

**MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2019

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Meeting Location: Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Office
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

Meeting Objectives: (1) Election of Council Leadership; (2) Reports; (3) Presentation of Volunteer of the Year Award; (4) SAC Action Items.

Attendance: (see attached attendance roster)

10 community seats present (of 13 filled seats)

5 government seats present (of 8 filled seats (not including alternates))

4 sanctuary staff members present (of 8 staff)

Meeting Notes

Administrative Business and Announcements

★ Chair's Welcome

Jim Tobin welcomed everyone to the meeting and to those on the phone. Will Sassorossi took roll call and welcomed new members (Kim Kenyon (Conservation), Rom Whitaker (Rec/Commercial Fishing), Jenna Hartley (Student Seat), and Chris Southerly (NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources) to their first meeting.

★ Election of Council Leadership

Stuart Katz nominated Jim Tobin to serve a second term as Council Chair. Will Hoffman seconded. All present were in favor, no opposition; Jim Tobin was elected to serve as Chair. Stuart Katz nominated Joe Poe to serve a second term as Vice-Chair. Jim Tobin seconded. All present were in favor, no opposition; Joe Poe was elected to serve as Vice-Chair. No nominations came forward for Council Secretary.

★ Approval of Draft Minutes from previous meeting (12/6/2018)

Stuart Katz motioned for approval of minutes as is, Debby Boyce seconded. All in favor, motion to accept minutes into record passed.

★ Brief Council Member Update

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

Reports

★ Superintendent's Update

Dave Alberg began his update by stating budget for the year was good and that money was allotted for The Mariners' Museum. The sale of SRVx *Sand Tiger* was finalized and the vessel *Peter Gladding* had been picked up is currently undergoing some work. A brief discussion on looking at different vessels that could handle NC waters was brought up at this point. Matt Landrum and Jim Tobin mentioned the sport fishing boats that dominate the NC waters would be a good platform to consider down the road for sanctuary use. Everette Newton mentioned that Duke is also in the final stages of purchasing a 73' catamaran that could also be contracted out for work potentially. Dave appreciated all these ideas and would investigate them further.

Dave continued with a brief update to the exhibitry progress at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum. A study of the climate conditions at the museum over a period of time is set to begin. By understanding the baseline and fluctuations in conditions at the museum, it will better dictate which artifacts can be sent to the museum for display. Additionally, there is a new sign at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum to help drive in more visitors.

Dave started wrapping up his report by highlighting a few upcoming events and outreach tools. There will be new dive slates available for four additional wreck sites, bringing the total to nine different wreck site dive slates. A new *Monitor* trail sign will be put in place in Syracuse, NY in late fall. Some summer events include on July 1st, the 20th anniversary of the light house move on Cape Hatteras, with the National Park Service. Also, the "Get Into Your Sanctuary" event run by Shannon Ricles will take place from August 2nd through the 4th. Finally, Dave gave a quick update to expansion, in that documents were continued to be developed in consultation with government agencies and NOAA, with eyes toward release in the fall.

Presentation of Volunteer of the Year Award

Dave Alberg gave an overview of the Volunteer of the Year award that is given by The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to an individual that has made outstanding contributions to their local National Marine Sanctuary during 2018. The nominee for Monitor National Marine Sanctuary was Debby Boyce. Debby was nominated to represent MNMS for her collaborative work, expanding Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS) training to her

diving clientele. This work directly involved MNMS and NC archeologists and helped to bring a broader awareness to the cultural resources off the NC coast.

Reports (Continued)

★ Field Work Update

Will Sassorossi gave a report for upcoming plans for the 2019 field season. Beginning with work with the Battle of the Atlantic Research and Expedition Group (BAREG), this group will be working on a site called *Byron Benson*, operating out of Nags Head, NC.

Unfortunately, MNMS staff will only be able to provide background information for the team, but it should be an interesting site for them to work on. Also, Joe Hoyt will join Will in a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) wind area study in Freeport, NY. This is part of a yearly agreement with BOEM and recent studies have included areas off of VA, NC, and MD. Tane Casserley added there will also be two weeks utilizing the NOAA vessel *Nancy Foster*, which the Ops team will be on in September, working with National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) out of Beaufort.

★ Conservation Update

Will Hoffman described the conservation focus that includes partnering with Newport News Shipyard to raise and re-support the turret for additional conservation procedures. The shipyard was able to re-support the turret properly, allowing for better conservation endeavors moving forward.

Meeting Close-Out

★ New Business

None.

★ Next Council Event/Meeting

To be determined at a later date, looking into fall 2019 for next meeting.

Adjourn

Stuart Katz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chris Southerly. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Close-Out

Actions to Take:

- ✓ Send out options for meeting schedule and locations for FY19 and FY20.
- ✓ Continue the recruitment process for expired SAC seats.
- ✓ Fill remaining vacant SAC seats for governmental positions.

Attendance Roster:

Community Members		
Jim Tobin	Citizen-at-Large	Present
Kim Kenyon	Conservation	Present
Stuart Katz	Economic Development	Present
David Sybert	Education	Absent
Andre Nabors	Heritage Tourism	Present
Nathan Richards	Maritime Archaeological Research	Present
Ernie Foster	Recreational/Commercial Fishing	Absent
Rom Whitaker	Recreational/Commercial Fishing	Absent
Matt Landrum	Recreational Diving	Present
Joe Poe	Recreational Diving	Present
Debby Boyce	Ocean Sports	Present
Will Hoffman	The Mariners' Museum	Present
OPEN	The Mariners' Museum (Alt)	-----
Jenna Hartley	Student Seat (Non-Voting)	Present
Government Members		
Dave Hallac	NPS (Primary)	Absent
OPEN	NPS (Alternate)	-----
Chris Southerly	NC DCR (Primary)	Present
OPEN	NC DCR (Alternate)	-----
Jason Peters	NC Dept. Environmental Quality	Absent
Steve Poland	NC Dept. Environmental Quality (Alt)	Absent
Everette Newton	NC Local Gov't – Town of Beaufort	Present
OPEN	NC Local Gov't – Town of Beaufort (Alt)	-----
Bobby Outten	NC Local Gov't – Dare County	Absent
Drew Pearson	NC Local Gov't – Dare county (Alt)	Absent
LCDR David Stutt	US Coast Guard	Present
Kate Moore	US Coast Guard (Alt)	Absent
Robert Neyland	US Navy	Present
Alexis Catsambis	US Navy (Alt)	Absent
Samantha Henderson	VA DHR	Present
Greg LaBudde	VA DHR (Alt)	Absent
Sanctuary Staff		
David Alberg	Sanctuary Superintendent	Present
Paul Ticco	Northeast Regional Coordinator	Absent
Joe Hoyt	Maritime Archaeologist	Absent
Tane Casserley	Research Coordinator	Present
Will Sassorossi	SAC Coordinator	Present
David Dodsworth	IT Coordinator	Absent
Shannon Ricles	Education/Outreach Coordinator	Present
Sean Cimilluca	NOAA Corp Officer	Absent
Others/Public		