



## Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes April 8, 2017

**Directors Present:** Todd Brady, Neva Covalle, Barbara Crown, Donna Halacoglu, Jim Laethem, David Martin, Melanie Most, Denne Osgood, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden;

**Excused:** Susan Bryson, Pat Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Mike Hilla, Art Koster, Kathy O'Connor, Harold Stieber, Lois Whipple, Rosemary Wiczorek;

**Guests and Members Present:** Jacob Bryson, Cindy Pilato, Linda Schoonover, Debbie Thiel, Jerry Thiel.

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

The March 2017 meeting minutes were presented. **David Martin made the motion to approve the March meeting minutes, Dennis Szymanski seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

### Executive Committee Reports

**Treasurer Report:** Barbara Crown presented the treasurer's reports for March 2017. Barbara reported that the balance in the checkbook for March 31, 2017 was \$17,239.44, with total cash on hand being \$40,163.69. Full copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available by contacting Harold at stiebha@gmail.com.

**Dennis Szymanski made the motion to approve the March 2017 treasurer's report; David Martin seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.**

**Secretary Report:** Neva Covalle stated there were a total of 410 members paid current for this year, and 19 car show entries have been received to date.

**Communications:** Donna Halacoglu stated she received a call from a member who would like to donate a boat to the association: a 19ft 1989 Sunbird cuddy cabin. Cushions have been reupholstered recently and the boat is in good shape, and the member would like to see the boat used for the community. Discussion took place to determine what should be done to handle this, and Denne Osgood stated he would investigate how to proceed with this charitable offer.

**Government Affairs:** Jim Laethem attended the township meeting this month and reported that turtle crossing signs are going to be placed around the township in the appropriate areas. Also the DNR will be grooming and cleaning up the Krispin Drain as necessary this year.

**Browne's Field** (upkeep and future development): A meeting is scheduled with McPeak Asphalt & Paving this month to review the needs and quote on providing a paved walking path around the field. A work party will need to be organized when Pat Feighan returns to assemble the storage racks, stack the furniture, and paint. A one-time donation has been made towards pickleball for \$1,000 which was received in the last month.

**Transportation:** The township was going on a road tour around the island on March 30, 2017 to determine which roads are going to be considered to be re-paved or otherwise repaired and to determine priorities. In addition, bridges and ditches are going to be considered as well. There are no updates at this time.



Browne's Field Rental: This committee will discuss how to more efficiently handle processing the rental agreements going forward. Bill Tackonis requested renting Browne's Field on September 30, 2017 and asked that the HISCFA waive the rental fee for this event since it is a duck hunter's swap meet to raise money for the DNR. The intent is that this will become an annual event with sponsors and vendors to be present. The board agreed that he should proceed with filling out the application and it will be reviewed and voted on at a future meeting. Additionally, another request came in for a different application to use the HISCFA's sound system at the field, and the board agreed that the sound system will not be loaned out for events going forward.

Car Show: The date for the second annual car show is Saturday, July 15, 2017. NAPA Auto of Algonac has donated all of the trophies, and Jerry Thiel stated there are a lot of other donations coming in such as gift certificates, rounds of golf, and so much more. There is also a Facebook page setup to share information about the event and can be found by searching Facebook for Harsens Island Charity Car Show. The Car Show will also be advertised on Algonac's local public access television channel.

Field Day: The date for this event will be Saturday, August 5, 2017. Cindy Pilato stated she is going to be able to assist with the show this year but she is not able to be the chair for this event. Baxter Agency donated \$750 last year which was a very important sponsorship to receive, but that is not guaranteed for this year. Additional sponsorships will be required for this year's event in order for the event to be successful. It is important to establish a committee and a chair for this event to keep things rolling. Cindy stated she will be able to participate in the committee meetings when they are scheduled. Neva Covalle stated that she would like to see the prizes sorted out before the next association meeting takes place. A chairperson for this event is needed as soon as possible.

Bonfire and Pig Roast: The date for this event will be Saturday, September 16, 2017. Denne Osgood stated that he and Barbara Crown would chair this event.

## OLD BUSINESS

- *Board opening:* There are currently two open positions on the board, and there are currently 16 members on the board. Jerry Thiel has volunteered for one of the open board member positions. **Dennis Szymanski made the motion to accept Jerry Thiel as a HISCFA Board Member; David Martin seconded. All in favor; motion approved.**
- *Welcome Committee:* Barbara Crown has all of the materials collected and she and Donna Halacoglu will be stuffing the bags in the coming weeks.
- *Mary Ann McLane Memorial:* Nothing new to report at this time.
- *HISCFA Shirts:* Blue wicking-type polo/golf shirts with gold lettering will be ordered, and Peggy Osgood will be collecting the orders for sizes.
- *Website:* The association website (hiscfa.org) needs updating and modernizing. Todd Brady and Melanie Most will be working out the details of updating the website as well as the HISCFA Facebook page.
- *Window Stickers:* Barbara Crown would like to revisit handing out vinyl window stickers. She currently has about 150 of them but would like to discuss getting more of them to distribute to members.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

- *Island Cleanup Day*: The date has been set for Island Clean-Up Day(s) this year: June 3-4, 2017 at Browne's Field.
- *Road Cleanup*: The HISCFA road/highway cleanup volunteer opportunity is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10:00am, meeting at the St. Mark's Church parking lot. Peggy Osgood is the chairperson of this event. Pizza and beer will be provided at the Sans Souci Bar following this event. Volunteers are still needed!
- *Great Lakes Islands Coalition*: Harold Stieber sent some information from the DNR, and the DNR would like to form a coalition of inhabited islands around Michigan and would like information from the HISCFA. There is a meeting for this Coalition in September on Beaver Island. More information is available about this project at: <https://www.northland.edu/sustain/crc/great-lakes-islands/>

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Neva Covalle stated that she would like to email the committee members about their respective events and make sure everyone knows their responsibilities and they are accountable.

Next meeting will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at **9:00am** at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall.

**David Martin made the motion to adjourn, and Todd Brady seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary