**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Call**

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

**7:00-8:30 PM**

Members Participating:

John Haile, President

Glen Gordon, Vice President

Janet Robinson

John Contas

Nananda Col

Tom Allen

Vytas Marciulionis (Vic)

Greg Fergin, Recording Secretary

The Board call commenced at 7:03pm.

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of minutes from 6/7/2023 meeting: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 7 Board call.
3. Old business
   1. Business cards: Janet reported that she had received the finished cards from the printer. John H. asked her to share them with each board member, and said he would take some to LLBean. Janet noted that she has a list of kayak sellers and outfitters that the Board compiled in 2019 for use in distributing SMSKN business cards and brochures.
   2. Update from meeting on payment issues: Glen reported that he had contacted Meetup. Meetup is reluctant to acknowledge a problem, but there appears to be an issue for people who signed up with SMSKN through Meetup but haven’t paid dues. Glen is continuing to work it with Meetup staff. In addition, Glen said he was going through the SMSKN membership list on Meetup and deleting anyone who had no dues payment and no contact for more than a year. He is also following up via Meetup with members who are overdue on renewing their memberships this year.
   3. Anything new on storage needs assessment? Janet said that on reflection, she was not inclined to recommend to the Board to do a formal member survey to ascertain whether members needed places to store their kayaks. She suggested that the Board discuss how to connect members who needed storage with other members who might be able to assist them. John Contas agreed, saying the Board should come up with a solution rather than a survey. John H said he would put this on the agenda for a future Board call.
4. New Business
   1. Skills Committee update: Tom reported that two skills sessions had to be canceled because an instructor was not available.
   2. The Rotnem bequest:
      1. The Board reviewed the schedule, plans and logistics for the July 22 silent auction/gear sale, kayak rodeo, and picnic. A group of Board members will meet at Tom’s house on July 19 to select items for the silent auction and price other items for sale. The Board agreed to Janet’s proposal to invite MASKGI members to join the event. John H said he would procure food and reach out to Joe Herlihy to bring his grill and do the grilling. Nananda said she and her husband Bob would direct the rodeo events. John H and Tom will consult after the Board call and send out a Meetup notice on the picnic to the SMSKN membership.
      2. John H reported that he is in dialogue with a disgruntled member regarding paid professional training events.
      3. Draft of Rotnem Scholarship proposal: The Board discussed the draft, suggesting that the language of the proposal make clear that grants issued under the program have to be for training.

The Board call concluded at 8:22pm.

Closure and Action Items:

* July 19 meeting to finalize preparations for the silent auction and sale at the July 22 picnic.
* John H. to add Storage Resources for Members’ Kayaks to the agenda for the next Board call.

**Next call: TBD**