

Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association
Minutes October 11, 2014

Directors Present: Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Barb Crown, Pat Feighan, , Mike Hilla, Carol Johanson, Jim Laethem, Dave Martin, Denne Osgood, Cindy Pilato, Dennis Szymanski, Lois Whipple, Rosemary Wiczorek,
Directors absent/excused: Kathleen O'Connor Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Nancy LaMastus, Mary Ann McLane, Leonard Verlinden, Paul Wargo,

Barbara Crown called the meeting to order AT 10 AM **Dave Martin motioned to accept the September minutes, Pat Feighan Seconded. Motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Treasurer Report: Lois Whipple supplied Treasurers report, presented and passed out. **Motion to approve Treasurers report by Pat Feighan, Dave Martin seconded, all approved, will be placed on file.** Discussed treasurer transition from Lois to Rosemary, all signature cards need to be updated and put on file at Talmar Bank. **Motion by Dave Martin to update bank signature cards at Talmar Bank and to REMOVE WHITEY SIMON, and add Rosemary Weiczorek, leaving Lois Whipple, and Barbara Crown on the signature cards, motion seconded by Pat Feighan, all approved, carried.**

Secretary Report – in Donna Halacoglu's absence Barb Crown reported we have 795 members for 2014, an increase over last year.

New Business

Barbara put forth the Annual meeting agenda to be held following the 9 am meeting of directors, all reviewed and no changes were made.

Jim Laethem informed that Barefoot Lawns wants to increase their fee \$10.00 per cutting for 2015. **Jim Laethem made a motion that we approve renewal/signing the 2014 annual contract allowing \$10.00 increase per cutting, and extend the contract through 2016 allowing another \$10.00 increase for 2016. Discussion followed. Dave Martin seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.**

Barbara asked directors if they had anything they wanted on the Association's wish list to improve the community. Pat Feighan discussed working with Artie Bryson, Township Supervisor on Island issues in relation to the speeding on the Island, replacing missing speed signs, repainting road lines. He asked Artie to get a cost for a solar sign "watch your speed", mobile radar units. Pat suggested once a cost is established that HISCFA donate a portion of the money to purchase these signs. Further discussion on update on Downtown Development in the Sans Souci area. Cindy Pilato discussed the lack of investment by the Township into Harsen's Island based on the taxes we contribute to the Township. Further discussion followed on possible other development of private owned land for Island improvement. Bernard Licata discussed the possibility of the Township purchasing the Lion's Hall and funding the upkeep. Barbara Crown discussed the Association being more represented at Township meetings via volunteers from HISCFA to attend and report back to the Directors. Cindy Pilato suggested HISCFA apply to get on the agenda at the Township level and discuss our concerns for township taxes and development of our Island. Pat Feighan volunteered to draft a letter to apply to be on the agenda for one of the upcoming bi-monthly meetings. Barbara discussed the need of the Island people if we take on this task, and have their support at the Township meetings.

Welcome Packets are almost complete. There are approximately 30 pieces of information in the packet so far. Barbara discussed a need to approach several more key owners on the Island that needed included in the packet. Clay Township has provided us a list of new owners on the Island, and she plans to write them an introduction letter so they know this is available. We would like to present the packets in person if possible. Cindy indicated that we will be giving a complimentary one year Association membership to the new recipients of the packet. Jim Laethem recommended

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inserting a contract for rental of Browne's Field, Lois Whipple recommended information about our Park and Ride service.

and Pat Feighan recommended information on our water station procedures. Barbara mentioned all this information is also in the Delta News magazine that is in the packet.

Barb Crown raised Norman Rhodes idea about combining Turkey Shoot, Field Day, Tashmoo Days and other Island events from other groups, into one "Island Event". Pat Feighan discussed how successful Field Day was this year and HISCFA may not want to combine it with other events. Dave Martin recommended we get all the heads of the groups together for a meeting. Cindy Pilato discussed the thought that the Turkey Shoot not performing well may not be the fault of other events being present on the island, but due to the event itself needing to be modernized and revamped. The idea of combining these events was thought by the members present as not being a doable. We may revisit the idea at a later meeting.

Old Business

John Horvath's signs have been replaced in the original placement. Barbara Crown asked Denne Osgood to approach John and have him sign our letter of agreement, so that this can be placed on file and the subject closed. Denne agreed to approach John again, a copy of the letter will be forwarded to Denne Osgood.

Christmas Party Please place Saturday, December 13th 6 pm to whenever, at the Sans Souci Landing. It will follow the same format as last year. Good filling appetizers, good company and Christmas cheer!

Lois Whipple has contacted Jean Verslype, she said that it would be very nice if we planted a tree at Browne's Field in honor of Don Verslype. **Pat Feighan made motion to plant a memorial tree in the honor of former Director and friend, Don Verslype, to be planted at Browne's Field, with a cost not to exceed \$500 in costs, all approved, motion carried.** Dave Martin suggested that the tree be planted this fall, to promote its growth for next year. The field committee needs to find the appropriate tree and the area in which it should be planted.

Pat Feighan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:57, the Annual Meeting will follow at 10 AM, Dave Martin seconded, all approved, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Brady, Acting Recording Secretary