



## Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes July 9, 2016

**Directors Present:** Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Barbara Crown, Pat Feighan, Donna Halacoglu, Art Koster, David Martin, Melanie Most, Denne Osgood, Harold Stieber, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple, Rosemary Wiczorek;

**Excused:** Jerry Freeman, Mike Hilla, Carol Johanson, Nancy LaMastus, Jim Laethem, Mary Ann McLane, Kathy O'Connor;

**Guests and Members Present:** George Covalle, Neva Covalle, Barb Feldman, Steve Gartland, Jane Mount, Cindy Pilato, Joanne Shirkey.

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

The June meeting minutes were presented. **Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the June meeting minutes, David Martin seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

### Executive Committee Reports

**Treasurer Report:** Harold Stieber reported that the balance in the checkbook for June 30, 2016 was \$41,586.62, with total cash on hand being \$64,404.15.

**Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the June treasurer's reports; Lois Whipple seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.**

**Secretary Report:** Donna Halacoglu stated there are currently a total of 797 paid members. There have also been several donations for the Silent Auction at Field Day. Donna is looking to retire from the position of Executive Secretary at some point, so if anyone is interested please speak with a director for information regarding the position.

**Communications:** There were 625 letters sent out with raffle tickets for Field Day last month. There is a card being passed around for Mary Ann McLane who is in the hospital for heart surgery.

**Government Affairs:** Patrick Feighan reported about the MDEQ ruling on the bridge (permit application was not approved). The MPSC has raised the rates again for the ferry and it has been 3 years in the making. Additionally, as a result of a lot of new residents on the island, the speeding situation on the island has gotten out of hand. Patrick intends to have sit-down discussion with the police department to discuss what can be done.

**Browne's Field** (upkeep and future development): Working on possibly resurfacing the pickleball / tennis ball courts. Patrick Feighan stated that many neighbors have commented on how well Browne's Field has been looking lately. In preparation for the upcoming car show next weekend, the lawn will need to be taken care of on Thursday.

**Browne's Field Rental:** Denne Osgood suggested that the current contract is rather finite and should be evaluated for different needs or different lengths of time to accommodate all potential renters. The committee is working on adjusting the rental terms.



Advertising Sign: Nothing new to report at this time.

Delta News: Barbara Crown reported that the first rough draft has come in, and the only thing missing at the moment is the advertisements. Targeting the last week of July for delivery so they will be available for Field Day and there will be enough time to print the labels.

Community Relations: Mary Ann McLane is currently in the hospital, but there is a card being passed around which will be sent to her.

Special Events: The Harsens Island Car Show is scheduled to take place next weekend on July 16, 2016 from 9am-4pm at Browne's Field. For more information visit: <http://harsensislandcarshow.weebly.com/>. The committee is taking care of concessions for the event as well as staking out spots for the cars on display ahead of the event. Additionally, there has been a request for two more port-a-potties to be available for this event.

Trunk-to-Trunk: The first event on June 18<sup>th</sup> was a great success, and the second event will be on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The second event coincides with the annual "Antique Yard Sale Trail" from Algonac to Sebawaing.

Field Day: This year, Field Day is scheduled on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Cindy Pilato is looking for volunteers to stay at the end of the meeting today so she can assign tasks for members to take on during the event. Dennis Szymanski is going to ask the Lions for their assistance with community service workers. Baxter Insurance Agency is providing a banner and some other giveaways for Field Day. Cindy would like to see if the sign at the ferry is available for advertising Field Day. A tent is needed for rental, and also Dennis is going to see about borrowing tables from the Lions. Jerry Freeman is going to handle the Closest to the Pin game. Artie Bryson suggested getting a dunk tank this year, and he volunteered himself and other officials to be dunked. Cindy has requested that Barbara Crown put the word out to collect cakes for the cake walk, and also someone is needed to volunteer for the Cake Walk station. Requests for volunteers will be posted on Nextdoor starting next week, and also an ad will be put in the Flyer. Silent Auction gifts should be placed in the bin by the door of Tashmoo Marina with the yellow card attached to each item being donated. Dennis stated that Earl Smith Distributing Company (beverage provider) no longer sells wine, so the committee is looking to switch providers because Earl Smith will no longer be providing a trailer due to the size of our event. Dennis is in communication with another provider to see whether they can provide support. There will be a lottery trellis again this year, and someone else will be walking around with the 50/50 raffle tickets. Linda Schoonover stated she has some vendors who would be advertising and donating some funding toward the event. Tug of war is not going to happen this year, but rather the fire truck shower will take that time slot. Clay Township's Officer Cope will be available at Field Day with a table and educational materials for ordinances such as for golf carts.

501(c)(3) Committee Update: The IRS has received the application, they have cashed our check and acknowledged our filing, and we should know within 90 days whether our status has been granted. Once it is granted, it will be effective retroactive to the filing date.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- *Liquor Licenses for 2016 Events (car show, Field Day, bonfire):* Nothing has been received in the mail, but the state has cashed the check already. Online it appears that the state has erroneously categorized the HISCFA liquor license for 7/16 under the Lions Club instead. Harold Stieber has placed a call in to the state to sort it out as soon as possible.
- *Water Station repairs:* The roof has been completed. The outside drain trap froze over the winter and was causing a leak, but it has since been repaired. There is one drain remaining that needs to be repaired.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

- *New board member:* Denne Osgood suggested there be a motion to remove Carol Johanson from the HISCFA Board of Directors, and to add Neva Covalle as a new Director of the Board; **Patrick Feighan made the motion to remove Carol Johanson from the Board of Directors; David Martin seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Dennis Szymanski made the motion to accept Neva Covalle as an addition to the Board of Directors; David Martin seconded. All in favor; motion carried.** Donna will send a copy of the new bylaws and articles of incorporation to Neva for her review.
- *Charge account procedure:* The HISCFA only holds charge accounts with Prior and Lumberjack. Harold will need to make a list to see who is an authorized purchaser on these accounts.
- *Unsolicited signs on Browne's Field:* there are to be NO SIGNS placed on or around Browne's Field, unless they are associated with the HISCFA. This is a firm policy. The HISCFA is not affiliated with any political parties.
- *Water tank:* From July of 2010, there was a \$638.91 purchase at Lumberjack for the large water tank. The HISCFA is looking to sell it for profit since the association is no longer using it due to water being available at the field.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Drive-in Movies: Patrick Feighan suggested that rather than using the soccer goal posts for their intended use, he suggested to hang a sheet from the posts to project a movie. Jane Mount will provide information regarding permits and logistics.
- ✓ Lois Whipple stated that the small water station at the Bates Cut was leaking. The township was called and the water department came to fix the leak.
- ✓ Denne Osgood stated that there are several memorial services on the island this month. Nick Sarzynski on July 12<sup>th</sup>, Sue Masters on July 16<sup>th</sup>, and John Hackett on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Joanne Shirkey reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the primary election. There are five candidates running for trustee, and three candidates running for treasurer, as well as four millages.

Next meeting will be Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00am at the Harsens Island Lions Club.

**Dennis Szymanski made the motion to adjourn, and David Martin seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary