



## Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes June 13, 2015

**Directors Present:** Barbara Crown, Donna Halacoglu, Art Koster, Jim Laethem, Nancy LaMastus, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Denne Osgood, Cindy Pilato, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Rosemary Wieczorek, Lois Whipple;

**Excused:** Pat Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Carol Johanson, Mary Ann McLane;

**Guests and Members Present:** Fred Cardinali, Mike Hilla, Dan LaMastus, Melanie Most.

Barbara Crown brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:04 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The May minutes were presented. **David Martin made the motion to approve, Leonard Verlinden seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

### Executive Committee Reports

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Rosemary Wieczorek reported the balance of \$39,567.42 on hand at the end of May. **David Martin made the motion to approve the past four (4) months of treasurer's reports; Mike Hilla seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.**

**Secretary Report:** Donna Halacoglu reported that 38 new/renewal memberships have been received this month. Membership now has 767 members, including the Old Club, which is approximately 30 more than last year at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS

- *Raffle tickets completed and need mailed:* Barbara Crown will mail them out, or she will bring them in after meetings for people to take rather than mailing them. Everyone will mark on the attendance sheet whether they took them to keep record. Barbara still has yet to do the letter for the mailing, and will email directors to let them know when they will be mailed.
- *Silent Auction cards:* Susan Bryson will be handing them out in today's meeting.
- *Lighting for advertising sign update:* Jim Laethem stated that the lights are in, but Kevin is going to get someone to install them. Jim stated that it was suggested the lights be mounted on the front wall instead of in the grass so they won't get hit with mowers or get wet from the grass.
- *Delta News update:* Barbara Crown stated that it went to the printer yesterday to start laying it out. She is still trying to get ahold of Artie Bryson to get the Clay Township report, which is the only report missing. Otherwise, she still owes a few photographs, but all should be laid out next week. There are 10 new advertisers for the Delta News this year.
- *Island Clean-up Day:* Pat Feighan submitted a note stating this day was very successful.



## NEW BUSINESS

- *Clay Township Trustee Meeting Report*
  - The township forgave \$1,000 towards the digging for the water line, which leaves the association to pay \$1,100.
  - Township meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting (June 15<sup>th</sup>) is the once-per-year approval of the budget, so it would be beneficial for the association to be represented.
  - Sound issues have been resolved on the telecast: Susan Bryson stated that the interference from attendees' cell phones was causing interference with the sound on the recording.
- *Krispin Drain*: this project is going to begin this summer. Funds have been approved, and the DEQ will begin dredging soon.
- *Pickleball*: Lines are ready to be put down on the court, but the tape needs 48 hours without rain, and the weather has not complied for this to happen. This should be completed next week. An update will be provided on Nextdoor when there's something to report.
- *Trunk-to-Trunk Sale*: something new for Browne's Field. Advertised in the flyer the past few weekends, but it's new so we'll have to see what the interest will be. New or old items will be accepted to sell. Starts at 9am next Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Vendors can maybe park toward the back of the lot, and buyers will park towards the front. Barb Crown, Donna Halacoglu, Nancy LaMastus, and Peggy will go look at the field to visualize how to set it up. They will use caution tape from the barn to mark off an area.
- *Browne's Field water line*: DeLude Construction completed the job for \$6,500 as agreed upon. It's all done, but it has to be hooked up with the city under the road. The target is to have running water by Field Day, and it is likely it will be completed by then. As soon as the hookup fee is paid, they will show up and let us know when they are there to finish the job. Big thanks to the CATTAILS having the fashion show – it was very nice, and the proceeds will help tremendously. Estimated total cost of the project was about \$30,000. The field committee will decide about having one bathroom or two, and the kitchen will have water as well.
- *Field Day*: Cindy Pilato suggested to use Nextdoor to secure volunteers during this critical planning period, so that everyone else can focus on completing tasks. Dennis Szymanski will be assisting with beer again this year. Rosemary Wiczorek has already sent in for the beer license, and is now waiting on the insurance but should be completed this week. Since we no longer have 501c3 status, we need to ask the Lions to be able to order our helpers for setup / cleanup. The challenge is getting them to come back at the end of the day. Kyle Mehl has committed, but still needs to confirm that he is available. . Cindy Pilato has schedule of who did what last year, and whether they are still available this year. A lot of meat was leftover last year, and the pulled pork did very well, but the hot dogs were being sold off at the end. Last year was short of chips. Lois Whipple suggested maybe having a runner to go to Kroger to get buns if there's a shortage. Susan Bryson suggested contacting the bread vendor because they will buy back the leftovers, and maybe he could assist with the meat as well. Previously we used Middle Channel Party Store because they carried the large bags of ice, and used Weaver's for pop. Donna Halacoglu suggested maybe handing out food/drink tickets as a gratuity for the volunteers. Need to check into ponies for pony rides. Cindy Pilato needs someone to reach out to Daryl DuPage for the fire department to re-commit to the shower and the bucket rides and the fire prevention trailer. Timeframe is 12-5pm, with the shower maybe around 4pm. Jim Laethem will talk to Daryl, and also Brian Sears on the ferry. A larger bounce house is needed for this year. Barbara Crown suggested a field day committee so things can be sorted out during a committee meeting. Susan Bryson has the silent auction cards and the sheets. She will pass them out to everyone. The envelopes with the cards and the raffle tickets will go out by Barb (she will take care of it). The drop-off will be at the marina parking lot – right by the office. Kathy Brady might not be in town to assist with Field



Day, but she might have a list of the vendors to provide so someone else can contact them. Another thought from Cindy would be to have a pickle ball game going to show how fun it might be for those who don't know anything about it. Barb suggested removing the putt-putt games in favor for the pickle ball.

- Donna Halacoglu will be putting out the raffle tickets next week.
- Gift drop-off will be in the Tashmoo Marina garage next to the office.
- *Field Committee*
  - Volleyball court: Cindy Pilato suggested putting cayenne pepper to help with the bee problem in that area. Jim Laethem will meet with Fran Sampier to rotate it to get it off the football field. Fran will be providing the sand.
  - Horseshoe pits need to be re-dressed.
  - Baseball diamond bleachers: Harsens Island Militia will be taking care of the field and whatever is needed to make it useable.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Pat Feighan provided a comment in his absence regarding the transportation committee. "I spoke with David [Bryson]. He went to court last Tuesday, and each side agreed to 'put their guns away' until this fall. They appear to have backed off putting him in jail for not raising rates an additional \$1 January 2014. The crux of the matter is that MPSC requires a year's notice in advance of any rate increase. David does not know if he needs a raise request in the future or not. To cover himself, he put in a request of no amount. He was very clear that he wanted to work with them, but he was not going to be put into the position of operating at a loss. Champion has no intention or desire to cease business."
- ✓ Roadwork has begun near the Old Club, extending along Bates Hwy. to the cutoff near the water station.
- ✓ Barbara Crown suggested to have a party or memorial service for Don Verslype. There was a tree planted last fall, but there wasn't anything official done. Perhaps maybe a grill / barbeque for the family and directors and everyone could bring a dish to pass. A memorial article will be in the Delta News since he was a director for 20 years and involved with the Transportation Authority. Other suggestions included providing a lifetime membership / plaque for Dorothy, or perhaps a memorial stone to put at the base of the tree. Date to be forthcoming, but sometime after 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.
- ✓ **David Martin made a motion** to approve \$300 for a 15-20 gallon tank to hook up to the tractor to spray for weeds, rather than borrowing Dave's all the time. **Lois Whipple seconded the motion. All approved; motion carried.**

**Leonard Verlinden made the motion to adjourn, Nancy LaMastus seconded. All approved, meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary