

**--Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association
Minutes April 11, 2015**

Directors Present: Barbara Crown, Susan Bryson, Pat Feighan, Donna Halacoglu Carol Johanson, Jim Laethem, Mary Ann McLane, Denne Osgood, Cindy Pilato, Lois Whipple, Rosemary Wiczorek

Excused: Todd Brady, Jerry Freeman, Mike Hilla, Art Koster, Nancy Lamastus, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor; Dennis Szymanski, Paul Wargo;

Guests and Members Present: David Bryson, Joanne Shirkey, Kathy Brady

Barbara Crown brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall, at 9:30 am, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The March minutes were presented, **Pat Feighan made a motion to approve, Mary Ann McLane seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Rosemary Wiczorek reported the checking account balance was \$16,166.74, \$115,423.94 in CD accounts.

Secretary Report – Donna Halacoglu reported that reminder cards will go out to people who have not turned in memberships, this usually generate another 200 plus members.

Announcements: Barbara reminded everyone that road clean up will be immediately after the meeting today. Melanie Most has agreed to be our Recording Secretary.

Old Business:

Water Cards – Barbara has sent out letters to water card holders who have not paid their dues or the \$40.00 annual fee for use of the water station. Their cards will be suspended May 15th if the fee is not paid. Seventy seven cards have been passed out to date. Some of this 77 are cards for the staff to use to access the water station

Field Day Cindy Pilato announced that the Raffle prizes, will be \$750 for the first prize, Chris Craft model boat for the second prize and a electric Smoker for the third prize. **Pat Feighan made a motion to accept these prizes for this years raffle, Cindy seconded, all approved.**

Concert in the Park – discussion as to whether to have them this year, it was the concensus that we would not have this year due to lack of attendance last year. For the expense the board did not feel it was worth repeating. Maybe we will revisit this next year.

Hiking Trails at the DNR Pat Feighan reported that the DNR Advisory Council met on April 7th, he was unable to attend. Pat would like to invite the council to schedule a meeting on the Island, due to the fact that most residents are not familiar with this beautiful secret on our Island. John Darling, DNR, has been very helpful toward our interest in trails.

SOSCL – Save our South Channel Lights – Kathy Brady announced they will be holding a memorial to Chuck Brockman this year at their Annual Lighthouse meeting at MacRays Harbor, April 25th at 6 pm. She invites everyone to attend, and would like a representative of HISCFA to be in attendance. Barbara Crown will be attending.

Clay Township Board meeting – Pat Feighan reported the meeting last Monday covered the road repairs to be done on Harsens Island. This will be done as soon as the load limits are lifted. **Island Clean Up Days** will be **June 6th and 7th**. The Old Club filed for a no wake zone in front of the club. Joanne Shirkey reported that again their was not soung again on Channel 6, she said Artie was attempting to work on this problem. This has been an on-going issue.

Recycling - Recycling starts this up coming weeks. Pick up for the bin will be the same day as trash pick up. Pat Feighan reported that the recycle program could save residents on the island about \$31,000 in costs. The township is exploring recycling trash bags to also become available. They are still research this option.

Water Station Repairs The post has been removed from the corner, so that summer traffic will not be impeded. Additional repairs and additional posts need to be added. He will keep us up to date.

Jim Laethem – The lights at the advertising sign are broken, bids are being researched now. Last year we saw a revenue of \$8500. Barbara reported that she has a waiting list of advertisers to get a space on the board. So spending money on the lights are necessary.

Sign at Park and Ride Jim Laethem reported that the sign at the park and ride needs replaced, it was knocked over this winter. MDOT will need to help replace the sign. It was their sign originally.

Hydrant at Browne's Field Pat and Jim have been talking to the water department about the possibility of getting a hydrant placed at the field. We need to run a line to get water to the kitchen. Our goal is eventually get bathrooms at the pavilion.

CATTAILS Susan Bryson reported that the CATTAILS did get approved for matching funds for the June 12th Fashion Show at the Old Club. The money earned will be donated to HISCFA this year. We want everyone to be sure to get their tickets for the Fashion Show.

Champion Ferry Pat Feighan wanted to thank Dave Bryson for helping Island residents through this year's rough winter. David Bryson reported that he is being prosecuted by the State of Michigan for not raising his rates by \$1.00 for the year of 2014, the \$1.00 raise would have been held in escrow by the State of Michigan for capital repairs. The State said this was a court order, and he is in contempt of the order. Bryson indicated he did not want to raise his rates by this dollar, because he felt it would drop his volume by 8%, and it would be detrimental to his business. The directors present said they would support him on this issue and send a letter, but David asked HISCFA to wait and see what the court decides next month.

No additional comments from the floor,

Denne Osgood made a motion to adjourn, Cindy Pilato seconded, all approved, meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brady, Recording Secretary