



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes September 10, 2016

Directors Present: Barbara Crown, Pat Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Mike Hilla, Art Koster, Jim Laethem, David Martin, Melanie Most, Denne Osgood, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple, Rosemary Wieczorek;

Excused: Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Neva Covalle, Nancy LaMastus, Mary Ann McLane, Kathy O'Connor, Harold Stieber;

Guests and Members Present: Dave Carruthers.

Denne Osgood brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:02 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Denne Osgood reported that the balance in the checkbook for August 31, 2016 was \$34,656.91, with total cash on hand being \$57,480.81.

David Martin made the motion to approve the July 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 820 paid members.

Communications: The email list has been being updated as the applications come in. There are a total of 536 member emails on the mailing list currently out of the 820 current members.

Government Affairs: The Clay Township Board meeting took place Monday, August 15th, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Lions Hall on Harsens Island. Patrick Feighan stated he would follow up on a question regarding the status of the road repair throughout the island.

Browne's Field (upkeep and future development): **Patrick Feighan made a motion to spend up to \$4,000 to purchase an all-terrain vehicle for moving equipment, tables, etc. around the Browne's Field property for events. David Martin supported; all in favor, motion carried.** Patrick would also like to obtain a quotation(s) to ensure the big red barn is structurally sound and to fix a few holes and supports within the structure. Patrick and Denne Osgood have discussed an idea to put an addition on the side of the pavilion to store tables and chairs on a rack in a closet. The costs for this will be wrapped up into the currently available funds for this project, and the costs will be minimal because the foundation exists already. Patrick also stated he would focus on the quotes for the bathrooms and the walking path over the winter months.

Browne's Field Rental: There is a rental request for June 2017. There is some discussion about the rental agreement regarding who's responsible for removing the trash at the conclusion of events. Also, there is further discussion to take place about amending the agreement to address different lengths of rental time (day / days) as well as the type of occasion. An update will be provided when it becomes available. Regarding rentals, there was one August renter



who did not submit the payment for their event. Rosemary Wiczorek has asked the renter for the remainder of the payment, but there has been no response from the renter yet. Rosemary will submit another reminder in the coming weeks. Additionally, there was a scheduled volleyball tournament to take place but it rained that day, so there is a discrepancy as to whether the event occurred and whether payment is due. Discussion about the Harsens Island Militia charity softball game rental also needs to be discussed.

Advertising Sign: Nothing new to report at this time.

Delta News: There were a total of 897 labels printed for the Delta News publications. It cost \$577.82 to mail 471 Delta News publications, but the remainder was picked up in-person.

Community Relations: Nothing new to report at this time.

Special Events: The annual HISCFA bonfire / pig roast will occur on September 24th, 2016. Ticket sales are limited to 135 and are available through Barbara Crown at the Waterfront Shoppe. Extra portable restrooms will be ordered for this event.

Field Day: The preliminary financial report for the 2016 Field Day has been submitted. The profit for 2016 appears to be very similar to what it was for 2015. Additionally, now that the HISCFA has 501(c)(3) status, the Field Day committee needs to be responsible for hiring the community service workers rather than relying on the Lions for assistance. A new popcorn machine will be budgeted for next year since it broke this year.

OLD BUSINESS

- *501(c)(3) Committee Update:* The effective conversion date is retroactive to June 2, 2016. Copies of the letter are available for future events. A huge Thank You goes out to Patrick Feighan and Harold Stieber on their efforts to get this completed so quickly.
- *Charge account procedure:* This topic will be discussed when Harold Stieber returns for the next meeting.
- *Tennis Courts:* The United States Tennis Association met with the township recently, and there are some guidelines that need to be followed in order to receive the USTA's support. The HISCFA submitted plans to the USTA and they will be submitted to their committee for review. One of the conditions for support consisted of having a 5-year plan, and Artie Bryson volunteered that the township recreation committee would fulfill the USTA's requirements in order to receive their assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Annual Meeting:* This meeting is usually in October, but Denne Osgood stated he will be out of town for this meeting so he suggested moving this meeting to the November 12th date. Donuts and cider will be purchased for this meeting to take place November 12th, 2016.
- *Officers for 2017:* Neva Covalle will be taking over Donna Halacoglu's position as Executive Secretary. Jim Laethem and Harold Stieber will remain in their positions. **Leonard Verlinden made the motion to keep the board members as-is, with the exception of Neva taking over for Donna. Lois Whipple seconded. All in favor; motion carried.** The list of directors for 2016 will be contacted in November to determine their status for next year.
- *Christmas Party:* Donna Halacoglu and Barbara Crown will continue to look for a location for the Directors' Christmas Party scheduled for December 10th.



- *HISCFA Shirts*: Denne Osgood would like everyone to have a logo shirt to wear for events. Barbara Crown will send an email to everyone to collect a list of sizes to ultimately distribute the shirts.
- *Turkey Shoot Parade*: Rosemary Wiczorek suggested that the HISCFA have some better advertising during the Turkey Shoot Parade next year.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ David Martin wanted to say Thank You on behalf of the Lions for assistance with the Turkey Shoot.
- ✓ Barbara Crown had lunch with Mary Ann McLane and Barb stated that she still has many medical obstacles ahead of her but is doing well regardless and still volunteering at the library. Mary Ann would appreciate a phone call or a card from time to time.

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 8th, 2016 at 9:00am at the Harsens Island Lions Hall.

Patrick Feighan made the motion to adjourn, and David Martin seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary