

Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes

July 13, 2013

Directors Present: Todd Brady, Barb Crown, Patrick Feighan, Donna Halacoglu, Art Koster, Jim Laethem, David Martin, Mary Ann McLane, Denne Osgood, Cindy Pilato, Dennis Szymanski, Kathy Schweikart, Leonard Verlinden, Don Verslype. Lois Whipple.

Directors Absent/Excused: Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Otto Jensen, Carol Johanson, Nancy LaMastus, Jeannie Rhodes.

Members or Guests: Kathy Brady, Midge Fannon, Dave Carruthers, Joanne Shirkey.

Patrick Feighan brought the meeting to order in the Lions Den at 9:00 am. Dave Martin motioned to approve the June minutes. Barb Crown seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Lois Whipple reported check book balance at \$25,602.02. Don Verslype motioned to approve the Treasurer report. Dave Martin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence and Membership: Donna Halacoglu reported 43 new renewals from past years. 741 total members as of today.

Government Affairs: Champion Ferry received the contract and has been placed in the MDOT budget. Approval takes place in October, 2013.

Krispin Drain project has been approved for five (5) miles to be cleared from North Channel to Muskamoot Bay. The contract for the dredging was given to the township. Discussion was held on what to do with the dirt. It could be used to create a sledding hill at Browne's field and to help the residents with various issues on their properties. Dave Bryson suggested using 40-50,000 yards to go to the Lions field to be used as a back drop for shooting or another sledding hill. The dirt needs to be claimed now for permit purposes. Jim Laethem and Dennis Szymanski both suggested 10,000 yards for Browne's Field and the Lion's club.

Auxillary Water Station on North Channel Drive: The tap leaked and upon repair it was found that the pump and tap need to be replaced. The water department requires a structure to house the pump to prevent freezing in winter months. Investigation being done to inquire about the elevation and possibly having it turned off during winter months.

Browne's Field: Jim Laethem indicated the water level in the pond is too high. Bark is being placed around trees today. Treated wood bark that would last 3-4 years is needed to be placed in playground area at a rough cost of \$5,000. We could add to it as needed later.

Dave Martin suggested purchasing an exhaust fan inside the pole barn to help with the 200' heat inside. He will get a price quote from Granger. Barb Crown made a motion to purchase one not to exceed a cost of \$500. Mary Ann McLane seconded. **Motion carried.**

John Horvath did construction to the advertising sign in Browne's Field years ago. Past directors had made an agreement with Mr. Horvath which gave him two (2) free spots for ten (10) years. The agreement had expired five (5) years ago and Patrick Feighan wrote Mr. Horvath a letter asking him to cover the cost of his spots now or he would be removed. He was given a deadline of August 15, 2013. Upon approval from the Board, the letter would be mailed next week. Approved.

Barb Crown will ask Norman Rhodes to give a quote to make adjustments to the advertising sign. Barb Crown suggested that HISCFA and the non profit organizations on the island have a spot under the map. A suggestion to make a "Your Sign Here" be created for empty spots.

Mary Ann McLane suggested closing the Silent Auction at 4:30pm this year at Field Day. She is in need of thirteen (13) tables and six (6) people to help with closing it.

Nancy LaMastus reminded people about the bake sale. Don Verslype announced the donation of ten (10) Golf Course gift certificates again this year from the Old Club.

Community Affairs: Denne Osgood informed everyone of Tashmoo Days update. In need of seven (7) volunteers to cover one (1) hour spots from 11AM – 6PM. Hiscfa also needs to cover their booth cost of \$250. Bernardo Licata spoke about the message in a bottle and the advertising coverage.

Delta News is now at press and should be ready to begin passing out at Tashmoo Days.

Field Day: Cindy Pilato announced the fire truck will come again to spray the kids and provide bucket rides. Put-put golf, closest to the pin, 50/50 raffle, music and Kid games are all set. A bounce House was donated by Kristin Bane. Agenda is done. Don Verslype suggested ordering less food and searching for a better price. Cindy agreed. Kathy Brady will search for volunteers to help with set-up and tearing down tables.

Dave Martin said ten (10) signs are ready to go up announcing Field Day right after the Tashmoo Days event.

Cindy announced the next concert in the park to be on July 26, 2013.

Executive Committee: Ballots need to be created for October 12, 2013 annual meeting. HISCFA Bi-Laws are being reviewed to be updated. HITA (Harsens Island Transportation Authority) Directors are up for resigning. Two (2) people are appointed by the association, two (2) people are appointed by the county, and one (1) person is appointed by both in agreement. Denne Osgood and Midge Fannon both would like the open positions. Donna Halacoglu made a motion to recommend them for HISCFA positions. Leonard Verlinden seconded. Jim Laethem abstained. **Motion carried.**

Comments from the Floor: Kathy Brady announced that Save Our South Channel Lights will be lighting the lighthouse again this year on July 27, 2013 with tickets available for a dinner cruise through the Clinton River Cruise line in Mt. Clemens. Midge Fannon announced the Snug Theatre in Marine City is now through December holding plays by semi-professional performers.

Dave Martin motioned to adjourn at 10:40am. Barb Crown seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Brady
Recording Secretary
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