



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes April 9, 2016

Directors Present: Todd Brady, Barbara Crown, MaryAnn McLane, Melanie Most, Denne Osgood, Harold Stieber, Leonard Verlinden, Rosemary Wieczorek, Lois Whipple;

Excused: Susan Bryson, Pat Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Mike Hilla, Carol Johanson, Art Koster, Nancy LaMastus, Jim Laethem, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Dennis Szymanski;

Guests and Members Present: George Covalle, Neva Covalle, Cindy Pilato, Renee Poole, Linda Schoonover.

Denne Osgood brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:33 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The March meeting minutes were presented. **Barbara Crown made the motion to approve the March meeting minutes, Harold Stieber seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Harold Stieber reported the balance in the checkbook for March 31, 2016 was \$30,418.61, with total cash on hand being \$53,200.81.

Lois Whipple made the motion to approve the March treasurer's reports; Leonard Verlinden seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: Donna Halacoglu was not present to report, but Barbara Crown stated that she has received 505 paid memberships to date, and adding the Old Club at 167 there are currently 672 paid members. There are also an additional 25 or so memberships awaiting processing as well. A reminder postcard will be sent next week for those past members who have not yet paid their membership for this year. Denne Osgood stated that Donna is looking to resign 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: Donna Halacoglu was not present to report any further information.

Government Affairs: Pat Feighan was not present to report any further information. Denne Osgood reported that Pat Feighan is working on communications with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the bridge proposal. There are a few board positions within Clay Township that are opening up this fall. Filings for board positions with the township are due by April 19th, 2016.

Browne's Field (upkeep and future development): Pat Feighan and Jim Laethem were not present to report any further information.

Browne's Field Rental: Rosemary Wieczorek reported that there are 12 rental requests that have come in so far this year including weddings, birthday parties, and HISCFA events. The new contract agreement has been approved and is available to view.



Advertising Sign: Barbara Crown stated there are a few new people to add to the sign which are currently getting artwork. The sign is completely full now.

Delta News: Barbara Crown stated that the index for the Delta News is now complete, and she is asking for volunteers for articles and features for the publication, especially a feature on the HISCFA efforts to become a 501(c)(3).

Community Relations: Barbara Crown stated that the Island Cleanup will be on April 23rd, 2016.

Special Events: Jerry Thiel has assisted with organizing the Harsens Island Car Show which is scheduled to take place on July 16, 2016 <http://harsensislandcarshow.weebly.com/>.

501(c)(3) Committee Update: Harold Stieber reported that the long form version of the application is being filled out, and most of the major issues have been resolved regarding its completion. Some articles of incorporation need some slight changes in order to complete the application, and narratives from board members also need to be included with the application. Once the application is approved, the effective date would be retroactive to the date the application was received which means any donations made in the meantime would be eligible for tax deductions.

Field Day: Cindy Pilato was present to discuss Field Day for 2016. Recommendations for first, second, and third prizes were discussed about whether to keep them the same as previous years or to change them going forward. For a third prize there will be a Marine City night out, second prize is going to be a model boat, and first prize will be \$750 cash. Cindy stated that she intends on approaching local businesses to see if she can gain some sponsorship for this event. Additionally, Cindy requested a donation of hot dogs and chili from National Coney Island and is still waiting to hear back on that. Vendors would either pay a \$25 table rental or at least a \$25 donation to the silent auction to cover their participation in the event. Cindy will start committee meetings for Field Day sometime in June, and will communicate with the board when she will be available.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Liquor Licenses for 2016 Events (car show, Field Day, bonfire):* Harold Stieber will be handling getting the liquor licenses for the events. Liquor licenses are approximately \$50 and there is plenty of time to acquire any licenses for upcoming dates they will be required.
- *Water Station repairs:* No one was present to discuss any further updates.
- *Committee Assignments:* Barbara Crown is going to send an email reminding everyone which committees they were on last year, and if anything needs to be changed for this year it will be up to the members to let Barb know what needs to be changed.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Pavilion contract rewrite:* The contract has been rewritten and is now available for use.
- *Scholarship Committee:* There are three scholarships available annually: a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Orlo McLane, and two scholarships for \$850 each. Mary Ann McLane stated that there was only one scholarship application received this year, so she suggested providing Jacob Kapanowski the \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Orlo McLane. **Barbara Crown made the motion to issue the Orlo McLane scholarship to Jacob Kapanowski; Lois Whipple seconded; all in favor, motion carried.**
- *Barrel Bike Bar:* Renee Poole and Debra Williams were present to discuss their company Barrel Bike Bar. In order to operate in Clay Township (Harsens Island), they need permission to pick up and drop off



passengers/patrons at Browne's Field. Currently their service is stationed in Mt. Clemens, but they are trying to drum up business for a three-hour ride during one weekend a month to start to see if there is interest. **Harold Stieber made the motion to approve the use of Browne's Field for a start/finish point for Barrel Bike Bar, Leonard Verlinden seconded; all in favor, motion approved.**

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ No additional comments were received.

Lois Whipple made the motion to adjourn, Mary Ann McLane seconded. All approved; meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary