

Michigan Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

In attendance:

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

Excused: David Shaw

Staff: Sheri Giffin

Others:

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

Cindy Krueger – DNR, Web/IT Specialist

Matt Carpenter – student from Michigan Tech

Clark called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Bloomfield moved to approve the agenda; Kroll seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Kroll moved to approve the September 16, 2020, minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Murphy and was unanimously adopted.

Public Access Strategy Draft Review

Verification and Reconciliation of Data

Lusardi reported that the beach wreckage reporting form has been updated and distributed. In the early fall, there were redundant reports, and no new shipwrecks were identified.

National Register Nominations

Harrison is amending the nomination for the *Lauren Castle* after preliminary SHPO review. The major challenge is establishing unique significance. With suggested updates, Harrison continues refine based on the suggestions along with the significance of the *Lauren Castle* nomination.

The committee discussed looking at the State of Wisconsin's numerous more recent nominations. There was also discussion of the difficulty of attempting to group wrecks for a historic district type of nomination that would establish group significance. It also considered the possibility of university student involvement in creating new nominations.

Website

Clark, Krueger and the DNR web team are continuing to work on ways to make information on the GIS map accessible.

Google Earth Icon Adoption

The request has been submitted to Google, however, there has been no response to date.

Buoy Project

Some 52 buoys deployed in 2020. Bloomfield will be working on the 2021 list of potential new buoy sites for submission to the Coast Guard. The West Michigan Preserve is seeking funding and partnership opportunities for more of its sites.

EGLE and Corps of Engineers permits are up-to-date.

Economic Impact Case

For the next meeting, Hillier will create a framework for discussion. Others identified past work that may be applicable.

Interpretive Panels

The committee agreed to use the Great Lakes Maritime Trail signage created by the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary as the basis for a design template for underwater preserve panels. Clark will prepare templates for review and comment at the next meeting. Discussion of a content review committee will continue. Hillier reported interest from potential grantees signage at such places of interest boat launches and lighthouses.

Digital Press Kit

Krueger is assembling a list of publications, companies and outdoor enthusiast organizations. Krueger shared the USPC's strategic goals at the recent DNR/Pure Michigan meeting.

Bower talked with Brad Garmon about potential target businesses but Garmon was more interested in partnership opportunities created by the Office of Outdoor Recreation.

Public Comment

Harrison is working with the Macomb Parks and Recreation, the Scrimshaw Projects and the Noble Odyssey Sea Cadets program to identify training and work the cadets might do close to their home port.

Old Business

Lusardi is working on three Tuskegee Airmen projects:

- A continued TBNMS survey in search of four more aircraft in Lake Huron;
- The Diving with a Purpose memorial, for the 15 Tuskegee Airmen, stationed at Selfridge Air Base who lost their lives during training sessions in 1943 and 1944;
- The Tuskegee Air Museum effort to recover the remainder of the P39 Airacobra in Lake Huron. This includes helping with their EGLE permit application.

Adjourn Meeting

Bower moved to adjourn the meeting; Antieau seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.



Sandra S. Clark, Chairperson