

**Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association
Minutes September 13, 2014**

Directors Present: Barb Crown, Pat Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Dennis Szymanski, Lois Whipple, Donna Halacoglu, Mary Ann McLane, Leonard Verlinden, Susan Bryson, Mike Hilla, Carol Johanson, Rosemary Wiczorek, Nancy Lamastus

Directors absent/excused: Cindy Pilato, Todd Brady, David Mrtin, Denne Osgood, Kathy O'Connor; Paul Wargo
Guests: Norman Rhodes, Dan Lamastus, Joanne Shirkey and Bryan Schomer

Barbara Crown called the meeting to order at 9:06, **Pat Feighan motioned to accept the August minutes with correction. (It was not Bob Bryson that brought his tractor to spread the sand at Browne's field, it was David Bryson.) Nancy Lamastus seconded, all approved to be placed on file.**

Treasurer Report: Lois Whipple read the report for August. She handed out a report on the 2014 field day income and expenses, and along with that a comparison for the last 6 years. Year to date, we are \$15,600.00 over last year's revenues. Part of the was in membership dues, which was over \$10,000 over last year, and we earned over \$4700.00 on Field Day, and over \$2500 in sign revenue. **Pat Feighan motioned to approve the treasurer report, Donna seconded, motion carried. Report to be placed on file.**

Secretary Report: No new correspondence this past month.

New Business:

- **Annual meeting will be October 11th at the Lion's Hall;** 9 am for our meeting, 10 pm for the Annual Meeting. Barbara Crown to make a statement to go out to our members, via email, post card, next door, outdoor sign and web site. Donna said we have over 350 emails, so the mailing cost would be at a minimum. All directors for all terms will stand as they are. There is no need to nominate any new directors at this point.
- **Bates Cut water station** sign was stolen along with the stop sign. Norman Rhodes will be replacing the sign and putting it back for us.
- **Officers for next year:** Lois Whipple is stepping down as treasurer. **Pat Feighan made a motion that the new officer slate for next year will be: Barbara Crown, President; Jim Laetham Vice President; Rosemary Wiczorek, Treasurer; Donna Halacoglu, Executive Secretary; and Pat Feighan, Past President, Chairman of the Board; motion seconded by Mike Hilla, all present approved, motion carried. Pending Jim Laetham's approval to remain as Vice President.**
- **2015 Annual Letter** Barbara asked that we mail the letter out the first week in January. Due to conflict in schedules of Donna, and herself, it would be better to get the letter out earlier. It traditionally always went out in January and got delayed over the years due to conflicts. Barbara noted that the Historical Society (**HISCFHS**) gets their letter out at the same time, and since they have changed to acronyms similar to **HISCFHA** that our members are confused as to who they are paying their dues. (Just goes to show no one reads) Editorial comment by Barbara Crown.
There is now confusion concerning invoices from our insurance companies. Susan Bryson volunteered to ask the Society if when mailing out their due statements if they could go back to the Society, or Historical Society to save this confusion.
- **Christmas Party** Discussion was held as to whether we will hold our Annual Directors Christmas Party at the Sans Souci Landing this December. It is a get together with great appetizers, drink and conversation, all agreed that were able to attend last year, a good time was had by all. **Pat Feighan made a motion we hold the party again this year, motion carried by all. Barbara Crown will get back with the date that will be best for her.**
- **Meeting Time Schedule: 9 am May through December 9:30 January through May**

- **Don Verslype Memorial Service Sunday, September 21 at Gilbert's Funeral Home.** Since he was a long standing director, a discussion was held as to what we would like to do as the Association. Norman suggested we maybe donate a bench or tree with plaque or brick for Susan Bryson's walks. Lois Whipple offered to talk with Jean and see what they might like us to do.

OLD BUSINESS

- **John Horvath** Denne Osgood delivered the Letter of Agreement to John Horvath in person. Denne delivered his response to Barbara Crown over Labor Day weekend. John's response letter is on file with our Executive Secretary. The letter was read to the directors in attendance today. Much lively discussion was held as to how we want to handle this situation. Along with the discussions a letter was read by Dennis Szymanski written by Denne Osgood, with his recommendations on how this situation should be handled. This letter is also on file with the Executive Secretary.

One of the major issues, if we decide to place his signs back in the corner that he claims is his area on the board, we will be booting a paying advertisers from that spot. However, there is nothing stated in our Sign Agreement that our advertisers will be placed in any special area. All advertisers pay the same for their signs, and no special consideration if given to them if they would pay additional money. Our system has never worked that way. We tell them what is available and sometimes they can pick a spot. But as Norman pointed out, sometimes signs have to be moved to make room for an advertisers who has two signs versus one sign.

The discussion was left that Barbara will have a discussion with Laura Janski and explain the situation we have found ourselves with John Horvath. It will be discussed with Laura that we may find it necessary to move her signs to a new location, and Horvath's signs put in her position on the board. Our sign agreements run from April to April. It may be her sign will not be moved until next April.

Barbara tabled all discussion on John Horvath until she has a conversation with Laura. She will notify all directors as to the outcome of that discussion and we will go from that point. We cannot ignore the fact that Laura is a paying advertiser.
- **Water Station** 44 cards have been given out, and Todd has been very proactive on activating the cards for Barbara. For now the system seems to be working. Anyone that seems to have a complaint seems to be better once the expense of the station is explained to them. All members, whether they use the station or not, pay for the expense of this station through their dues.
- **Clay Township's next board meeting** will be held on Monday the 15th at the Clay Township building at 7:30. Donna asked that our government committee needs to have directors regularly attend these meetings and report back to the board. It may be we have a sign up sheet and have directors take turns in attending these meetings. This is a service we say that we give our members, so we can report back to them any issues that may be going on in the Township that will affect them as property owners in the Township.

Pat Feighan made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 am, all approved, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brady, Recording Secretary