



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes October 8, 2016

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

Excused: Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Nancy LaMastus, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Denne Osgood;

Guests and Members Present: George Covalle.

Barbara Crown brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The September meeting minutes were presented. **Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the September meeting minutes, Mary Ann McLane seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Harold Stieber reported that the balance in the checkbook for September 30, 2016 was \$29,977.33, with total cash on hand being \$52,830.71. Harold stated that he is going to itemize some of the money for specific reserves at the end of the year to restrict funds to identify which monies belong to which projects.

Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the September treasurer's reports; Rosemary Wieczorek 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. One brand new member has joined but their membership will be added as a new member for 2017. An email will be sent to this member to follow up explaining this courtesy to them.

Communications: Two letters have been received: Jacob Kapanowski sent a letter to the HISCFA as a thank-you for the scholarship he received, and Nancy LaMastus has sent a letter resigning her position as a HISCFA board member as of September 27, 2016. **Harold Stieber made the motion to accept Nancy LaMastus' resignation; Dennis Szymanski seconded. All in favor; motion accepted.** Additionally, thank-you letters are being sent out this week to those persons who make donations to the HISCFA throughout the year, and a membership letter will be created starting in November with a target mailing date of end of January.

Government Affairs: Patrick Feighan mentioned the freighter Cuyahoga dropped calcite at the county property near the Park-N-Ride on the North Channel yesterday.

Browne's Field (upkeep and future development): There appears to be about \$5,000-worth of repairs needed for the structure of the red barn. Some of the planks of the exterior need to be power-washed to remove the flaking paint, and some planks need to be replaced. Trim pieces need to be added where they are missing as well. For the roof, there appears to be 2 options for that repair: a conventional roof (30-year shingles) or a red roof to match the other barn (50-year shingles), and the cost differs between \$2,900 and \$3,700. Patrick Feighan suggested working with the Harsens Island Historical Society for the restoration efforts of the barn. **Patrick Feighan made a motion to allocate \$5,000 to begin the repairs on the red barn at Browne's Field; Lois Whipple seconded. All in favor; motion**



approved. The last of the new tables have been picked up and placed at Browne's Field. Patrick Feighan also conducted some research on an appropriate storage and setup solution. While he was shopping, Patrick set up accounts at Home Depot and Menard's for the HISCFA as a 501(c)(3) status and has received paperwork with a barcode to scan for future tax-exempt purchases. The Pickleball Committee filled out a grant application and there has been \$4,000 received from individual contributions from the Community Foundation of St. Clair.

Browne's Field Rental: The committee will be getting together to discuss the rental terms and contract in the next few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Pig Roast and Bonfire:* This event was a great success again. Some changes will need to be implemented for next year, like the margin on the wine will need to be increased, and also to include one free drink (ticket or otherwise). The food preparation and quality will be addressed with the vendor for next time. Tarps and heaters are available if they are required to reduce the breeze through the pavilion and to provide warmth. The date for next year's event is set for Saturday, September 23rd, 2017.
- *Officers set for 2017:*
 - Denne Osgood, President;
 - Jim Laethem, Vice President;
 - Neva Covalle, Executive Secretary;
 - Harold Stieber, Treasurer;
 - Barbara Crown, Chair.
- *Charge account procedure:* Lumberjack / Prior – Harold went to both places and discovered that Lumberjack wouldn't tell him anything because he's not an authorized buyer. Harold is going to get a letter signed by Denne Osgood on the HISCFA letterhead to make Harold an authorized buyer so that he can sort that out. Prior does not currently have any restrictions to purchases. Prior and Lumberjack are already aware of our 501(c)(3) status. Getting copies of invoices is the primary reason to get this charge account procedure sorted out so that Harold can have documentation for the IRS.
- *HISCFA Shirts purchase on hold:* Cotton polo shirts are nowhere to be found; they are all pique polo shirts or wicking golf-type shirts. A determination needs to be made about what material of shirts everyone wants.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Annual Meeting:* Donuts and cider will be purchased for this meeting to take place November 12th, 2016 at 9:30am. All members are encouraged to attend, and a reminder will be placed on Nextdoor.
- *Count of Board of Directors:* There are 17 directors currently on the board.
- *Welcome Committee:* Barbara Crown would like someone to head up a committee to collect items/giveaways for bags for new residents as a welcoming gift. Donna Halacoglu and Lois Whipple will help.
- *Car Show:* The next car show is scheduled for July 15th, 2017. Jerry Thiel did a lot of the legwork for last year's event, and he is going to be looking for additional support for future events with respect to getting vendors and raffle items.
- *Christmas Party:* Barbara Crown stated that the Directors' Christmas Party scheduled for December 10th, 2016 will be at Big River Grille. *After the meeting, it was finally decided that the Christmas party will be held at St. Paul's Church and will be catered. Details to follow.*



Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Art Koster mentioned there was a permit to excavate a million cubic yards of land from the Boys Club property and he was wondering whether or not that permit is still active. There are several other permits that are required, but the DEQ permit is currently valid and is typically good for 3 years prior to filing for an extension.
- ✓ Mike Hilla asked why the Schoolhouse Grille was not considered for the Directors' Christmas Party. Barbara Crown will ask Denne Osgood to look into it.

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 12th, 2016 at 9:30am at the Harsens Island Lions Hall.

Patrick Feighan made the motion to adjourn, and Dennis Szymanski seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary