**Minutes**

**Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**

**Board Call**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

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

Members Participating:

Glen Gordon, President

Cathy Kimball

Ellen Gluckman

Eric Sofen

John Haile

Tom Allen

Greg Fergin, Recording Secretary

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

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of minutes from 5/6/2025 meeting: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Board call.
3. Financial Update. Kyle sent Board members SMSKN financial data for the year to date before the Board call. The club has $11,262 in its checking account and $15,583 in CDs. Net income for the year to date was -$125.
4. Skills Committee Update. Tom reported that the committee is moving forward with peer-to-peer sessions. Lot of new people are coming to sessions, including beginners. The Board also discussed the details of Nate Hanson and Simon Osborne’s July-August weekend training sessions.
5. Social Committee Update and Budget discussion. Glen observed that the Board hasn’t yet designated a liaison with the newly revived Social Committee, but is in touch with committee chair Aaron Kiander. A day before the Board call Aaron sent Board members an e-mail reporting on the committee’s latest meeting and requesting a budget for future social events. Glen said he will talk to Aaron about working with the Board. The Board discussed ways of encouraging the committee to plan and budget for more social events. Glen proposed giving the committee a budget of $300 through September, by which time the committee should come up with a proposed schedule of activities and budget through the end of the year, including a separate budget for a SMSKN summer picnic. The Board approved the proposal.
6. Coast Guard Proposed Buoy Removal Discussion. Eric reported that Board members had suggested highlighting the utility of a few additional buoys that are slated for removal. He will add them to his draft and send the final version to Glen for transmission to the Coast Guard by the June 13 deadline. Once the letter is sent, Glen will send an e-mail to the SMSKN membership with a link to the document on the SMSKN website.
7. Other Business. Ellen asked whether she should update the attendance list of paddling events she organizes to reflect actual attendance at these events. The Board agreed and suggested that this step be disseminated to people who are organizing paddling trips.
8. Rotnem scholarship. Eric asked if the Board had received any recent applications for use of the scholarship fund. Glen encouraged Board members to keep spreading the word about the availability of the scholarship fund to club members.
9. Closure and action items.
* Glen to advise the Social Committee about Board approval of a $300 budget to September and request the committee to come up with a schedule and budget for the remainder of the year.
* Glen to send Board letter regarding the proposed removal of buoys to the Coast Guard and inform the SMSKN membership about the letter.

The Board call concluded at 7:58 pm.

**Next call: August 5, 2025, 7:00pm**