



## Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes August 8, 2015

**Directors Present:** Barbara Crown, Pat Feighan, Mike Hilla, Carol Johanson, Art Koster, Jim Laethem, Nancy LaMastus, MaryAnn McLane, Denne Osgood, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Rosemary Wieczorek, Lois Whipple;

**Excused:** Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Cindy Pilato;

**Guests and Members Present:** Jeanne Burczycki, George Covalle, Neva Covalle, Dan LaMastus, Melanie Most, Jerry Thiel.

Barbara Crown brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:04 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July minutes were presented. **Pat Feighan made the motion to approve, Mary Ann McLane seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

### Executive Committee Reports

**Treasurer Report:** Rosemary Wieczorek did not have a chance to complete the treasurer's report for July, but the balance on hand for July was \$28,603.72 not including items from Field Day. **Pat Feighan made the motion to move the approval of the July report during September's meeting; Barbara Crown seconded to approve; motion carried, report to be placed on file pending approval in September.**

Lois Whipple reported an estimated profit of at least \$6,000, and Barbara Crown reported that Susan Bryson has \$4,400 from Silent Auction money. Lois Whipple reported that the raffle ticket profit was \$3,483 prior to Field Day, and \$872 on Field Day itself.

**Secretary Report:** Donna Halacoglu was not present for this meeting, but she received correspondence from the Save Our South Channel Lights organization. The HISCFA has been named lifetime members of the S.O.S.C.L.

### OLD BUSINESS

- *Field Day:* Barbara Crown made a full-page display in the Flyer for this weekend to show the success of the event. A huge Thank You goes out to Dan LaMastus and the Lions for their assistance with Field Day. New members have signed up during Field Day, and a couple more have signed up in the Waterfront Shoppe. For the Field Day raffle, Ginger Terrien won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$750, Chuck Hahn won the model boat, and Bob Coulter won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the smoker.
- *Water line installed and hooked up:* Jim Laethem and Pat Feighan successfully completed the hookup for Field Day. Outside hookups are available as well, and all of the hookups were very convenient for the event.
- *Delta News update:* Barbara Crown still has several copies of the Delta News at the Waterfront Shoppe, but otherwise next week they will be mailed out.



## NEW BUSINESS

- *Scholarships:* Mary Ann McLane stated that only one donation was submitted by Joseph Kukawka for Johnson & Wales University in Denver, CO. Although he missed the deadline, his application was fantastic and was awarded the Orlo McLane scholarship. **Lois Whipple made the motion to approve awarding the scholarship to Joseph Kukawka; Pat Feighan seconded, all in favor: motion carried.**
- *CATTAILS donation:* \$3,883.03 from the fashion show was received as a donation to the HISCFA. Pat Feighan wrote a Thank You letter to the CATTAILS. Pat read his letter to the meeting attendees.
- *Playground equipment:* Pat Feighan did some research to try and salvage some nice playground equipment from a property in Detroit at no cost to the association (for the equipment). Pat and Jerry Freeman made an appointment and went to view the equipment on-site. However, it appears that too much money and effort would need to be expended to safely dig it out of its current location and relocate it to the island.
- *North Channel property:* Part of the reason not to pursue the playground equipment was because of the latest developments at the Browne's Field Pavilion and the desire to replace the water station building on the North Channel, and focus on making a new water dispensing system and restrooms combined. The upgrades made in recent years have been able to drive down the cost of maintenance on the property. Pat Feighan requested permission to gather quotations for design of new restroom facilities for the Browne's Field pavilion. **Denne Osgood made the motion to allow Pat Feighan to gather quotations / bids for a new restroom / water facility at Browne's Field; Dennis Szymanski seconded, all in favor: motion approved.**
- *Road fix and automobile fix:* Pat Feighan met with Artie Bryson regarding the road issues this past Monday. Brooks Bond and Kirk Weston met with Pat and they discussed all of the different issues that were observed. All places around the island where the road was altered and where material was missing were visited. They re-sanded over the sticky spots, and the road commission was made aware that State Representatives will be present for the Turkey Shoot parade coming up next month, and that if the road commission thinks that the HISCFA is making a stink, they should see what the representatives will have to say about it soon. Their explanation provided about the potholes and missing material was that the road was driven over too soon after the seal was placed, and it acted like a snowball effect on vehicle tires. Mike Hilla asked whether the community was notified as a general public how the road was going to be repaired. Pat Feighan responded that the fact that the road repair was going to be chip seal and not asphalt was discussed in the township meetings. The commission has agreed to organize a mass detailing event for islanders who have incurred damage. In order to get onto the list for auto detailing due to road damage, please call 517-296-4444. Detailing will be provided at Browne's Field if there are enough people to claim damage to their property due to the poor road conditions.
- *Art Koster's incident with road sweeper:* On Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, coming from the Old Club, Art got caught in a dust cloud from the road sweeper and ended up disoriented and scraped his vehicle against the sweeper. This caused approximately \$10,000 of damage to his property, including huge gashes through the side of his vehicle. No flag men or escort were available during the operation of the sweeper to warn of an impending hazard. A police report was recorded from the incident.
- *Krispin Drain letter from Bob Wiley, Drain Commissioner:* Barbara Crown received a letter from Bob Wiley. Originally the project was scheduled to begin in mid-July, but the work has been pushed back to an undetermined date. Surveyors have been observed in the area recently.
- *Letter from Bureau of State Lottery Training meeting September 16, Port Huron:* The State of Michigan is asking for accountability copies of canceled checks from the raffle. Nancy LaMastus stated this is a normal thing that other island organizations have to deal with.



- *Township meeting update:* Donna Halacoglu attended the meeting on Monday. This meeting discussed the ORV ordinance, and the ordinance passed. Golf carts are NOT considered ORVs, but are currently illegal to drive on the roadways. An excerpt from the letter was read to the meeting attendees by Barbara Crown.
- *Trunk-to-Trunk next event on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015:* Need volunteers to assist with the event from 9am-Noon. It was advertised in Nextdoor and also in the Flyer. \$240 was raised last time, and money goes towards Browne's Field development.
- *MPSC letter:* Pat Feighan rewrote the letter and read the new letter to the meeting attendees. **Denne Osgood made the motion to send the letter on behalf of the association; Jim Laethem seconded the motion. All approved; motion carried.**
- *Paul Wargo resignation:* Barbara Crown has a letter from Paul stating his resignation from the HISCFA Directors. **Pat Feighan made the motion to accept his resignation; Rosemary Wieczorek seconded. All approved; motion carried.** The bylaws of the association state that there must be a minimum of 15 directors, but now there are currently 19 directors so there is no need to appoint someone in his place.
- *Officers for 2016:* Barbara Crown would like to ask that more people express interest in becoming a director, specifically for someone to take on the role of President to replace herself. Also, Donna Halacoglu would like to eventually step down from Executive Secretary. The bylaws also state that you must be a HISCFA member in good standing for at least one year before becoming a director.
- *Attorneys:* All previous attorney contacts with Kitch Attorneys & Counselors have moved on to a different firm, and Brett Miller was our primary contact. All of the association records are currently with Kitch and they belong to us, regardless of which attorney represents the association and whether they are with Kitch or not. Brett Miller is currently a Senior Attorney with Butzel Long in Detroit. **Pat Feighan made a motion to continue with Brett Miller as the association designated legal counsel; Rosemary Wieczorek seconded. All approved; motion carried.**
- *Bonfire at pavilion in September with steak dinner:* A fall dinner has not been in place for years, mostly because it has been very involved with a lot of work. This would be for members only, at a minimal cost. Tentative date is going to be September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Pat Feighan, Jim Laethem, Barbara Crown, Denne Osgood, and Rosemary Wieczorek all volunteered to be on a committee to carry this out. A price needs to be determined, and advertisement needs to occur in the Flyer before Labor Day weekend and also on Nextdoor.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Jerry Thiel proposed to have a classic car show at Browne's Field. He brought flyers as an example, and explained how these types of car shows work and how the association could profit from it. This would have to occur sometime in 2016.

**Denne Osgood made the motion to adjourn, Mike Hilla seconded. All approved; meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary