**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Call**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

Members Participating:

Janet Robinson, President

Chip Woodman, Treasurer

John Contas

John Haile

Nananda Col

The Board call commenced at ((when??))

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the July 6 Board call without comment.
3. Old Business
   1. Committee Updates
      1. Skills Committee: John Haile said the Committee is in summer mode and he had not had any specific feedback from the Skills Committee on subjects discussed at the July Board call (responsibility for pool sessions and handling requests from professional kayaking coaches to offer their services to SMSKN members). Nevertheless, the Committee feels better about these subjects after discussion with between Janet and the Committee. John said he had talked to Joe Berwiewicz, the North Shore Paddling Network’s (NSPN) Skills Committee head, and learned that NSPN had guidelines similar to what the SMSKN Board had discussed for listing coaches. John said he would propose a framework for SMSKN based on NSPN’s guidelines.

Joe B. mentioned NSPN’s listing of Maine paddling destinations. Janet voiced concern that sharing SMSKN’s favorite places would lead to overuse. Nananda agreed, noting that a number of choice spots in Georgetown have lost their appeal because of overuse. She said Maine Island Trail Association executive director Doug Welch had similar concerns.

John said that next month the Board should propose dates and locations for pool sessions over the next few months, both in Portland and Bath – perhaps starting in November.

* + 1. Financial: Chip reported that SMSKN has $19,517 in the bank (CD’s and checking account). 75 SMSKN members paid their dues during the last quarter, and the club has a total of 202 members. He reported the following expenses:
* The 30th anniversary picnic cost $630 ($307 for food).
* Pool sessions over the winter cost $1,668 ($300 collected from members to help defray this cost).
* Other training cost $156.
* The Board voted to give Dyk Eusden, who led the September 11 paddling tour of geologic sites, an honorarium of $150.

1. New Business
   1. New Board Member Candidates: New Board members need to be reported to the Secretary of State. In the meantime they will be non-voting.
   2. Schedule for monthly program selection: Janet asked Board members to come up with ideas for monthly membership Zoom sessions during the winter months, and discuss them at the next Board call. Nananda suggested a program on cold water safety as members look forward to winter paddling.
   3. Live meeting in October: Janet proposed that SMSKN have a live meeting in October, and the Board agreed. She said she would ask Cheri Perry to do a program on Greenland paddling.
   4. SMSKN Gear Closet, reflective tape, etc.: Janet proposed that remaining items in SMSKN’s gear closet be brought to the October meeting for members to peruse.
2. Closure and Action Items
   * John H. to propose a framework for SMSKN’s handling of coaching services based on NSPN’s guidelines.
   * Board to propose dates and locations for pool sessions over the next few months, both in Portland and Bath.
   * Board members to come up with ideas for monthly membership Zoom sessions during the winter months, and discuss them at the next Board call.
   * Janet to ask Cheri Perry to do a program in October on Greenland paddling.

The Board call concluded at ((when???))

Next call: **Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 7 pm.**