



Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes September 12, 2015

Directors Present: Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Barbara Crown, Pat Feighan, Donna Halacoglu, Carol Johanson, Art Koster, Jim Laethem, Nancy LaMastus, MaryAnn McLane, Denne Osgood, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Rosemary Wieczorek, Lois Whipple;

Excused: Jerry Freeman, Mike Hilla, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Cindy Pilato;

Guests and Members Present: Fred Cardinali, Dave Carruthers, Dan LaMastus, Melanie Most, Kristine Pierce.

Barbara Crown brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:01 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The August minutes were presented. **Denne Osgood made the motion to approve, Pat Feighan seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Rosemary Wieczorek emailed the treasurer's reports for July and August. Rosemary reported the balance in the checkbook for August 31, 2015 was \$20,840.66, with total cash on hand being \$43,462.68.

The HISCFA purchased leftover food from the HISCFHS to be used during Field Day. The Harsens Island Transportation Authority closed their bank account and put the money (\$431.07) into the HISCFA account. The treasurers are going to move that money to a Transportation Committee to fund expenses for travel related to the association. **Pat Feighan made the motion to move the approval of the July and August treasurer's reports; Barbara Crown seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.**

Secretary Report: Donna Halacoglu reported after the Delta News magazines were passed out at Field Day there were 475 Delta News magazines mailed out on August 20th. Last year 504 Delta News were mailed out, so more magazines were passed out at Field Day this year over last. Donna sent out 17 late payment reminders for advertisers for the Delta News totaling an additional \$2,245. We have collected \$7,430 so far from advertisers. Total cost to print is approximately \$13,000, so the advertising fees generously offset the cost of printing. The total number of HISCFA members right now is 797. Additionally, three more memberships were collected from Barbara Crown this week.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Field Day:* The Field Day earnings report was discussed. Barbara Crown reported the total income from Field Day was \$13,989.55, and the total profit was \$7,047.85. The profit for 2015 is nearly twice what it has been from last year and also from previous years.



NEW BUSINESS

- *HISCFA Pig Roast (September 26, 2015):* Denne Osgood, Chair, reported that the committee has gotten the event put together, but a notice needs to be put out to get the word out to everyone. So far there have only been two tickets sold. McFat's Meats and Catering has been hired to provide the food for this event, and drinking glasses will be sold for \$5 and the beer and pop will be included for the price of the glass. There will also be a big bonfire. At least 100 people are needed to purchase tickets to cover the cost of this event.
- *Field Committee:* The association needs to concentrate on getting people on the Field Committee to help out. Dennis Szymanski got Kevin Allen to clean up the baseball diamond, and the association paid \$195 for that service but we're hoping that can continue into the following years. Jim Laethem recently replaced a few planks on the bleachers, so they are in good shape. However, more dirt needs to get added to the field to maintain it and keep it level. The Field Committee will also need to look into the upcoming restrooms.
- *Pavilion Rental:* Upon Cindy Pilato's resignation, someone is needed to take over handling the rental contract. Barbara Crown agreed to take on the responsibility for now, but requested assistance with a committee to look over the existing contract and possibly revise and update the terms. A sign will also be required for the pavilion rental so that it is publicly shown who has rented the pavilion for that date/time.
- *Cindy Pilato resignation:* Cindy Pilato submitted a letter of resignation to the association. Barbara Crown read the letter to the members and guests present. Cindy agreed to continue to assist with Field Day for 2016. **Pat Feighan made the motion to accept her resignation. Barbara Crown seconded to approve; motion carried.**
- *Tax-exempt status:* Barbara Crown was sent a note from Brett Miller (legal counsel from Butzel Long) stating a question presented to the attorneys regarding the association's status as either a 501(c)(3) (tax-deductible) or a 501(c)(4) (not tax-deductible). The 501(c)(3) status allows for receipt of grants through the state, but 501(c)(4) status does not allow for that. There are many other benefits to being a 501(c)(3) status instead, but a motion will need to be made to deep-dive into it to research how it can get done for the HISCFA. **Denne Osgood made the motion to move forward with Pat Feighan to investigate with Brett Miller about switching the HISCFA to 501(c)(3) status. Pat Feighan seconded the motion; motion carried.**
- *Board of Directors candidates:* Pat Feighan drafted a suggested post to include on Nextdoor looking for candidates to run for election to the board of directors. Pat read his draft to the members and guests present, and feedback was given.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Dave Carruthers asked what the status with the roads is since all of the roads have been lined already. It doesn't appear that any further work will be done.

Nancy LaMastus made the motion to adjourn, Leonard Verlinden seconded. All approved; meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary