**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Call**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

Members Participating:

Janet Robinson, President

Joe Herlihy

John Contas

John Haile

Nananda Col

Vytas Marciulionis (Vic)

Greg Fergin, Recording Secretary

The Board call commenced at 7:02 p.m.

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of Minutes: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 4, 2022 Board call.
3. Old Business
   1. Committee Updates
      1. Skills Committee – John Haile reported that the first two skills sessions on May 10 and May 17 went as planned, and more are scheduled. Janet mentioned that would like to have a meeting with mentors before they start training other members.
      2. Pool Sessions: Janet reported that there would not be another Riverton pool session because Riverton couldn’t get a lifeguard for the session.
      3. Financial: Janet said she will ask Chip to prepare a revised budget taking into account the extra expenses the club had incurred for extra pool sessions and other activities.
   2. Island Adoption update: John Contas reported that a group of six SMSKN members made the first monitoring/cleanup visit to Cow Island in May. They stayed two hours and collected four trash bags of stuff on beach. Amy Schrag is organizing the next visit and will post it on the SMSKN Meetup page.

* 1. Summer Picnic July 17. Janet reviewed the planning meeting held just before the Board call, which discussed the schedule of activities (paddling, kayak test drives, games, food). She said she will look into the cost and logistics of getting SMSKN logo stickers printed. Nananda asked if it would be possible to purchase small prizes for games winners. Janet thought that an inexpensive prize, such as a storm whistle, would be suitable.

1. New Business

a. Penobscot Bay scouting team: Janet noted that she was on the MITA Trails Committee, which needed paddlers to scout islands in Penobscot Bay as possible prospects for inclusion in the Trail. The first phase of this project will take place this summer, having a look at as many islands as possible. The next phase would be to approach owners of islands that looked like good prospects, to determine if the owners would be willing to work with MITA. Vic said he was going to Penobscot Bay this weekend and again in two weeks, and would be willing to survey islands along his routes. John C. noted that he, Greg, and Mike Duffy would be going to Little Hen in July. He asked if it would be possible to get a list of islands to be scouted, and Janet said she would try to get a list. She suggested that SMSKN members planning paddling trips in Penobscot Bay make them into scouting trips and post them on the Meetup page. Janet, Vic, and John C. agreed to coordinate the SMSKN scouting effort.

b. More SMSKN business cards: Janet reported that the SMSKN contact information business cards had been a good way of spreading the word about SMSKN and asked for authorization to purchase more cards. The Board agreed. Janet will contact Sig Siegfried, who organized the first printing, to get more cards made. Janet said she wanted to give a stack to Portland Paddle to hand out to their customers.

1. Closure and Action Items

* Janet to work with John H. on organizing a meeting with mentors before they start training other members.
* Chip to prepare a revised budget for the remainder of the year in light of expenditures to date.
* Janet to send out a list of Penobscot Bay islands for MITA island scouting trips.
* Continue picnic planning. Janet will look into SMSKN stickers.
* Janet to contact Sig to get more SMSKN business cards printed.

The Board call concluded at 7:55 p.m.

Next call: **Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 7 pm.**