

Michigan Underwater Salvage & Preserve Committee

Meeting Minutes

Location: Michigan History Center & Virtual meeting

Date: September 18, 2023

Roll call

Present for the Michigan Underwater Salvage & Preserves Committee:

- Chris Antieau, Chair
- Ron Bloomfield
- Sandra Clark
- Dan Friedhoff
- Jeremiah Edson
- Wayne Lusardi
- Nick Torsky

Others in Attendance:

- Dan Harrison, Wayne State University Maritime Archaeologist
- Stacy Tchorzynski, DNR Archaeologist
- Cindy Krueger, DNR
- Sheri Giffin, Michigan History Center

Meeting minutes

Opening Comments:

Antieau called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Bloomfield moved to approve the agenda; Edson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Edson moved to approve the April 4, 2023, minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Bloomfield and passed.

Goals for 2023:

Buoy Project

Friedhoff reported some damaged buoys in the Straits Preserve. He has already ordered replacements. The Straits Preserve will begin removing buoys on September 19.

Bloomfield noted that the *D. Leuty* near Marquette was buoyed for the first time this season.

Friedhoff brought moorings to West Michigan Preserve and picked up mooring weights and delivered to the Whitefish Point and the Marquette Preserves. Whitefish Point did not deploy any buoys this season.

The remaining buoys from NOAA and Lusardi are available to any Preserve that asks for them, though Straits may test one style for suitability.

Interpretive Panels

Bloomfield continues to research funding for the project. He will review and send the initial estimates for the project.

Pure Michigan

Krueger has submitted stories for publication to the Public Information Office for the newsletter.

National Register Nominations

Harrison has submitted the list to MUPC for review and suggested updates. He reiterated the main points for the document are: significance of the wreck, site integrity, interpretation and community support.

Committee Member Reports:

Law Enforcement

Torsky reported that the LED team helped with the Tuskegee project. He also noted that LED, with NOAA, did some joint patrols of the Thunder Bay area.

New Permit Applications

Antieau said that there were no new permit applications.

Lusardi summarized the summer work on the Tuskegee project. The team spent 2 ½ weeks working on the project despite terrible conditions for diving and recovery. The team did not bring the wing up due to the rough weather conditions. The team brought up the 1,200-lb engine and the chassis. National Geographic filmed the work for a documentary.

New Business:

Giffin reviewed meeting dates for 2024.

Old Business:

Edson inquired about Mammoth Brewing and the plans to use wreckage for distilling. Neither Friedhoff nor Bloomfield had heard about any movement.

Lusardi noted beach wreckage reports and identifications. A scow barge was found near Lexington, near Camp Cavell. The camp initially wanted to remove the wreckage for camper safety; however, they saw the value of using the wreck as an archaeology learning opportunity. Lusardi also received notifications from Wilderness State Park and an area on the north shore of Lake Michigan.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Antieau moved to adjourn the meeting; Bloomfield seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.