

**Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association**  
**Minutes**  
**February 9, 2013**

**Directors Present:** Todd Brady, Donna Halacoglu, Jim Laethem, Nancy LaMastus, Mary Ann McLane, Chuck Miller, Denne Osgood, Jeannie Rhodes, Dennis Szymanski, Kathy Schweikart, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple.

**Directors Absent/Excused:** Susan Bryson, Barb Crown, Patrick Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Otto Jensen, Carol Johanson, Art Koster, David Martin, Cindy Pilato, Don Verslype.

**Member/Guests:** Norman Rhodes, Carl Mount, Scott Short, Brad Spencer, Paul Atkinson, Betty Rhodes, Doreen Miller.

Jim Laethem brought the meeting to order in the Lions Den at 9:35 am. Mary Ann McLane motioned to approve the January minutes. Chuck Miller seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**Treasurer Report:** Lois Whipple sent the report via email to Directors. Total Cash on Hand as of 12/31/12 is \$28,749.56. Conversation from Chuck Miller in regards to balance being down a bit due to real, valid community issues last year, mostly one time costs of new items at Browne's Field.

Also, our Delta News costs approximately \$13,000 + mailing. Donna replied our funds will increase from our annual membership drive and some from Field Day. Dennis Szymanski motioned to approve the February minutes. Chuck Miller seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence/Membership:** Donna commented that our letter is at the PDQ printing as scheduled and will be done by end of month. Mary Ann McLane mentioned receiving a nice letter from Brady Kukalca for his \$1,000. scholarship. Island kids can apply thru 2015; the last class from the island school. Paul Atkinson along with members of the River Lake Water Contamination committee reported on the poor water quality in the Flats due to DNR pumping into the canals. A lengthy discussion was held and Chuck Miller reported he (and the Association) are working to clear the Krispin Drain and thus have some of the drainage go out to the Bay. Other possible inexpensive solutions were mentioned.

**Government Affairs:** Jim Laethem announced Barb Crown to replace Whitey Simon as signer on the checking and credit card accounts, process to be complete by end of month. Donna suggested briefly about placing emergency numbers on the reverse side of our discount card. Jim Laethem notified us that the St. Clair Alert System is no longer in effect. Pat Feighan and Artie Bryson met recently to discuss the issue, the St Clair emergency alert system is no longer functional and they are working with the county to consider an island siren to alert residents.

**Transportation Committee:** Champion Ferry tentative increase of \$1.00 to take effect as of March 10, 2013. Norman Rhodes spoke about a new increase request filed yesterday with NPSC (case #01867) and suggested that HISCFA ask private citizens of the island to email, call, or write concerns in immediately.

**Questionnaire Committee:** A neutral flyer regarding public opinion of the ongoing bridge issue was presented and discussion was held about when it should be mailed and whether it would compromise

memberships. Kathy Schweikart requested it go out to every mailbox on the island not just members since HISCFA is neutral. Norman Rhodes mentioned a .14 special mailing from the Post Office. Jim Laethem suggested revising and tabling the letter till the March meeting. Chuck Miller motioned to wait and mail it out in June. Dennis Szymanski seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**Communications Committee:** Todd Brady offered to replace Whitey Simon with control of the website. Donna will email all updates and changes needed to be made. Whitey Simon will continue with the Town Crier. Decision was made to pay \$390.00 ahead for the seasons Flier advertising.

**Browne's Field Committee:** Needed safety items for the upcoming season were discussed. A budget projection to be discussed next meeting.

**Community Affairs Committee:** Need a chairman. Delta News letter is ready to be mailed out. Carol Johanson created a Director's email list, let Jim Laethem know of any needed changes. Raffle for kayaks was decided to be changed to bikes this year. Lois Whipple needs to order the license and then tickets can be made. Tabled till next month.

**New Business:** Chuck Miller talked about ice disruptions and Bob Bryson's Air Boat; costs, non-medical use only. Tashmoo Days participation on July 20, 2013 was discussed, possible booth to sell raffle tickets and maybe provide one needed porti-pottie. Denne Osgood motioned to take part in the event. Nancy LaMastus seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**Comments from the Floor:** Norman Rhodes invited all residents to a party at the Lions Hall this Friday (7:00-11:00pm). Nancy LaMastus mentioned that the Park-N-Ride was not plowed recently. Discussion was held for HISCFA to handle it.

Kathy Schweikart motioned to adjourn at 11:20 am. Jeannie Rhodes seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brady  
Recording Secretary  
March 2, 2013