



Called to order at 7:05 pm by Tom.

Attendance: Tom Scott, Brian Prince, David Sheridan, Steve Hatch, Stephan Senecal, Ian Zimmerman, Sharon and John VanSchyndel, Roy Letts, Bob Lighthart, Luc Fontaine and Jen Bush.

Agenda items ;

Financials: As of May 6, 2015 Balance \$4277.92. This includes \$705.00 from the Token Project to which some has yet to go to the City at the end of the season. A grant of \$1000.00 for the Sculptures was deposited, the combined 2013/2014 Membership dividend portion from Corporate of \$246.00 was deposited, and we received a \$1500.00 Heritage Grant for the Chapter. Outstanding cheques for Fastenal for the bench bolts, money back to Steve Hatch for jack hammer rental, bench material (wood etc), marketing and sculpture material – total \$1318.00. Dave Sheridan also has outstanding funding of \$350.00, and another 500 tokens have been ordered at a price of \$197.75.

Purchase more tokens – Motioned by Tom, Seconded by Roy.

Cheque for Dave – Motioned by Roy, seconded by Bob.

Website cost to Brian and to write a cheque for \$27.10- Motioned by Sharron, seconded by Jen.

Mooring update – All buoys will be up by the end of the long weekend. Stephan went out with Helen and raised lines and attached jugs making the buoy placement very fast. Thank you Stephan and Helen for the assistance!

Cheque to Stephan to cover gas \$80.00- Motioned by Jen, seconded by Sharon

New Buoys! Corporate has put in an order for new buoys for many of the chapters including ours. We have some that are in need of replacing and some that are simply new because they did not “exist” before. These new buoys are approved and will be replacing the jugs that we had an “understanding” with the Coast Guard.

The line also needs to be replaced on the Daryaw on the North side along the shoal.

Website: www.centeen.ca will forward people to the SOS Chapter page and a section dedicated to the Sculpture park and project.

Token Project: Going very well! We had to order a second run of 500! An email will be sent to the Ottawa Chapter by Tom. The diver friendly benches are up and they look amazing! Thank you Steve Hatch for your lead on this project and your time and energy putting them together! For pictures visit our Facebook page.

Tom mentioned a concern regarding the City and their commitment thus far. So far they have not been following through with their promises to us so we need to keep on them. They told us that the bathrooms would be open by May 1st, they were not opened until the long weekend. The Mayor has requested to be involved in all communications so that he can make sure that items are addressed. He is on board and will be more aggressive with them.

Waterfront Committee: The City of Brockville wants representation of divers because they realize that diving has a heavy influence. They used Centeen Park and St. Lawrence Park as examples. Steve Hatch and Jen Bush have volunteered to be on this committee which will meet two times a month. More information on the way as we haven't been to a meeting yet.

Jen will also send a letter to the City regarding what can be done at the ramp on Blockhouse Island to make it safer for divers to use. This issue was brought up by local divers and divers from afar who have said that the ramp is just too slippery and they are concerned for their safety.

Sculpture Park – A rough layout plan was presented by Dave Sheridan. Approval of Dave's plan was motioned by Roy and seconded by Sharon. Benches will be priced out by Greg, Ian, and Dave.

June 21st is the All Ships Festival here in Brockville. This event will draw quite the crowd! Before this event, the 3 sculptures in the Memorial ring will be moved east of their present location. The weekend of the All Ships Festival, the remaining 3 of this circle will be lowered into the river along with Steve's sculpture of a Sturgeon.

Weekend of the 16/17 – Sculptures moved and ideally locations mapped.

Underwater training platforms: Will price out blocks/pads etc.

All Ships Festival: Dave will plan for the needed resources such as flatbed with crane, Hudson's, and try to get it there by Thursday/Friday so they are ready for the weekend.

SOS 1000 Islands Chapter will set up a booth with pop up tent and organize an underwater video feed of the sculptures for the public so that they can see what we are doing.

Action items: Get the booth from David Taylor, borrow the whiteboard from Luc, and ask Mat from Scuba Geek about his donation box.

Diver Passports: On hold due to some missing information.

Anchor at Blockhouse: Where it is now, it is getting beat up, so we need some options to develop a plan.

T-Shirts for Volunteers: T-shirts available for volunteers on June 21 to be used for activities, serving as a uniform unifying SOS volunteers with the project.

Anchor on Sparrow Island: City of Brockville has given permission to clear brush and repaint the anchor. Roy Letts have volunteered to do this. The Chapter has approved the cost of paint. (motioned by Stephan, seconded by Jen)

New Business: New step at Centeen – to make that last step into the water not so deep! Thank you Ian.

Meeting adjourned 9pm

Next meeting: Monday June 9, 2015 Bud's on the Bay. This meeting will be about finalizing plans for the All Ships Festival. If you are planning on being involved, please come out!