40 - 42 foot ledge.
- Also the exit chain for the short Lillie drift is broken. The chapter has some donated chain that can be utilized to fix.
- The orange exit rope for the long Lillie drift is in need of some repairs that the chapter will also undertake.
- The two moorings on the Robert Gaskin will be removed on Thursday June 30th, 2016 for the Hydroplane races that start on Friday July 1st.

6. Donation Boxes (Tanks) have been placed for donations to SOS 1000 Islands Chapter at Centeen Park, The SOS Sign by Blockhouse Island and at St. Lawrence Park. The donations boxes are custom made and look like small scuba tanks. Stickers provided by Tom Miller.

7. Centeen Park;

Bathroom access. Steve Hatch received a response from Conal Cosgrove (City of Brockville) regarding bathroom access. The city has sourced "electronic" locks for the bathrooms for \$1250.00. There are some concerns mainly vandalism. Steve also mentioned that the

email was vague and may have implied that SOS 1000 Islands pay for the locks. The membership agreed that this is the cities responsibility to pay for with some of the \$2100 plus we gave the city last year for tokens. Also that we will be giving them another cheque this year and that by improving bathroom access will help us sell more tokens of which the city gets 70%. Also according to our MOU it is the cities responsibility to address above water issues to improve the diver experience.

- Steve will continue discussions with Conal & the city.
- 2nd set of steps;
 - Drawings have been made. Now the costing process can start.
 - The membership discussed applying a “go green” mentality with the planning. Discussed reusing some old materials from city if & where possible.
 - Also discussed ways to minimize costs. Will approach Lafarge to see if they can assist with any concrete for the forms.
- Seal benches - Tom Scott & Steff Senecal will get this done for the next meeting.
- Patio stones around benches - Steve Hatch to discuss using any stones the city may.
- Cleanup Dive this Saturday June 18th Meet at Centeen park for 9am. Two locations to dive. Still need divers and folks on land to help out.

8. Sculptures Park;

- Mooring at Sculpture Park;
 - City has granted permission
 - Will be located a good distance east 7 south of the Sculpture Park. Approx. 150 feet from nearest sculpture.
 - Will be designated as use for Handicap Diver Access Only!
 - If the mooring get abused we can remove, however it is hoped that all will respect the rules and allow handicap divers easy access to the sculpture park!
- Dave Sheridan presented the expanded layout of the Sculpture Park to accommodate the new sculptures.
- Home Hardware truck to start loading sculptures 7am to deliver to Centeen for 10 - 10:30. Thanks to Home Hardware.
- Student sponsorships; BCD Diving has volunteered to train all 9! The plan has changed a little from the start. Both art teachers from the two high schools want to be trained as well. The members discussed and agreed that the teachers are key for future success.

Also thanks to BCD (Bob Swan, Wally Adamson, Todd Paterson) for agreeing to training the teachers as well. So in total BCD will be training 7 students and 2 teachers on behalf of SOS 1000 Islands. This is a huge commitment from the guys at BCD to do this for the students, teachers and SOS 1000 Islands.

- BBQ for Saturday; Todd Paterson & Paul Biezing have agreed to cook. Tom Scott to check on a rental BBQ. Tom & Todd to collaborate on the food purchase. Menu is simple, hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage, chips and soft drink / water.
- The BBQ is no charge but donations will be graciously received.
- Budget is \$250 BUT will probably be higher.

9. NAS Course. Chapter is looking at dates in late Aug, September / October.

10. Anchor license application. Helen has heard back from the Ministry. There are really two questions that she needs to provide

1. Do the anchors have any historical significance? Which they do not. They were moved to this location well over 15 years ago.

2. Are they being moved to a location that has any historical significance ie wreck site? If the site has any historical significance that a survey / video of the site must be submitted.

- The membership discussed the two location 1. Prohibition truck area and 2. Sculpture Park. The chapter decided the best place is the sculpture park area. It was felt that the prohibition truck site does have significant historical value. Whereas the sculpture park does not have any historical significance. The chapter felt it was better to preserve the truck site and utilize the anchors at the sculpture park.

11. Helen Cooper is working with OUC to get the funds from the Dave Cooper Memorial Fund transferred to SOS 1000 Islands. Steve Hatch (Treasure) is SOS 1000 Islands contact person to assist Helen in any way needed.

Next meeting; Tuesday July 12th at 7pm Buds On The Bay

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.