

**Michigan Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee (MUSPC) Meeting Minutes**  
Michigan History Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commission Room  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

**Committee Members Present:** Ron Bloomfield, Joseph Bower, Sandra Clark, Tom Graf, Nathan Murphy

**Committee Members Via Conference Call:** Wayne Lusardi, Stephen Kroll, Larry Monshor  
**Staff:** Sheri Giffin

**Members of the Public and Guests:**

Daniel Friedhoff – Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Preserve and MUPC

Stacy Tchorzynski – State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Weston Hillier – Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE)

Daniel Harrison – Archaeologist, Wayne State University

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

No changes offered. Bloomfield moved to approve the agenda, Monshor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Kroll moved to approve the December 4, 2019, meeting minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Monshor and was unanimously adopted.

**5. Public Access Strategy Draft Review**

Updates were made to the document based on discussions and information presented at the CMU conference.

The committee discussed the plan being a document that the activities and projects of many people, organizations and communities will be needed to move the agenda items forward. There will be a lead to keep the moving toward the goals, but there will be many stakeholders participating on the various tasks.

With each goal, the committee prioritized tasks based on current work and quick wins. The key updates for each goal are:

Goal: Make Michigan's Shipwrecks More Accessible and Better Protected

- GIS story-map is completed and generating interest from the media.
- Connect with Google to add icons for shipwrecks.
- Leverage local communities to request funding for buoys, complete mooring, seasonal buoying and other site adoption tasks. Starting with sites already approved for buoys will be encouraged.

Goal: Develop Support That Starts with Grants and Specific Projects and Grows to Sustainable Funding

- SHPO is investigating the availability of funding.
- Utilizing the Michigan Maritime Heritage Special Resources Study report for partnership and funding opportunities.
- Explore CZM funding options for creating interpretive signs using the templates created for the recent Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary effort.
- Connecting with interested legislators for support on Federal funding.

Goal: Make Michigan a Shipwreck Destination

- Seek placement of articles in diverse publications to include a broader audiences, such as travel, RV or health magazines.
- Youtube and other visual media for recreational promotion.
- Create press kit to forward onto multiple media outlets.

Goals to reach K-12 youth and older youth/adults tie in with the priorities already set with previous goals.

The strategy will be updated for adoption at the next meeting.

## **6. CMU Conference**

The CMU Conference in early February was well received. Students were able to bring papers for peer review along with speakers with a variety of experiences and responsibilities. The summary document will be available by the end of the year.

## **7. Buoy Project**

Lusardi is converting the original EGLE permits to the current online application. He is also talking with the Lake Carrier Association about permits and reviewing the AIS data for traveling routes for possible concessions on buoy options.

Bloomfield reported on possible Upper Peninsula mooring sites.

## **8. Committee Member Reports**

### **New Permit Applications**

Tuskegee Air Museum submitted a renewal application for a permit for the P39 Airacobra.

## **9. Public Comment**

Harrison inquired about a shoreline contact point for people to learn more about the preserves and shipwrecks similar to Thunder Bay. The commission replied there is no consistent onshore presence for each preserve and shipwrecks in general. Harrison suggested a possible partnership with the various lighthouses as contact point for information on area shipwrecks or the recreational options for viewing the shipwrecks.

## **10. New Business**

Earlier in the meeting the committee discussed the process for wrecks to be added to the GIS map.

Graf has set his retirement for May 1<sup>st</sup> and Clark will be chairperson for the remainder of 2020. Chris Antieau will take Graf's place on the committee representing EGLE. Graf leaves the committee excited about the momentum with the strategic plan and the buoy project.

**11. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no additional business or updates, Bloomfield moved to adjourn at 3:23 pm.

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Sandra S. Clark, Chairperson