**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Meeting**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

Members participating:

Janet Robinson, President

Chip Woodman, Treasurer

Mike Duffy

David Siegfried (Sig)

Tom Carr

Vytas Marciulionis (Vick)

Greg Fergin, Recording Secretary

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Old Business
	1. Committee Updates
		1. Treasurer report: Janet and Chip

Janet and Chip reviewed the SMSKN 2019 balance sheet and and profit/loss statement. SMSKN had net income of $470 and ended the year with over $18,000 in assets, continuing its trend of taking in more income that it spends.

* 1. Pool session update

Janet said that last year the club looked into organizing its own pool sessions for winter skills training, but did not pursue it due to insurance and other issues. She thanked Vic for researching and sending out a list of upcoming pool sessions by Portland Paddle and MASKGI. Janet suggested that SMSKN member utilize pool sessions organized by these established providers and that the club put aside the idea of having its own sessions in the Portland area for the time being. She proposed that the club explore holding a pool training in Bath, which could be done for $350 per session. Other board members agreed with this approach.

1. New Business
	1. Monthly Call Time

Janet noted that monthly board conference calls are usually held the first or second weeks of the month, and asked which day of the week worked best for members. Sunday night worked for most, and Monday night as well; Tom expressed a preference for Monday. Janet said she would try for Monday for the next meeting.

* 1. Participant Agreement Modification

Janet checked with the lawyer who advised SMSKN on the new Participant Agreement on whether having more than one member sign the same Participant Agreement was legally sound. He thought that because the current form uses the pronoun “I,” each member should sign a separate agreement. Board members agreed that having several members sign the same form would be easier for trip organizers and paddlers alike. Janet said she would contact the club’s legal adviser about modifying the form to so that it would be legally valid when signed by more than one member.

* 1. Membership Meeting Program Signup (January – May)

Board members discussed topics for monthly meeting, including showing movies, discussing/showing materials and equipment for trip emergency kits, trip accounts, inviting the Maine Coast Heritage Trust to describe its work, a session on organizing trips, and a briefing on cold water immersion protection. Janet asked each board member to take responsibility for organizing a monthly session during the first half of the year.

February – Janet. She will contact the cold water immersion expert; the meeting will be held at the MITA office.

March – Sieg

April – Chip

Mike – end of summer

Monthly meetings are usually held at the MITA office or the Yarmouth public library. \_\_\_\_\_ suggested that the Harpswell Land Trust meeting place is good as well.

* 1. Goals for 2020 – identify and prioritize.

Board members endorsed the following goals for the year

* + 1. Increase trip postings by members.
		2. Maintain robust training and education program.
		3. Complete the webpage, increase SMSKN’s social media presence and its visibility in general.
		4. Resolve liability protection approach for the board.
		5. Review the members’ survey that was done last year, and consider a new survey to assess members’ interests.

Board members agreed to focus on one of these goals in a series of upcoming meetings as follows:

-- February: increasing trip postings.

-- March: Liability insurance for the board.

-- April: Increasing SMSKN’s visibility.

-- May: Web page. \_\_\_\_\_ offered to take charge of that.

Follow-up. Janet asked Sig to contact Sherry about her interest in continuing to lead the Skills Committee. Janet will send around the information that Deidre compiled on liability insurance and the results of the last members survey. Janet asked for technical assistance in downloading a driver to enable her to run movies on her computer, and for a backup computer to be present at the movie presentation. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agreed to hep out and provide a back up computer.

The conference call ended at 8:15 p.m.