



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes June 12, 2021

Directors Present: Craig Baloga, Lucy Burby, George Covalle, Steve Gartland, Jim Laethem, Melanie Most, Dennis Szymanski, Jerry Thiel, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple, Rosemary Wiczorek, Terry Wiggins;

Excused: Deborah Addy, Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Steve Lawrence, Margaret Marchwinski, David Martin, Jane Mount, Kathy O'Connor, Harold Stieber;

Guests and Members Present: Chuck Button, Neva Covalle, Cindy Pilato, George Rose, Linda Schoonover, Joanne Shirkey, Jim Stieber, Kathy Toth, Rick Toth.

Craig Baloga brought the meeting to order at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The May 2021 meeting minutes were presented. **Jerry Thiel made the motion to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes, Lucy Burby seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Lois Whipple presented the May 2021 Treasurer's Reports. Lois reported that the balance in the checkbook for May 31, 2021 was \$49,447.05, with total cash on hand being \$119,238.93. Full copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available by contacting Harold Stieber at HaroldS@hiscfa.org.

Jerry Thiel made the motion to approve the May 2021 treasurer's reports, Dennis Szymanski seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: Margaret Marchwinski reported that May was a busy month for receiving membership renewals and also a significant interest in new memberships as well.

Communications: There were no communications received this month.

Browne's Field: Dennis Szymanski reported that the apron/entrance to the parking lot at Browne's Field will need to be regraded. **Dennis Szymanski made a motion to approve up to \$1,400 to bring in approximately three loads of 22A limestone road mix in order to re-grade the apron/entrance to Browne's Field; Lucy Burby seconded. All in favor; motion carried.** Dennis reported that the H.I.M. charity baseball game was able to raise around \$1,500 for the Algonac Little League.

Government Affairs: Lois Whipple discussed that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing that more Michigan households are eligible for food assistance, with increased monthly food allowances. More information can be read here: https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29942_34762-559626--,00.html. Eligible clients will see additional food assistance benefits on their Bridge Card from June 12-22. Additional benefits will be loaded onto Bridge Cards as a separate payment from the assistance that is provided earlier in the month. Reference this link for additional information: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7->



[339--561682--00.html](#). Additionally, the MDHHS recommends that Michiganders avoid foam on lakes and rivers. More information on this topic can be found here: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339--560802--00.html>.

Guest Speaker, Clay Township Fire Chief George Rose: During the month of May, Chief Rose attended two meetings: the HISCFA meeting and the St. Clair County Chief's Association where general business was discussed.

May was a busy month. On May 12, 2021, Chief Rose took a ride to Allendale, Michigan to Westshore Fire to inspect the new fire trucks. Everything checked out. Training on the new vehicles is scheduled for June 4, 2021. I attended the grand opening of the Harsen's Island Historical Society's new addition, and farewell event for George Crown, the designer of our department patch. Fire Boat #2 was put in the water and placed into service. The new airboat is complete and ready for pick up, however due to our busy activities we decided to have it delivered. It is expected to arrive sometime during the week of June 12th. The old tanker (1985) was sold for \$6,000 and is headed for another fire department in Arizona. Craig Baloga asked whether a defibrillator can be placed at the Browne's Field Pavilion. Chief Rose mentioned that he applied for grants to obtain additional units and will manage placing them around the Island once they arrive. The challenge will be placing a defibrillator in an area that is conspicuous but not subject to vandalism or theft. CPR classes will be scheduled soon; three instructors have been identified for upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Browne's Field Restrooms / Fundraiser:* Quotation requests were sent out to several vendors about this project and we are waiting to hear back on them. Once we have an accurate number for this project, then we will be able to apply for grants appropriately. A survey about the proposed restrooms was sent to the membership to capture the types of amenities that people would expect to see.
- *Status of Grants:* Jane Mount was not present to report the status, but she was going to fine-tune the grant wording to be effective and have the best chance of getting the grants that are being applied for.
- *Car Show Update:* Craig Baloga, Jerry Thiel, and Christine Baloga have been putting together goody bags for the upcoming Car Show on July 17, 2021. There are several sponsors that have been donating to help make this event a great success. The field is in excellent condition, and there are boxes of items that can be used as auction items. Jerry also mentioned that he has about a dozen volunteers that will be coming to the Island to assist with this event. Craig has several contacts that are coming as well. Jerry ran down the list of items that need to be taken care of prior to the show. Shirts will be sold at this event again this year. Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen and will need to contact Neva Covalle to coordinate – Melanie will post to social media to draw attention. Craig has discussed this upcoming event with Champion Auto Ferry and they are on-board to facilitate the traffic and perhaps overflow parking if necessary.
- *Field Day update:* This year's Field Day will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Committee meetings have been ongoing to discuss games and events taking place. Cindy Pilato mentioned she has the ponies lined up, and asked Chief Rose to confirm timing for the fire truck shower at the close of the event. Cindy also asked for confirmation on purchasing the kayak prize. Susan Bryson will be collecting Silent Auction prizes at Tashmoo Marina again. The kitchen staff is fully booked. Cindy asked for a committee meeting outside of the July Board meeting since she will not be in attendance for that.



NEW BUSINESS

- *The Delta News*: Craig Baloga reported that the preliminary draft has been pulled together and has just a few articles left to layout and also requires a review the membership list. Then proofreading will commence and be wrapped up for printing so that it can be handed out at Field Day on August 7, 2021.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Trunk-to-Trunk Sale is going on right now at Browne's Field, along with free shredding, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Next Saturday is a free Concert in the Park at Browne's Field featuring Gary Greenfelder and the Jazz Quintet, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- ✓ Susan Bryson recently presented the Orlo McLane Scholarship to Christian Neumann.

Next meeting will be Saturday, July 10, 2021 at **9:00 am** at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall.

Jerry Thiel made the motion to adjourn; Dennis Szymanski seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary

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APPENDIX

Fire Department Incident Reports for Harsen's Island (May 2021)



Clay Township Fire & EMS

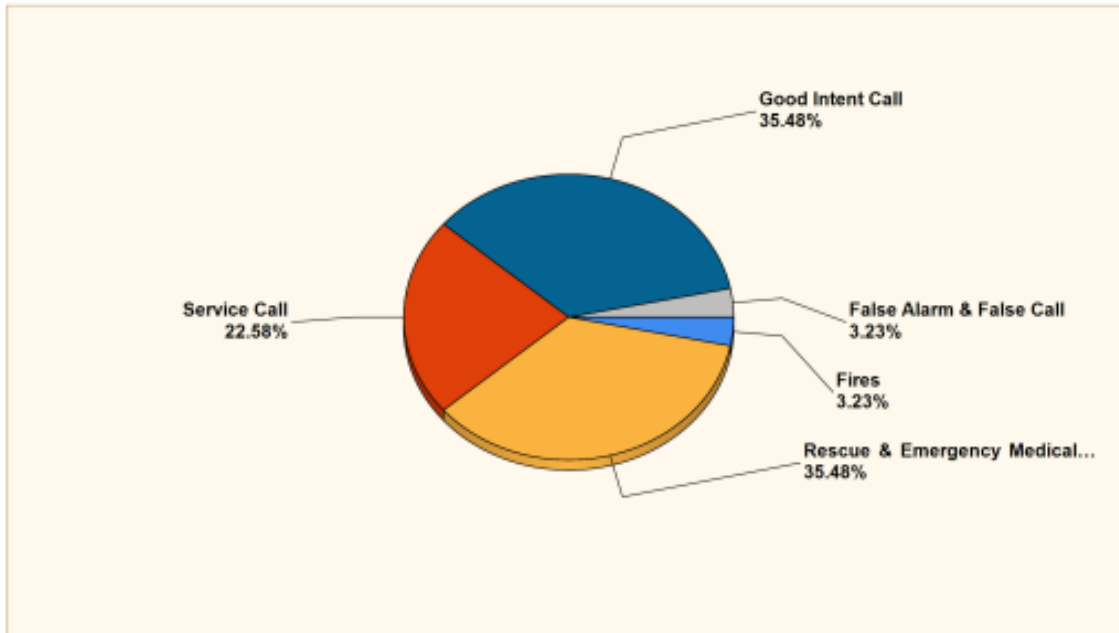
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): 3 - HARSENS ISLAND | Start Date: 05/01/2021 | End Date: 05/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	1	3.23%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	11	35.48%
Service Call	7	22.58%
Good Intent Call	11	35.48%
False Alarm & False Call	1	3.23%
TOTAL	31	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	3.23%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	3.23%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	10	32.26%
554 - Assist invalid	1	3.23%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	6	19.35%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	4	12.9%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	6	19.35%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	3.23%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	3.23%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	31	100%