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Michigan Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

In attendance:

Committee Members: Chris Antieau, Ron Bloomfield, Sandra Clark, Stephen Kroll, Wayne Lusardi, Nathan Murphy

Excused: Joseph Bower

Staff: Sheri Giffin

Others:

Daniel Friedhoff – Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Preserve and MUPC

Daniel Harrison – Archaeologist, Wayne State University

Cindy Krueger – DNR, Web/IT Specialist

Stacy Tchorzynski – State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

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

Bloomfield moved to approve the agenda; Murphy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

Kroll moved to approve the December 2, 2020, minutes; the motion was seconded by Bloomfield and was unanimously adopted by roll-call vote.

Public Access Strategy Review

National Register Nominations

Harrison continues work on the *Lauren Castle* nomination. He is using the historic guideline updates in towing standards to demonstrate the significance of the wreck.

Website

Pure Michigan expressed interest in partnering on blog articles about shipwrecks on Michigan's bottomlands, particularly those that can be visited by paddle-sport enthusiasts. Krueger and Clark can write the articles if the committee members can offer the details such as ship name, date and location of sinking, some basic information to tell the story and an underwater (and possibly a historic) picture.

Buoy Project

Bloomfield and Lusardi have been working on gathering the lists from the preserves. Southwest Preserve wants to buoy two new wrecks, the *North Shore Tug* and *Ann Arbor No. 5*. The West Michigan Preserve is looking to buoy *Helen*, if other locations do not deploy their buoys.

Interpretive Panels

Clark shared the current Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail signage as an optional template for future preserve signage. The committee discussed revision options such as theme color for a unique look while staying with the overall layout.

Bloomfield offered to contact one or two preserves to gather initial input and test a framework for fundraising, installation, location and other logistics. Coastal Zone Management grants might help with funding.

Website (Access Issues)

Krueger and team are working on possible solutions for accessibility for people with visual impairments.

Verification and reconciliation of data

Tchorzynski, Bloomfield and Lusardi met to review the current data set. They suggested focusing on correcting current information and filling in the holes in the data. They will also consider guidelines to make the information uniform.

Committee Member Reports

Law Enforcement

Shaw has worked with the special investigating units to review any complaints.

New Permit Applications

A permit renewal application for the P39 Airacobra is expected. Antieau will review and post it in the next month.

Old Business

CMU Final Grant Project and Conference

Bloomfield and Dr. Martin noted that report on the February 2019 conference will be issued soon and thanked committee members who supported and attended the conference. The report will be available as a digital file on the Coastal Zone Management website, and Bloomfield will forward the link to committee members.

There being no further business Bloomfield moved to adjourn the meeting; Antieau seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm.



Sandra S. Clark, Chairperson