



MINUTES
SOS – Thousand Islands Meeting

Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Bud's on the Bay Restaurant, Brockville, On

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1. Call to Order at 7pm
Attendees: Todd Gillies, Brian Prince, Leane Leduc, Adam Leduc, Tom Scott, Greg Farrar, Dave Sheridan, Jessica Guerrero
Absent: Steve Hatch, Debbie Brooks, Mike Hart, Roy Letts
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2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on Feb. 5th, 2013
Motedioned: Leane Leduc
Seconded: Dave Sheridan
All in favor, passed
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3. Chair's Report – Tom Scott
 - Info from Extended Board Meeting
 - New Website: Very interactive, includes a buoy form, posting for minutes and reports, accurate members list. Determined who should have access to posting: Jessica Guerrero – Minutes, Jen Bush – Reports, Adam Leduc – Buoys, Dave Sheridan – Projects. All in agreement.
[Action: Tom Scott to request access privileges for website](#)
 - The MOU (Memorandum of Agreement) between SOS and the Aquatarium has been signed. SOS added info about our mission statement prior to signing.
 - Tom Scott has submitted the annual reports to Dave Taylor.
 - We will receive a dividend cheque for \$65
 - Applications for funding: The board would like chapters to provide 50%, which the board will match. The board may provide up to 75%, depending on the situation.
 - Performance measures will be put in place to track the success of the chapters
 - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on April 13 and 14 in Port Dover
[Action: If interested in attending, please inform Tom Scott or Chris Phinney by March 12, 2013](#)
The 2014 AGM will be in Brockville, at the new Aquatarium
 - NAS Courses: The board is looking for places to hold NAS courses. 9 people are interested in attending from our chapter. Brian Prince has volunteered to run and teach the course. We hope to have it in the dive tank at the Aquatarium..

- Update on obtaining license for 2 lines on each wreck
 - The Prescott Coast Guard said to apply, but it may not get approved.
 - There have been complaints from boaters that the moorings on the Gaskin/ Kingshorn/ Ash Island Barge are not visible enough (note: Ash Island Barge is not an SOS mooring). Coast Guard may want us to put Spar Buoys on those wrecks, as a second mooring
 - There will be a cost for moorings. Board will provide Buoys and lights; Todd Gillies may provide some chain; we have hardware and rope; we need more chain and shackles.
 - We will approach other charter operators to help with cost (asking them to become members).
 Action: Jessica Guerrero to send an initial email
 Action: Tom Scott to give Charter Operator contact info to Jessica
 Action: Roy Letts to follow-up with Kevin Beamish; Tom Scott to follow-up with Luc Martin; Adam Leduc to follow-up with Helen Cooper (Jessica will let them know when the initial invitation has been sent.)

4. Treasurer's Report – Jessica Guerrero (for Steve Hatch)

2012 Year End Bank Balance			\$1,599.37
Get Together Refreshments (074)		-\$38.95	\$1,560.42
Bob Lighthart Gift (075)		-\$339.00	\$1,221.42
Interest	\$0.01		\$1,221.43

5. Project Manager's Report – Dave Sheridan

- Covered in section 6

6. Projects

- 1812 Wrecks
 - Dave Sheridan gave historical info on the wrecks; We have the coordinates
 - Dave Sheridan spoke with the person who issues licenses. He has asked Dave to fill out a form.
 Action: Tom Scott to send picture with grid pattern to Dave.
- Aquatarium – Covered in section 3
- New Brochure
 - The board has designed a new brochure. There is an insert with information specific to our chapter. It may be redesigned. This project is with Steve Hatch.
- NAS 1 Course – Covered in section 3

7. Buoy Report – Adam Leduc

- 1 Mooring line on the Daryaw will be moved.
- Action: Tom Scott to provide inventory information to Adam Leduc.

8. New Business

- Dave Sheridan won the Volunteer of the Year Award. It will be presented at the AGM.

- Ideas on increasing membership and funds, to be further discussed at the next meeting:
 - Conduct a survey with current and past members
 - Participate in 1812 Festival for increased exposure
 - Obtain media coverage
 - Look into getting donation boxes to place in dive shops
[Action: Tom Scott to find out cost](#)
 - Scuba in the Park
 - Discount days on charter boats with a portion of the funds going to SOS

9. Next Meeting Date – April 2nd, 2013 at 7pm, at Bud's on the Bay in Brockville

10. Adjournment – Motioned by Todd Gillies.