

Maine Association of Sea Kayak Guides and Instructors

Fall 2019 Meeting Minutes

Moore Community Center Ellsworth, Maine

2 November 2019 1415 to 1630

In Person

Jim Borsig, Michael Daugherty, Rebecca Daugherty, Sam Frankel (*President*), Joe

Guglielmetti (*Treasurer*), Carino Higgins, Travis Journagan, Robert Shaw, Craig Shipp (*Secretary*), Chris Strout, Rick Taylor, Rose Weggler

Remote

Zack Anchors, Alice Bean-Andrenyak, Julianne Datzenko, Kathy Nugent, Thorton Ring (part-time)

Total attendance: 18

Introduction of Meeting Attendees - in person and remote
Overview of Advertised Agenda

Treasury and Membership Report (presented by Joe Guglielmetti)

Present balance of the organization is \$9245.75

There are currently 58 total paid members

Also, there are 20 paid business members as of today

There was a discussion of the cycle of typical expenses throughout a calendar year

Current Activities and Programs

Pool Session (lead by Joe Guglielmetti)

- Pool sessions at Riverton Pool in Portland were run again during the off season

- There were a total five (5) of pool sessions

- There was a good turnout for each session

Wicked Maine Outdoor Fest (presented by Alice Bean-Andrenyak)

- Event was held at the Cumberland Fairgrounds in Cumberland, ME, on 15 June

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- MASKGI sponsored a booth at the festival that was staffed by members for the day

- The focus of the message by those staffing the booth was on kayaking boating safety

- Several kayaks and appropriate equipment were on display and available for perusal
- It was estimated that 400 to 500 folks stopped by the booth over the course of the day
- Consensus of the membership was to continue MASKGI's presence at the festival

Wilderness First Aid Afloat (WFAA) Course (presented by Sam Frankel)

- WFAA Course run by Nancy Zane of *Northern Star Adventures* on 27-28 April

2019 at Maine Island Trail Association (MITA) Office in Portland

- Five members attended and received the MASKGI-subsidized discount for the

course (\$25)

- There was interest from the membership to continue the same type of offering

for next year

- The discussion already has started about co-sponsoring the course with MITA

next year

State Guide Board Update

- Again, it was announced that a meeting with State Guide Board personnel was

at the IF&W office in Sidney on 1 April and attended by Sam Frankel and Chris

Stout

- The focus of the meeting was how MASKGI can establish representation and have a voice on the State Guide Board
- We have no representation on the board yet, but discussion will continue
- Maine Sea-Kayak Examiner's Update
- We now have four Maine Sea-Kayak Guides that are state examiners

There was a discussion of the need to alter the timing of examinations, so they

are better staggered more evenly throughout the year

General Comments

- Guiding standards and training were discussed - the common theme here was

the observation that some on-water groups are still being guided by uncertified

personnel

- Discussion of a few encounters on the water with the US Coast Guard and Maine

Marine Patrol this summer were shared - overall the feedback was positive. **Presentation on a Special Kayak Expedition** (lead by Carino Higgins)

A week-long kayak expedition for 1-9 August 2020 is planned around MDI next summer for low-income kid from New York City

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Urban Outdoors Adventures planning the event and is based Washington Heights, NY

Carino is looking for volunteer guides and boats/equipment to assist for this event It was clearly pointed out that volunteering time and equipment would reduce liability considerably for this event

Carino was asked by the President to return for the spring meeting with a more detailed proposal

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Election of Officers (conducted by Sam Frankel)

The election process was explained and briefly discussed

There was an introduction of slate of nominees, followed by a few words by each nominee (Karen Francoeur spoke on Nancy Zane's behalf)

- Rose Weggler - President
- Nancy Zane - Vice-president
- Joe Guglielmetti - Treasurer
- Craig Shipp - Secretary

Full slate of nominations was accepted by membership as put forward for 2019-2020 organization year

Activities Going Forward (lead by Sam Frankel)

There was a discussion of building partnerships with other organizations, such as:

- US Boating Council - MASKGI renewal due soon
- MITA - interest in building new programs with MASKGI, as mentioned in correspondence with MITA

○ Main Outdoor Brands - considering reciprocal membership
There was a discussion on how we judiciously spend MASKGI funds to promote

worthwhile causes

- Scholarships for a member to take additional training was brought up (lead by Travis Journagan)

➤ The criteria to qualify for a scholarship was considered, but no decision was made

➤ This is a topic that needs to be further discussed at the spring meeting

- Participation in more outreach events like Wicked Maine Outdoor Fest was the

consensus of the members present

➤ It was decided that MASKGI should identify three events to focus on for support

➤ We already had agreed earlier that MASKGI should participate in the 2020 Wicked Maine Outdoor Fest

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➤ It was requested that worthy events be brought to the attention of the MASKGI officers for consideration

Pool sessions (returned to this topic again)

○ Pool session at other locations was considered, but no decision was made

○ A motion was passed that allows MASKGI members to attend pool sessions for free

○ A more specific new policy statement on who attends and pays for pool sessions was spelled out:

➤ MASKGI members attend pool session for free

➤ Business member's staff can join MASKGI for \$10/year and attend pool

sessions for free

➤ Non-member pay \$25 for each pool session

Availability of Maine Island Lodge on Gay Island

It was announced that the lodge would be available for guided groups through Maine Sport Outfitters in Rockport and Camden

Gay island is located at the seaward end of the Meduncook River about 2 mi SSE of the Bradford Point Boat Launch in Friendship

The lodge is off-the-grid with accommodations for at least 12 persons, and can include bedding, meals, and hot showers

The island is now part of the MITA trail, having six (6) tent platforms available by reservation only

Next Meeting

It was announced that the spring would be in the Portland area, most likely in April Details will be forthcoming early next year

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Shipp MASKGI Secretary Version 2c
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