Michigan Underwater Salvage & Preserves Committee

Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual meeting Date: November 17, 2021

Roll call

Present for the Michigan Underwater Salvage & Preserves Committee:

- Chris Antieau, Chair
- Joseph Bower
- Ron Bloomfield
- Sandra Clark
- Jeremiah Edson
- Stephen Kroll
- Wayne Lusardi
- Nick Torsky

Others in Attendance:

- Dan Friedhoff, Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Preserve
- Dan Harrison, Wayne State University Maritime Archaeologist
- Weston Hillier, EGLE, Coastal Management Program
- Stacy Tchorzynski, DNR Archaeologist
- Cindy Krueger, DNR
- Sheri Giffin, Executive Secretary for Michigan History Center

Meeting minutes

Opening Comments:

Antieau called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Edson moved to approve the agenda; Bower seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bloomfield moved to approve the September 29, 2021, minutes; the motion was seconded by Clark and passed unanimously.

Strategy Implementation Priorities:

National Register Nominations

The State Historic Preservation Office has the nomination for the *Lauren Castle*. Harrison is connecting with a National Register coordinator from Wisconsin for suggestions based on their past successful nominations.

Buoy Project

The Michigan Underwater Preserves Council (MUPC) requested the buoy list for next season. The MUPC committee was directed to submit their plans to Bloomfield, Friedhoff and Lusardi.

Interpretive Panels

Bloomfield and Friedhoff met to review 30 potential sites in the Straits of Mackinac Preserve for the pilot interpretive panel project. They compiled a list of site owners and potential community partners for the submission of a future Coastal Zone Management planning grant.

Pure Michigan

Krueger gathered previous web articles that requires review before re-posting. She plans to forward the articles to the individuals who offered to proof for content and style.

Committee Member Reports:

Law Enforcement

Torsky reported on the continued progress with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) partnership, including training and cross deputization.

Comment:

Hillier noted a webinar series from Northwestern Michigan College's Marine Center that will present one event a month from December through March.

Harrison reported about Montcalm Parks and Recreation's submission of a grant application to explore of St. Felicity Church and the former site of Belvedere Village.

Old Business:

Bloomfield reported on his work on the wreck access education project. He will be meeting with the Underwater Salvage and Preserves Committee (USPC) ad hoc committee to discuss creating a program to educate the public on diving etiquette, video and photography guides and other wreck protection issues. Bloomfield contacted colleagues who confirmed similar issues and interest in education materials. Bloomfield plans to research any programs at the Federal level.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Clark moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bloomfield. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Sandra S. Clark, Chairperson

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