

Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association
Minutes
January 12, 2013

Directors Present: Patrick Feighan, Donna Halacoglu, Otto Jensen, Carol Johanson, Jim Laethem, Chuck Miller, Leonard Verlinden, Don Verslype, Lois Whipple, Nancy LaMastus, Denne Osgood, Kathy Schweikart,

Directors Excused: Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Dave Martin, Mary Ann McLane, Jeanie Rhodes, Whitey Simon

Other Members or Guests: Doreen Miller, Norman Rhodes, Dan LaMastus, Ann Merle, Ken Roth, Ruth Roth, Chris Wludyka, Artie Bryson, Nancy Boulton

Pat Feighan brought the meeting to order in the Lions Den at 9:30 am. Followed by the pledge of allegiance . Pat announced he had received a letter from Whitey Simon announcing his retirement from his position as a HISCFA director. Pat stated "He was a go to guy for the association" and that his shoes will be almost impossible to fill, he did so much for HISCFA and will be missed by all.

Chuck Miller motioned to approve the November minutes. Don Verslype seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Lois Whipple reported cash on hand \$30,745.14. Expenses were \$11,930.37 . Leonard Verlinden expressed concerns over a large difference less from last year's cash on hand . It was discussed that HISCFA has spent over \$20,00.00 on community enrichment and charitable causes with It's donations this year . Sticking to a tighter budget was discussed . all agreed.

Don Verslype moved to file the Treasurers report. Leonard Verlinden seconded. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence and Membership: Donna reported we officially have two new paid members for 2013 . Our membership letter is typically sent by the end of February and the committee is presently working on the letter.

Correspondence received by email: a member letter from Christine Wludyka with concerns over the recent letter sent to the MPSC by HISCFA regarding ferry rate concerns... Letter Read. Ann Merle requested Whitey Simon's letter of resignation to be readletter read.

Open Directors positions from past directors and past possible incumbents where accepted via email by Todd Brady and Barb Crown. Motion by Don Verslype that Todd fill the three year position of past director John Fannon and that Barb Crown fill the two year position of Whitey Simon seconded by Chuck Miller. all approved **Motion carried.**

Also accepted by email the position of recording secretary by Kathy Brady. Motion by Don Verslype that Kathy is accepted for the position of recording secretary with the payment of \$25.00 per meeting . Seconded by Chuck Miller , all approved **Motion Carried.**

Government Affairs: The water situation off of Bates due to DNR draining with health Department advisory "Do No Drink" DNR has stopped pumping. Updates where given by Pat regarding HISCFA interests and participation in the matter. Township supervisor Artie Bryson stated "We have people educated of the situation.

Pat Feighan stated the \$1.00 ferry rate request by Champion Auto Ferry is still in the process of investigation by the MPSC. The end date for public comments is January 31. It was agreed by all that HISCFA will remain neutral .

Chuck Miller reported that the Grant for the Krispin drain dredging project is one of 6 statewide projects to be considered for the distribution of the allotted 6 million dollar budget. It's looking promising,

Communications: Donna mentioned we are in need of someone to take on the responsibilities that Whitey had to maintain and update the web page and also our membership email addresses. We have no one at the present time. It was suggested by Otto Jensen that Todd Brady may have some knowledge in that area. Artie Bryson also suggested using the company Constant Contact.

Lois stated that she will be sending a check for \$390.00 to Theresa for the beginning season of the weekly Flyer.

Chuck Miller discussed forming a questionnaire regarding the Ferry/Bridge topic and to take advantage of the membership mailing to circulate it .

Denne Osgood motioned to form a committee to develop a survey to address the Ferry/Bridge and other topics to be before presented at the next meeting . The survey will go out in the February membership mailing and possibly to non-member island property owners also . Seconded by Chuck Miller , all agreed **Motion Carried.** the volunteer committee members will be Denne Osgood, Pat Feighan, Leonard Verlinden, Ann Merle , and Kathy Schweikart.

Browne's field: Jim Laethum reported the play area is in need of bark and maintenance. The water station storage room wall is rotted, he will address the repairs . Also the park and ride needs a clean-up. Jim suggested that HSCFA raffle off a *2013 Harley Davison as a fund raiser.. similar to the Lions boat raffle.* At \$10.00 a ticket 2,000.00 would be needed to break even . All other income would be profit. concern given was the average resident's age that a golf cart might be more desirable. Artie suggested that "Touch a Freighter: has been a successful raffle fundraiser in the past.

Chuck Miller suggested with the future plans to dredge and reopen the Krispin drain that HISCFA offer to take the approximately 40,000 yards of fill dirt. Idea suggested by Pat for the dirt to be used to create a sled hill at Brownes Field for winter activity. Ann Merle reminded that was a wish of the islanders years ago.

Community affairs : a chair person is still needed. Dates decided in 2013: Field Day August 3 and annual meeting to be moved up a month to October 12th.

New Business: It was reported by Don Verslype that at the present time HITA is looking for candidates for its board of director positions. The future candidates will be selected followed by the approval of the HISCFA directors.

Comments from the floor: Ann Merle stated her concern over the letter representing HISCFA that was sent to the MPSC regarding the ferry rate increase.. She requested that the future procedure be: all public letters will be sent after board approval. All agreed.

Chuck Miller motioned to adjourn at 11:45 am. Kathy Schweikart seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Halacoglu
Executive Secretary
January 29,2013

