

Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2013

Directors present: Pat Feighan, Jim Laethem, Donna Halacoglu, Lois Whipple, Barb Crown, Jerry Freeman, Nancy LaMastus, David Martin, Mary Ann McLane, Denne Osgood, Cindy Pilato, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Don Verslype, Art Koster, Old Club Representative
Excused: Susan Bryon, Todd Brady, Otto Jensen, Kathy Schweikart Absent: Jeannie Rhodes, Carol Johanson
Guest: Dan LaMastus

The meeting was called to order at 9 am by Pat Feighan, President; Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome back for Lois Whipple. The president asked for approval for April and May minutes. Don Verslype did not remember making the motion to approve for HISCFA to send letter to Candice Miller approval to eliminate the Flood Insurance bill as put forward by Candice Miller. However, the motion was seconded and approved by all in attendance, so motion stands as approved. We offered to make a new motion and Don said it was ok as it stood. Under **government from the May minutes**, change to read: "The Clay Township Board of Trustees, at the May 6th meeting, agreed to certify the letter sent to Blue Water Transportation Authority, from the Harsen's Island Transportation Authority, as written by Don Verslype and signed by the four other HITA Board of directors. They felt it was sufficient for BWAT to proceed with their negotiations with Champion Ferry."

Dave Martin made a motion to approve the April and May minutes, with corrections, Don Verslype seconded, all approved to be put on file.

Treasurer's Report Lois Whipple went over the report, Check book balance as of May 31, 2013 is \$26, 570.49 with total balance with CD's is \$50,835.01

A motion was made by Don Verslype to approve the treasurer's report be placed on file for audit, Dave Martin seconded, motion passed by all.

POND Pat Feighan asked the board if we should continue to spend money on the pond with the Pond Guy or let it go back to its natural state. It was discussed and decided that we have put too much time, money and effort into getting it to look the way it is, we need to continue with the upkeep.

Correspondence Note from Nick Sarzinski thanking all for their notes of kindness during the time he was gone. **Membership** Donna Halacoglu, as of this meeting we have 701 members, 541 paid and 145 Old Club members. Reminder cards were sent out through the US Post Office through the Click and Mail. It seems to be a very economical way of sending mail to our members. Whitey Simon helped Donna with the mailing, and his help was very much appreciated.

Art Koster wondered why we were losing members, Pat Feighan brought up we are actually gaining members over a decline 4 to 5 years ago, due to death of members and the poor economy. We have gotten 20 percent of our members back plus many new members. We hope to continue to grow in the coming year.

Today and tomorrow are clean up day, encourage your friends and neighbors to pull out their old stuff and take it to the field.

Questionnaire – the committee is doing a final tweak on the questionnaire, Dennis Szymanski suggested we have someone or a group pass them out at the ferry like they do the Flyer. Seems like a very good idea.

Government Pat Feighan had spoken to Jim Wilson from BWAT. Jim reported that they developed their preliminary budget for the State and are working with Champion over the agreement. There is a good chance of avoiding the fare increase in January. **Boys Club Development** – the Association is going to

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wait and see how this plays out. They have not applied for any permits from MDOT, State, DNR or Coast Guard. According to Kathleen Fairchild, State of Michigan, Malik does not have a solid plan at this point, and the process will be long and drawn out.

Browne's Field Clean up Day is today and tomorrow at the field. Pat wanted to thank Jim Laethem, Dave Martin, and Jerry Freeman in helping him clean up the Park and Ride, without the help of the community workers. It look so much better. Also the Water Station was cleaned of brush and trees and looks 100 percent better. A **big thank** you again, to Jim Laethem and all the hard work he puts in over at the Field.

Play area still needs repaired, it is at a great expense, need to set a priority list on the work needed completed. Bob Bryson offered to pull the stump at the end of the pond, and Tom Korthals volunteered to till the ball field. We need to get baseball games going again at the field.

Community Affairs Tashmoo Days July 20th. Discussed our booth, Barb offered to have it on her deck. The Delta News will hopefully be done and we will be able to distribute on that date. We are shooting for that date. We can sell our raffle tickets, old delta news, sell water, have a coloring contest for kids to show at Field Day. George Crown will design a black and white coloring page for the event. Need a sign advertising Field day on the deck. Electronic Sign and Web Site Todd needs input for both. Send info to Pat then he will send on to Todd.

Delta News is at the printer.

Field Day Mary Ann McLane passed out Silent Auction cards, announced this will be her last year for the silent auction. Reminded directors they need to give gifts as well. We made \$4000 on silent auction last year. Cindy – field day closing time 12 noon to 5 pm, kids raffle close at 4:15, silent auction close at 4:30, kitchen closed at 4:30 raffle will be called at 5 pm. Event will start closing down at 5 pm.

Field games will stay the same, plus the extra for kids like; Jello slurp, pie eating and hula hoop. Kids liked that a lot last year. Closest to the pin will be done again but moved away from fire trucks. Field Day signs are done and will be ready to put around. Wait until early July to put out.

Executive Committee needs a **workshop to discuss By Laws**. Need to be brought up to the 21st century.

Membership Committee Don Verslype would like to try a different approach to get directors to sign on. We may try new advertising in flyer, like: Let your Voice be Heard, Get Involved, Become a Director in HISCF. We will start putting ads in the Flyer to drum up people to become directors.

Concerts in the Park - need signs – **Dave Martin made a motion to make up 10 signs, not to exceed \$125.00 Don Verslype seconded, all approved. Signs will read Concerts in the Park this Friday.**

Scholarships have been handed out at the high school. They will receive money when they complete their first semester.

Don Verslype made a motion to adjourn, Leonard Verlinden seconded, all approved, adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Crown