

Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Meeting May 11, 2013 9:00 am at the Sans Souci Landing

Directors in attendance: Mary Ann McLane, Kathy Schweikart, Carol Johanson, Sue Bryson, Dennis Szymanski, Jerry Freeman, Denne Osgood, Don Verslype, Dave Martin, Barb Crown, Pat Feighan

Excused: Donna Halacoglu, Lois Whipple, Jim Laethem; Otto Jenson, Todd Brady, Cindy Pilato, Jeannie Rhodes, Len Verlinden

The May 11, 2013 meeting was brought to order by Pat Feighan, at 9:05 am. The meeting was held at the Sans Souci Landing in town. The April minute approval was tabled until June. Due to personal circumstances the minutes were not ready for approval. ***Dave Martin made a motion to table the minutes until June 2013, and was seconded by Don Verslype, motion carried.*** Treasurer Report – Barbara Crown, Temporary Treasurer read her report. ***A motion was made by Don Verslype to approve the report as read to be placed on file for audit. Dave Martin seconded, all approved. Motion carried.***

Correspondence: Pat Feighan read a letter from the Lion's Club. It was noted that they will waive the fee for our March meetings, and asked that we let Pete Artman know in advance if we are going to hold our meeting at the Lions Hall. The letter will be placed on file by our Executive Secretary. Pat suggested that since we are a community organization it would be nice to move the meetings around so more people might attend. He also suggested having a board meeting or two at the Browne's Field Pavilion, weather permitting, during the summer months.

Membership: Barbara Crown reported we have 500 renewed members so far. A reminder post card will go out in the next week to members to remind them to pay their dues.

Scholarships: Mary Ann McLane and John Hackett has reviewed and approved 4 high school students to receive scholarships this year. One student qualified for the Orlo McLane award, and 3 students were so close, that Mary Ann asked that we give out 3-\$850 awards to these three students. We only gave out one scholarship last year. ***Dennis Szymanski made a motion to approve all scholarships requested by the Committee, and that we approve to give three awards of \$850 each to the three students, Susan Bryson seconded, motion carried by all.***

Government: Pat Feighan said at the May 6th Clay Township meeting, the Clay Township board, after much discussion, agreed to certify that the letter sent to Blue Water Transportation Authority, from Harden's Island Transportation Authority. They felt that the letter from Don Verslype and signed by the four HITA board of directors. They certified this letter was sufficient for BWAT to proceed with their negotiations with Champion Ferry. Don Verslype stated that he wants us all to work together to make a workable and viable contract.

Pat Feighan, spoke on "neutrality". The Association is neutral when it comes to whether the Association is for or against a bridge or any other form of transportation. However, we are not neutral, when the effect of the ferry or say a bridge impacts the lives of the residents of our Island.

Paved Roads – Road Commission will be paving some of the side streets off of South Channel Drive this summer. **Trash Pick Up** – Our trash tax will be going up \$7.00 this next year.

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Survey Questionnaire: the Committee has completed the survey. Pat Feighan read it to the group. It was discussed. Jerry Freeman suggested we put in a section where people can prioritize their selections of what they would like to see the Association work on. *Denne Osgood made a motion to approve the Survey, with the above correction of prioritizing, Dave Martin second, all approved, motion carried.*

The survey will go out as a separate mailing to as many Island residents that are on our mailing list.

Web Site and Scrolling Sign Todd Brady has taken control of the scrolling sign and it has been updated.

Our Web Site HISCFA.org has a new look. Pat asked all directors to take a look at this and make any suggestions that we may feel need updated, and get back to Pat. Barb Crown suggested we have a tab on our web site that will go to local business. Maybe we can charge a nominal fee to have a short description of the business and a link to their web page or facebook page.

Friends of Readers Cove Library Readers Cove met last night at the Landing. They are looking for anyone with special talents that can be donated to their organization.

Browne's Field Dave Martin read the estimate for updating and improvement of the play areas at the field. All the improvements will cost close to \$5000. *Base Ball Diamond* – needs attention. Discussion followed on how they can get this improved. A meeting was set of the Field Committee to meet at the field next Saturday. **Water Station** Discussion on the clean up needed around the station. Dave Martin made a motion that we spend up to \$500 to hire clean up of brush around the Water Station, Dennis Szymanski seconded, all approved, motion carried. **Tashmoo Days** – Denne Osgood Dennis made a motion that the Association contributes \$250.00 to the Tashmoo Day event, seconded by Don Verslype, all approved motion carried. Tashmoo Days is July 20th. Need to make plans for tent and handouts.

Safari Club Pat Feighan discussed the George Riley Foundation, Wilderness Youth Camp. There are available spots for young people camp out this summer. Contact Pat for any information and applications. **Advertising Sign** – Barb Crown has been receiving checks, will have to spend some time calling advertisers to make sure they still want to be on the board. We will have to contact John Horvath and let him know his time is up for free advertising. We have advertisers who will be glad to spend money for the prime spot. Barbara suggested we give the Reader's Cove a free sign on the board that will be permanent. *Barbara made a motion to make a sign for the Readers Cove, Don Verslype seconded, and all approved, motion carried.*

Licenses – Beer and Raffle licenses have been received, they will be placed with Lois Whipple until the day of the event. **Park and Ride** it has been noted that clean up is needed around the park and ride. The Field Committee will take a look at this. Dave suggested we get community workers to help with this clean up. **BY Laws** Pat Feighan, we need to set up a committee to review the bylaws, and discuss turning Browne's Field into a 501C3

Adjourn

Denne Osgood made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 am, Don Verslype seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Crown