



MINUTES
SOS – Thousand Islands Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Bud's on the Bay Restaurant, Brockville, On

-
1. Call to Order at 7pm
Attendees: Tom Scott, Brian Prince, Jen Bush, Mike Pinault, Bob Ligthart, Dave Sheridan, Jessica Guerrero
Regrets: Roy Letts, Steve Hatch, Todd Gillies
-
2. Approval of Minutes from April Meeting
Moted by Jen Bush; Seconded by Brian Prince; All in favor; Passed
-
3. Chair's Report – Tom Scott
 - Update on Rebate Checks: Corporate wanted hard copies of reports to be sent in by all the chapters before providing the cheques. Tom has submitted the report for our chapter.
 - Brian Prince gave Dave Sheridan his award for Volunteer of the Year.
-
4. Discount Dive Nights – Tom Scott
Discuss details (discount, payment)
 - Update: Jess contacted the other 3 operators about the discount dive nights. They have not responded.
 - We have not yet confirmed the charters with Island Diver.
[Action: Tom will follow up](#)
 - Only 2 people have signed up on UnderWhere? – they will go on Friday.
-
5. Treasurer's Report – Steve Hatch
 - Update: Change to list of authorized signers with the bank.
Everyone on the executive committee has signed the necessary paperwork
 - Balance is \$1261.46
-
6. Projects
 - Mooring Line Dives – Tom Scott
 - Update: Jess contacted the charter operators to see if they can help with the cost of upgrading mooring lines. No response received.
 - NAS 1 Course – Brian Prince
 - Only 3 people have registered and paid. We need a minimum of 6 to run the course. The cutoff date is July 4. If there are no enough students, the course may be cancelled.
 - Students will receive free air fills from Undirworld
 - 1812 Wrecks – Dave Sheridan

- [Action: Tom will scan pages from the book where he found info on Refugee Island and send to Brian.](#)
- Important Note: This dive site is not open to the public. We are going through the process of protecting these sites. A license application has been submitted. A license is required to survey these wrecks
- Update on survey report – Dave has submitted the report to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. It has been acknowledged.
- New Brochures – Steve Hatch
 - This is complete. The brochures and inserts have been printed. They have been distributed to Dive Brockville Adventure Centre and DiveTech. They will display them in the store and give them to new divers. Tom is giving copies to Bob Swan as well.
- Increase Membership and Funds – Tom Scott
 - Update: Adam building the donation box for the long weekend in May. This has been cancelled.
 - [Update: Jess creating member survey. Tom sending his notes to Jess – to be completed. Still an action item.](#)
We will draw for a free dive on UnderWhere?
- 2nd Anchor & Chain
 - The builder of Blockhouse Square has approached Dave asking him to apply for a license to pull the anchor out for display. SOS Thousand Islands has already decided to display it at in front of the aquarium. This is a more public location where many people can see it. This anchor is owned by the people of Ontario.
- Tall Ships Festival
 - We do not have any volunteers to staff the booth. We will not attend this event.
- Aquarium Anchor
 - Brian gave Mike a copy of the video that was made on how it was retrieved from the river.
[Action: Mike will post the video on Facebook.](#)
- Future Projects: Aquarium, cement sculptures,

7. Buoy Report – Tom Scott

- Update: Tom contacting potential advertisers about buoy ad space DiveTech and Dan Downes will advertise.
- Adam Leduc resigned as Buoy Manager
- Tom has submitted the paperwork to get new buoys – no response yet
- The need for new supplies depends on whether or not we get the new buoys.

8. New Business

- Advertising on a Map of all the dive sites in the Thousand Islands that Henderson's is printing. Cost is \$250 for business card sized ad. Voted to do it. Mentioned by Tom. Seconded by Jen – All in. Passed.
[Action: Tom will proceed with the ad.](#)
- Putting an SOS sign underwater at Centeen Park
 - Good idea for future discussion

- Maybe put a brush on it so people can clean it as they go by
 - Park Clean-up for next Spring - New future project
 - Subaquatic Society of Canada is looking for people to give presentations (web or conference call based) on a variety of marine topics. This would be good exposure for SOS. The 1812 wrecks would be a future topic
 - Possible Activity – Points program
 - As people do activities with SOS, they get points. e.g. you get points for going on SOS dives, NAS course, survey dives, attending meetings, referring a friend.... Each point gives you an entry for prize draws at the end of the season.
 - Action: Jess to look into getting prizes and stamp cards for accumulating points to see if we can do this.
-

9. Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday July 9 at 7pm at Bud's on the Bay
 - Focus will be on planning for the NAS Course and the Surveys of the Wrecks from 1812. We will invite members from the Ottawa Chapter as well.
-

10. Adjournment

- Motioned by Tom Scott