**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Call**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

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

Members Participating:

John Haile, President

Chip Woodman, Treasurer

Cathy Kimball

Ellen Gluckman

Greg Fergin, Recording Secretary

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

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of minutes from 5/1/2024 meeting: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 1, 2024 Board call.
3. Ongoing business. Due to the small number of Board members able to participate, John limited the discussion to 2025 pool sessions.
   1. Pool sessions
      * 1. Data gathering  for June meeting:
           1. Cathy–Boothbay & Lewiston: Cathy reported that she tried to contact people at the Lewiston pool but hasn’t been able to get through to anyone. Boothbay pool charges $400 for a 3 hour session and requires that the group holding the pool session obtain insurance for the event. The Maine Association of Sea Kayak Guides and Instructors (MASKGI) uses Maine Kayak for insurance for its Boothbay pool sessions. The pool is available on Saturday afternoons, and SMSKN would need to coordinate with MASKGI to arrange sessions at Boothbay.
           2. Glen–Freeport & Portland (Riverside or Westbrook): Glen said that Riverton pool is closed for extensive repairs. Westbrook pool is possible, but SMSKN would be at the bottom of the pecking order for scheduling.
           3. Freeport: Cathy said that when she inquired three years ago, the YMCA said SMSKN could not use the pool for a private event. It might be different now, but the pool has a full schedule of public pool sessions.
           4. Ellen–Bath & Wiscasset. Ellen reported that Wiscasset pool charges $150/hour. Sunday morning is the best time for private sessions, since they open to the public at 1pm. The pool lobby is available for coffee, and there is also a function room. She didn’t inquire whether insurance is required. She will check back with them to get dates.
           5. John–Bowdoin College: John said the Bowdoin pool is a possibility if the college is in recess, as it is mid-December to mid-January, and in mid-March. Harpswell uses the pool as well, and it is very often booked. John is waiting to hear back from Michael Pulju with more specific information.
           6. South Portland: John noted that Suzanne has a connection there, and that the price is reasonable. He will ask Suzanne to pursue this possibility.
           7. Chip–can we get a Paypal or Venmo account for the club? Chip said Venmo is used mainly for transactions between individuals; business accounts are charged fees. Paypal is a possibility but charges a fee per transaction. SMSKN has a Paypal account, but it is not not working at present.
   2. Professional training: John reported that Simon Osborne and Nate Hanson are available for professional training for next year.
   3. Website Development: John said he had a good conversation with NSPN’s Sue Hriciga about this, and got good information on hiring a professional web manager.
4. Closure and action items.

* John to get further information on Bowdoin pool from Michael Pulju.
* Ellen to check back with Wiscasset pool to get dates for 2025 pool sessions there.
* John to ask Suzanne to get information and possible dates for South Portland pool.

The Board call concluded at 7:29 pm.

**Next call: TBD, possiblyWednesday, August 7, 2024.**