



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes July 11, 2018

Directors Present: Craig Baloga, George Covalle, Neva Covalle, Barbara Crown, Donna Halacoglu, Mike Hilla, Jim Laethem, David Martin, Melanie Most, Harold Stieber, Dennis Szymanski, Jerry Thiel, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple;

Excused: Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Patrick Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Paul Stieler, Rosemary Wieczorek;

Guests and Members Present: Christine Baloga, Roger Favrow, Sandy Favrow, Cindy Pilato, William Tackonis.

Barbara Crown brought the meeting to order at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall at 5:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The June 2018 meeting minutes were presented. **David Martin made the motion to approve the June 2018 meeting minutes, Jerry Thiel seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Harold Stieber presented the treasurer's reports for June 2018. Harold reported that the balance in the checkbook for June 30, 2018 was \$49,347.09, with total cash on hand being \$72,435.11. Harold reiterated that any volunteers that are spending money on behalf of the Association must submit original receipts and not copies or credit card statements. This is for auditing and for compliance with the IRS and is critical for the Treasurer to reimburse people properly and to keep the books straight. Full copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available by contacting Harold at HaroldS@hiscfa.org.

Dennis Szymanski made the motion to approve the June 2018 treasurer's reports, Lois Whipple seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: Of the 875 membership letters/forms that were sent out, there are 584 paid members to date, not including the 168 members of The Old Club. Car show entries are in and completed, and currently 105 entrants have pre-paid, and 50 of those are new (non-returning) entrants. There were a total of 235 cars that showed last year. Barbara Crown also stated that there is approximately \$1,500 in water station dues for card access to bulk water that has yet to be collected. Notifications have been sent out to the delinquent users. A Director also mentioned that they caught a local company filling up their commercial water tank at the Bates Cut water station, to which they are not a paid user for our water services. Barbara stated she would contact the owner of the company and discuss this matter.

Communications: Thank you cards were received from Julia Kukawka and Kyle Mehl for the scholarships they received on behalf of the Association.

Government Affairs: Patrick Feighan was not present to report on this topic at this time, but information on the upcoming bond issue is discussed in the next section and first bullet point.

Browne's Field: Many updates have been made recently ahead of upcoming events this summer, which will be discussed in the next section and bullet points.



OLD BUSINESS

- *Upcoming Bond Issue:* George Covalle was present to discuss this issue which will be on the August 7th ballot this year. George feels it is imperative to keep pressing Supervisor Bryson as to whether the station will become staffed in the event this bond passes and the equipment is procured. We also need to find out what is the Plan B if the bond does not pass. George encourages people to take advantage of this opportunity to walk over to the Island Fire Station following this meeting to discuss this and related issues with Supervisor Bryson personally. Another point that was brought up was about people who are not full-time residents feeling like they don't have a say. The solution to that is to split the vote. If your household has two voters, register to vote in the other location: maintain one vote in your hometown (off-island) and one vote on the island. Several part-time Islanders are currently doing this already.
- *Car Show:* The 3rd Annual Charity Car Show is scheduled for this Saturday, July 11, 2018. Jerry Thiel has spoken to all of the volunteers with respect to their responsibilities throughout the day. The kitchen is in need of some additional assistance if anyone is available to volunteer. Barbara Crown will arrange to get Patrick Feighan's golf cart to assist at the show, and she will also bring maps to hand out to non-locals who are looking for other things to do on the Island.
- *Field Day:* Everything is on order for all of the events. A new game this year is called archery hoverball and it is a large inflatable bow and arrow set. Cindy Pilato will be talking with Fire Chief Rose to lock in bucket rides and a water shower at the end of Field Day. Community service workers will be available between 9-3 to tear down everything the next morning, and will be providing ferry tickets to it is easier for the workers to coordinate logistics with the ferry. Cheryl Cardinali will be coordinating the kitchen for this event. The Lions Sight Wagon will be on site to test children's vision for free. The cherry-spitting contest was a huge success last year and will be going on again this year. Additional raffle tickets are available for purchase the Sans Souci Landing. The beer licenses have been received and Dennis Szymanski has the vendor lined up.
- *Play yard surface refinishing:* This task has been completed a couple weeks ago and it looks beautiful. Thanks to all the volunteers who have participated.
- *Browne's Field improvements:* Some recent activities that have taken place at Browne's Field include the parking poles painted, horseshoe pits revamped, tall grasses cut back at the gazebo, volleyball pit tilled and leveled. A huge Thank You goes out to Craig and Christine Baloga for their efforts ahead of upcoming events at the field.
- *Gazebo:* The gazebo is in need of being re-stained, and Jerry Freeman is leading this effort.
- *Silent Auction:* Please get your gifts for the Silent Auction (Field Day) to Susan Bryson as soon as possible.
- *Survey Committee:* Christine Baloga reported that the committee met on June 27 for a preliminary meeting to discuss potential questions for the survey and to determine how it will be sent out. A request to collect email addresses during Field Day (upon member pickup of their The Delta News) is being discussed. Barbara and Neva will figure out a way to correlate member names with their email address when they provide it.
- *Website & Social Media update:* Melanie Most reported that the content of the website has been updated, but she's still trying to refine some of the formatting and layout of the content. On the Facebook page, the Association is nearing 1,000 followers now. The most recent "Throwback Thursday" post received almost 1,400 views and several shares, so there is definitely engagement occurring. Unfortunately, not as much engagement is occurring with events that are being posted. Updates on Nextdoor don't seem to be garnering many "Thanks"s, and several people have complained that there has not been enough notice for upcoming events. Additionally, posts get buried in the News Feed by other people constantly commenting on other posts.



- *Concert in the Park:* The first Concert in the Park to take place at Browne's Field will be on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Annual Meeting:* The 2018 Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, September 8, 2018. This is a little earlier in the year than previous years. The date is being pushed forward in an effort to be more accommodating for those who are not near/on the Island in the winter months.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ September 29, 2018 will be the Harsen's Island 2nd Annual Sportsmen's Swap Meet and Mallard in the Marsh duck calling contest event at Browne's Field. This event has been added to the HISCFA Facebook page's Events page.

Next meeting will be Saturday, August 11, 2018 at **9:00 am** at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall.

Neva Covalle made the motion to adjourn; Lois Whipple seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary

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