**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Call**

**Monday, August 16, 2021**

Members Participating:

Janet Robinson, President

Chip Woodman, Treasurer

David Siegfried (Sieg)

John Contas

Tom Carr

The Board call commenced at 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes? No minutes last month.
3. Old Business
   1. Committee Updates
      1. Skills Committee: Sieg reported that there may be a new person joining the committee. He will follow up on that. The First Aid Afloat course went very well. SMSKN contributed $5 toward each participating member’s course fee. Board members endorsed doing this course annually.
      2. Financial: Chip provided financial figures showing that at the end of the second quarter SMSKN had $5,689 in its checking account and $13,288 in its CD accounts. The club had net income of $270 through the first six months of the year. Chip said he is still looking for an alternative to the 2014 version of Quickbooks he is using.
      3. Membership Coordinator: John reported that he is still chasing some new members to sign the Participant Agreement. Sometimes it is hard to identify people who sign up for trips because their surnames are not given and the Meetup message feature is not turned on for them. Janet said it was all right to post their names in the trip’s comment section in order to elicit a response.
4. New Business

a. SMSKN Monthly meetings: Board members agreed that the monthly membership Zoom meetings held throughout 2020-2021 were worthwhile and ought to be continued for the foreseeable future. They provided an opportunity for members to come together virtually, at least, and learn something new about an interesting topic.

Board members came up with the following ideas for future Zoom events:

* Kayaking in Iceland, with Jonathan Oltz of Sea Kayak New England.
* Justine Curgenven’s kayaking trips to Antarctica. (John to look into it.)
* Kayak skills training (Sieg to look into it).
* Boat repair clinic or kayak surfing with Joe Guglielmetti (John to follow up with Joe).
* John Huth on weather (Tom to follow up).
* History of Casco Bay (Chip to follow up).
* How to choose a kayak and gear.

b. New legal counsel – Janet reported that Leah Corrigan of the Recreation Law Center in Wyoming is our new contact point for legal questions relating to SMSKN activities.

1. Closure and Action Items:

Janet asked Board members to come up with ideas for programs and activities to contribute to the Fall brainstorming session during the next Board call in September.

Next call: **Monday, September 20, 2021.**