**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Call**

**Monday, November 8, 2021**

Members Participating:

Janet Robinson, President

Chip Woodman, Treasurer

David Siegfried (Sieg)

John Contas

Vytas Marciulionis (Vic)

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

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 11 Board call.
3. Old Business
   1. Committee Updates

Skills Committee – Sig reported that the Committee will hold its next meeting November 9. They are planning to organize two SMSKN pool sessions this winter (dates TBD); Sieg and Vic will supervise. Only vaccinated members will be allowed to attend. Janet will write Culleren (?). Sieg will contact Nancy regarding Wilderness First Aid Afloat (WFAA) training.

* 1. Website Update: Janet will talk to Vic after the Board call about putting contact links on the SMSKN website.
  2. Legal issues: Janet reported on her (and Tom’s?) conversation with a recreation attorney about SMSKN’s liability relating to paddling trips. The lawyer recommended adding a “joint and several” clause to the Participant Agreement (PA) and requiring members to re-sign the PA when they renew their membership and dues each year.
  3. Program List and Scheduling
* Board members agreed with Janet’s proposal to invite Susan Conrad to make a presentation on her kayaking trip up the Inside Passage at a Zoom membership meeting December 1 or 2. The Board agreed to pay Susan an honorarium of $200.
* April 2022 Membership meeting: Presentation on Safety practices and gear. “They” did a presentation to Falmouth (??). The presentation should cover when to file a float plan with the Coast Guard, and how to use the VHF radio. Use of flares??
* John suggested having a meeting with for all trip organizers.
* Discuss joint trips at annual meetings.
  1. Board Elections: Janet proposed that John Haile and Nananda Col be invited to join the Board. Board members agreed to these nominations. Board members also agreed that Board members should serve two-year terms under the by-laws.

1. New Business

a. Janet proposed that SMSKN close down its Facebook page; Board members agreed. Sieg will talk to Cherri about the videos on the Facebook page.

1. Closure and Action Items

* Janet to write Culleren(?) in connection with pool sessions.
* Sieg to talk to Cherri about the videos on SMSKN’s Facebook page.

The Board call concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Next call: