

Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes May 10, 2014

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

Barbara Crown called the meeting to order at 9:05, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Barbara read the April Minutes. **Barbara made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Denne Osgood seconded, all approved, the minutes will be placed on file.**

Treasurer Report: Lois presented her treasurer report, total receipts for April were \$13,686.46, which included dues, advertising and donations; expenditures were \$3,019.50 which included \$1000 to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Balance in check book is: 27,063.73; with CD's in bank total cash on hand April 30, 2014 is: \$51,481.18. **Denne Osgood made a motion to approve the treasurer report as read, Cindy Pilato seconded, all approved, report will be placed on file.**

Secretary Report: Donna Halcoglu reported that the memberships are continuing to come in and we have also gotten many old members to rejoin, and have many brand new memberships. We have 661 members to date. Reminder post cards have been sent out to members, we are hoping for an increase in our membership over the next several weeks. We received a thank you card from Kathy Harrison. A small gift basket was sent to her for her surgery.

Water Station: Last month we made a motion to approve up to \$1500 to install a card reader on the door at the water station. After more research, Dennis and Todd found out from their supplier that the cost did not include a lock smith cost. **Denne Osgood made a motion to increase the budget for the locking system to be raised to no more than \$2500.00, based on quotes from the new vendor, seconded by Nancy LaMastus, all approved, motion carried.**

Field Day Prizes: Have been confirmed, 1st prize paddle board from Great Lake Decks and Docks, 2nd prize, Schwinn Bike from Anchor Bay Bike store in New Baltimore and 3rd Prize a Hammock. The drawing will be at 5:30 pm on that day. The tickets need to be printed when we get the raffle license.

Krispin Drain: Barbara attended the Clay Township Board meeting last Monday and listened to the final presentation from EA Engineering. They are about 90% done with this, and hope to start this project in the fall. We were to split the spoils with John Horvath. The amount of dredging is significantly less than originally stated. Dan Bigdee stated to Barbara that he thought since we did not respond with a letter of agreement to have them put the spoils on our field, that we no longer were interested. She asked Jim to get with Pat and decide how much soil we would want on the field and we would then send a letter out to them. She was not ready to let this drop, and if we can use the soil we still want to have some of it put on our field.

Articles of Incorporation: Barbara has been in contact with Keith Wright, attorney; we are sending out a post card and email to our current members indicating we want to make changes to the Articles of Incorporation and this vote will take place at our next meeting in June. This information will be placed on our web site for our members to see. Barbara will check with Keith when the finished Articles will be done and can be placed on the website. Todd will be using Mail Chimp for the first time to email 362 members.

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Clean Up Day at Browne's Field June 7 and 8: Pat Feighan and Mike Feldman were trying to add junk car removal for clean up day. Mike Feldman reported that this is complicated, and we might just be the facilitators to try and get the owners of the junk cars in contact with Charity Motors, and post a notice on our facebook page, website and Next Door, to encourage people to get rid of their cars. Mike said the Charity Motors can walk people through this process and they will come to the Island to pick up the vehicle. A win win for everyone.

Delta News: It is progressing, still waiting for articles to finish up.

Field Day: Cindy Pilato – August 2, will be Field Day this year. She would like all directors to be responsible for two people to volunteer (can include self) at least two hours during the day. If she can get this, she should be covered for the day. She hopes to have Dennis be responsible for the beer, and is looking for someone to take over for the purchases of the meat for the food. Mary Ann McLane said she would do the Silent Auction again, but needs her volunteers to help. Silent Auction was discussed to improve the buy in, get minimum big levels, and the possibility of taking credit cards. Cindy will be setting up a committee meeting, if interested in being on this committee please contact Cindy.

Welcome Committee – Cindy Pilato, the bags have been ordered, and material is being collected. Bags will be given to all new homeowners on the Island. Artie Bryson to supply us with the names of new residents. She has asked the businesses to add incentives to the gift bag. End of May is the deadline. Denne suggested we do put our logo on the bag, discussion, and it was put to a vote, **Denne made a motion that the gift bag have the Harsen's Island Logo put on the bag, Barbara seconded, all approved. Motion passed.**

Adopt a Highway: We missed the spring clean up event, we will hold a fall clean up. When the time comes we will post on facebook, next door and website. Hopefully we will be able to generate more interest in getting the job done.

Tashmoo Day: Discussion as to whether we want to participate in the day with a table at the Tashmoo Marina. It was decided we would donate the same as we did last year. Lois will send them a check for the same amount as last year.

Field Sign: Barbara reported we have 4 new signs going up. Next week we will be having signs removed and moved.

Benches in Town: Barbara asked if she could spend \$100 to replace the wood slats on the benches in town, **Denne made a motion to allow her to spend up to \$100 on the benches, Cindy Pilato seconded, all approved, motion carried.**

Barbara reminded all directors that their membership dues need to be in if they have not already sent them in.

Motion was made by **Denne Osgood to adjourn, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Brady, Director

