



## Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes November 12, 2016

**Directors Present:** Neva Covalle, Barbara Crown, Pat Feighan, Donna Halacoglu, Mike Hilla, Art Koster, Jim Laethem, Mary Ann McLane, Melanie Most, Denne Osgood, Harold Stieber, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Rosemary Wiczorek;

**Excused:** Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Nancy LaMastus, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Lois Whipple;

**Guests and Members Present:** George Covalle, Barb Feldman, Jane Mount, Joanne Shirkey, Stephanie Spencer, Jim Stieber, Debbie Thiel, Jerry Thiel.

Denne Osgood brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:30 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The October meeting minutes were presented. **Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the October meeting minutes, Dennis Szymanski seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

### Executive Committee Reports

**Treasurer Report:** Harold Stieber reported that the balance in the checkbook for October 31, 2016 was \$23,256.44, with total cash on hand being \$46,109.82. Full copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available by contacting Harold at stiebha@gmail.com.

**Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the October treasurer's reports; Barbara Crown seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.**

**Secretary Report:** Donna Halacoglu stated there are currently a total of 820 paid members for the year ending 2016. There are five new members added to the 2017 calendar year.

**Communications:** Emails are getting put together for the 538 members who are signed up for the email distribution list. The membership letter will be going out in the January-February timeframe.

**Government Affairs:** The national and local election results were briefly discussed. A link to the results are available here: <http://sccers.independentitllc.com/Public/Election/18>. For Clay Township, the insurance company submitted a check to the township for \$80,000 as a result of the former township clerk embezzlement case.

**Browne's Field** (upkeep and future development): A golf cart has been purchased for use at the field for upcoming events. The shingles have arrived for the roofing project for the red barn at Browne's Field, and this project should be complete by the end of next week. A plan is in place to complete the extension to the pavilion for additional storage space. The U.S. Tennis Association has agreed to look at assisting with payment for the tennis / pickleball court rehab project. There are quotations being requested for a walking path around the field. Patrick Feighan stated he's going to be working with an architect to discuss the design of the restrooms going forward. There will only be one portable toilet on the field over the winter. Patrick Feighan will discuss the availability of a portable toilet on the mainland side near the ferry.



Browne's Field Rental: There were 10 events scheduled for 2016 for field rental. The contract has been revised for a one-day rate, a two-day rate, and a three-day rate. Additionally, there is a rate for a small 1-4 hour event. Trash must be removed by the renting party, and if additional portable toilets are required, the renter is responsible for them as well. If additional seating is required, the renter is also responsible for those. All rentals are coordinated through Rosemary Wiczorek. Association members are provided a \$50 discount on their rental.

Delta News: Barbara Crown is looking for some volunteers to assist for next year's publication.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- *Board opening*: There is currently an open position on the board. There are currently 17 members on the board.
- *Welcome Committee*: Barbara Crown stated she has acquired some things to stuff into the Welcome Bags, but requires assistance with stuffing the bags. Barbara will be getting with some other island businesses for the additional items for the bags.
- *Charge account procedure*: Harold Stieber has now obtained a letter signed by Denne Osgood to provide to Lumberjack to assign Harold as an authorized buyer for the association.
- *HISCFA Shirts purchase on hold*: Denne Osgood will be working with the committee for getting new shirts for board members.
- *Christmas Party*: This year's Director Christmas Party is set for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at St. Paul's Church.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- *Water Station*: Patrick Feighan discussed that the Bates cut water station is in need of some landscaping in the spring. Pat is looking for some volunteers to assist with this work.
- *Car Show*: Jerry Thiel stated that the date for the second annual car show is July 15, 2017. The DJ essentially volunteered for this event this year, but may need to be compensated for next year. Jerry is soliciting suggestions and volunteers for next year's event. There were 144 cars in the show last year, and turnout is projected to be nearly twice that many for 2017. Only 45 people actually pre-paid for their application for 2016. It is possible that vendor tents will be set up for the 2017 show and they will be charged a fee for displaying at the show. Barbara Crown and Dennis Szymanski will get together with Jerry Thiel and form a committee to discuss this event for 2017. A new design for the t-shirt for 2017 will also be discussed. There is a video on YouTube about the car show and it can be found at <https://youtu.be/-q2teNLx0Ho>



Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Monday, November 21, 2016 is the first meeting for the newly-elected board members for Clay Township.
- ✓ Harold Stieber asked about the electronic signboard. Norman Rhodes controls the sign and also does the artwork for the signs on the board.
- ✓ Neva Covalle stated that she would like to see additional reminders to go out to the members (and also non-members) of the meetings so that more people can get involved.
- ✓ Jane Mount reminded everyone of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soup-Off at the Harsens Island Lions Hall tonight at 6pm.
- ✓ Joanne Shirkey stated that the Algonac Muskrats are the regional football champions this year.

Next meeting will be Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00am at the Harsens Island Lions Hall.

**Dennis Szymanski made the motion to adjourn, and Jim Laethem seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary