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SOS – Thousand Islands Meeting

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Bud's on the Bay Restaurant, Brockville, On

1. Call to Order at 7pm

Attendees: Todd Gillies, Brian Prince, Leane Leduc, Adam Leduc, Tom Scott, Greg Farrar, Dave Sheridan, Karin Merkel, Steve Hatch, Roy Letts, Jessica Guerrero
Regrets: Jennifer Bush

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on March 5th, 2013

Motioned by Steve Hatch; seconded by Brian Prince; All in favor, passed

3. Chair's Report – Tom Scott

- Talked about starting to plan and schedule "Project Dives", because we will need many SOS divers for the 1812 wreck surveys and for setting the mooring lines.
 - Some Charter Operators, Island Diver and Under Where are offering discount dive nights for SOS dives. The chapter can rent the boat and charge the divers.
 - Dive Tech is offering free air or 32% Nitrox for SOS dives at the beginning and end of the season.
 - SOS Divers will all need OUC insurance.
 - All in favor to start working on scheduling these dives.
 - Action: Jessica Guerrero will contact the other 3 operators to see if they want to be involved with the discount dive nights.
 - Action: Tom Scott and Leane Leduc will send dates to Jessica Guerrero for the Project Dives.

4. Treasurer's Report – Steve Hatch

- Balance as of Feb. 28, 2013: \$1221.44
- Action: Steve Hatch will make changes to list of authorized signers with the bank.

5. Increase Membership and Funds

- Contacting Charter Operators to Help with Buoy Cost
 - DBAC is now a member .
 - Action: Jessica Guerrero will follow up with all 3 charter operators.
 - Note: emails will include info on the discounted dive nights.

- Donation Boxes
 - The cost is \$75 each. Decision to purchase one. Motioned by Jessica Guerrero; Seconded by Todd Gillies; passed.
 - Action: Adam will build the box; to be ready for the long weekend in May.
 - Discount Charter Days
 - Island Diver and Under Where are offering discount dive nights for SOS.
 - Details are still to be worked out.
 - Scuba in the Park – It was decided not to do it this year.
 - 1812 Festival – Not discussed.
 - Survey
 - We will survey past and current members to see what they would like to be involved in. Try to gain insight into what we can do to engage people.
 - Action: Jessica Guerrero will create the survey and prepare info with Tom Scott.
 - Action: Tom Scott will send his notes to Jessica Guerrero.
 - Welcome emails for new members
 - Action: Jessica Guerrero will send a personalized welcome email to new members and invite them to meet the group at the next meeting.
 - Facebook
 - Action: anyone who has pictures or video of wrecks or SOS projects, please post or send them to Jessica Guerrero.
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6. Projects

- 1812 Wrecks
 - Dave Sheridan presented the Side Scan Survey Report he put together – See attached document. It will be submitted to Andy Schoenhoffer at the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport once discussed changes have been made.
 - Discussion about whether or not to include information about the person who found and took artifacts from the wrecks – Decided not to.
 - Action: Steve Hatch will look into finding a copy of the St-Lawrence EMC article from July 2011 with information about artifacts from those wrecks
 - Action: Brian Prince to check wreck coordinates and send info to Dave Sheridan.
 - Action: Tom Scott to look up info on how Refugee Island got its name.
- Aquatarium
 - Opening: March 1, 2014
 - Soft Opening: June 2013
- New Brochure
 - Steve has reviewed the content of the Thousand Island Chapter Insert for the SOS Brochure. The content has been approved. All in favour to move forward with printing once typos have been corrected
 - Action: Steve Hatch will contact corporate to request typo correction and a print run of 500
- NAS 1 Course
 - 9 people are interested. Most want weeks 2 or 3 in July.
 - Action: Brian Prince will ask the board if we can run the course on those dates

- The Ottawa chapter will let their members know about the course at their next meeting and there is still room if anyone else is interested in joining
 - Cement Sculptures – Future Project
 - Dave Sheridan will plan to make cement sculptures to create an underwater attraction. See about getting a cement donation and get permission to place them underwater. This is on hold for now.
 - 2nd Anchor and Chain – Future Project
 - Dave Sheridan will start looking into cleaning options for this anchor. Will need to get a new license. It would be pulled out of the water to be placed on display in front of the Aquatarium.
 - Setting Up Mooring Lines
 - Plan to do dives on the 2nd weekend in May for the Daryaw;
End of May or later for the Kingshorn;
1st weekend in May for the other wrecks
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7. Buoy Report – Adam Leduc
- Adam has submitted forms for the replacement buoy and two new buoys
 - Discussion on putting sponsor logos on the Spar Buoys
 - All in favor of selling sponsorship
 - We will charge \$200 per spot. There are 4 spots in total. Each spot entitles the sponsor to a 7” x 4” space on 5 (maybe 7) spar buoys for 1 year
 - [Action: Tom Scott will contact potential advertisers.](#)
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8. New Business
- Business Cards: we can get them from corporate. Tom asked if anyone wants to have some printed – No.
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9. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7pm, at Bud’s on the Bay in Brockville

10. Adjournment – Motioned by Greg Farrar; Seconded by Dave Sheridan.