

Marine City Maritime Days Festival
General Membership Meeting
4/14/16
Gar's Lounge

Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Melisa, Rob, Julie, Bob, Rick, Marc

Absent: None

Guests: George and Mary Kay Bukowski, Mike Horn, Bonnie and Bob Gardner, Frank Stockwell, Don Davenport and Gloria Vernier

Review minutes from 3/29/16

Motion: Rick motions to accept minutes as presented. Rob 2nd all ayes so passed.

Parade Chair and Secretary positions still open. Mary Kay asked man from Lions Club and he said no, he is too busy.

Melisa – not much to be done for parade. We just need feet on the ground. She wants someone in so she can train them because it's a big event. Please talk to people you know.

The trustees need to meet regarding secretary position because it needs to be a member in good standing.

Financial Update:

2 more Ribs on the River entry fees received and \$300 in vendor fees

New sponsorships: \$1000 from Sunrise, \$150 from Vera Grace Emporium, \$10 for parade entry fee and received \$150 in the mail today from Salon 832

New vendor J & K Pops/Popcorn Paradise. A new business that will be opening in the mall behind The Sweet Tooth in the fall

Balance from last meeting \$28,544.81

Deposited 2,530.00

Checks written 1,450.00

Balance as of 4/14/16 \$29,624.81

Bob sold 50/50 tickets. Rick won \$40

Motion: Marc motions to accept financial update as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

Bob Gardner – what is 50/50 going to?

Bob – towards Maritime Days General Fund

George – Can't get a hold of Joe Dog guy. If he doesn't respond, it will have to be Joe "ish" event. Wants to limit it to maybe 30 people, 6 hot dogs a piece at \$25 entry fee per person. Will do it in heats, maybe 5 people at a time. Will need timers. The judge would decide when entrants are done because they may try scraping all the goodies off the dog. Lot of good feedback.

Melisa – Event will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. The line dancers are scheduled for 3:00, but they don't need set up time, so you will have 45 minutes, almost an hour.

Mary Kay – We don't have to go to County?

Bob – If it's a contestant even, you don't need Health Department approval. If you are serving the public, you do. He found this information when researching Ribs on the River

Melisa – Do you know anyone at the high school?

Mary Kay knows some kids who swim up there. Mr. Ming is the coach.

Mary Kay – Will ask at the Lions Club if they want to help with parade

George – Parade will be lined up same place as last year?

Melisa – Yes, on Bruce and Scott. Looking for dunk tanks. They are \$200 a day to rent

Bob – If you rent, you get insurance included. If you buy you have to get your own insurance and it's like \$1300 a weekend.

Melisa – there is a loophole, where you can have a bucket dumped on person instead of dunking person into a tank.

Bob – We can catapult people into the river

Melisa – we can have them walk a plank that will dunk them into River and it will tie into our Pirate Event

Mike – All set for fishing event. Prizes done. Each kid will end up with a prize.

Melisa – any update on 5k?

Julie – Jessica at Eastside Racing Co requested \$100, so Julie wrote her a personal check.

Melisa – Have her submit a budget.

Motion: Rick motions to approve reimbursement to Julie for \$100 as presented. Rob 2nd all ayes so passed.

Julie – Miss Maritime Days. She has called Jennifer De Wolf twice and has not received a response.

Requesting reimbursement for envelopes and postage in the amounts of \$47.94 and \$3.18.

Melisa – Do you have a photographer

Julie – Yes, my friend Melissa, as a back up

Motion: Rick motions to approve reimbursement to Julie as presented. Marc 2nd all ayes so passed.

Bob – Very appreciative to Julie for all she's doing

Arts and Crafts – 2 new vendors. Chris is very excited about it. She could not be here tonight. Very tired from doctor's visits

Melisa – Melissa is a yes for Beer Pong event. They will meet the next time she's in town. She's taking spring classes, so won't be back in town until July. She says they need to come up with a plan this year.

up and pre-registration, so will need a 2-hour block of time. Rob assigned contest from noon til 2:00

Melisa – was going to send out postcards to advertise Maritime Days, but has been busy and hasn't gotten to it yet. If she can get to it, she will send them out.

International Kinetic Racing not news. Bob says he's got a 10% coupon for trophies and will wait until he gets another one.

Julie – Ribs on the River. Bayside is best price for T-shirts.

8 people will be going to KCBS Judging class in Sellersburg, Indiana; near Louisville, Kentucky this weekend

Kids demo derby will work

Melisa – Advertising – ordered postcards from Staples. Sent out 148 and gave April 22nd as response date. Receipt for \$30 from Staples for postcards; \$17.50 + \$35.00 + sheet of stamps for contracts. Total cost \$62.30

George – Get a Staples rewards card. Get money back with easy rebate card. Get about \$10 a month back

Melisa – Thanks. Will get one

Motion: Rick motions to reimburse Melisa for stamps and Staples as presented. Marc 2nd Bob and Melisa abstain all ayes so passed.

Entertainment – Melisa and Rob working late hours to get entertainment schedule set. We have a \$6500 budget and \$5100 planned so far. There are still slots open. Looking for kids with bands who don't want to be paid. Just because we have \$6500 to spend doesn't mean we should spend it all. And

we may have budgeted low. Several bands lined up including, Rock Start, Groove Rider, Mystic 6; still need a DJ. We have a professional juggler for a 45 minute show; Daughter Earth and the Revivers; karaoke contest; Joe "ish" dog contest; line dancing; PRSA karate; Jet Pack Hotline from Chicago, unpaid-will look into that further; 2nd Day Story. Rob is going to look at a kids' band tomorrow; Frances Flo-hula hooper; Chamber of Commerce stinky sneaker contest; bubble gum contest; biggest mouth contest; John Rush, the human iPod-he's from Grand Rapids so no one has seen him. Going to be working on Schedule of Events. Any objections need to be known tonight.

Fireworks contract-Great Lakes Fire Works. They were \$6000 last year, but are asking \$6500 this year, plus a 10% fee if event gets postponed or cancelled. Bob doesn't recall that clause being in the contract before.

Motion: Bob motions to agree to send out contract with \$3000 deposit to Great Lakes as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

Rob- so they are asking \$6500 and we pay \$2000 for barge?

Bob-Beer company pays \$1000 of the barge fee.

Melisa-will have Bob beat them up on prices. Contract was received between April 3rd and 5th.

Melisa-Let me know if anyone sees anything wrong on website.

Adopted Events – all go. Will be set up by the beach

Teddy Bear Picnic

Rubber Ducky Race

Children's Parade

Classic Car Show – Nautical Park

Motorcycle Show-waiting on logo. 4:00 instead of 1:00

Tractor Show

Princess Tea Party-Roasted committed to it, no flier yet

Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest

Bubble Gum Contest

Little Miss Maritime Days

Pirates

Joe "ish" Dog Eating Contest

Porta Potties- last year we had 15 regular and 6 handicap and it wasn't enough, so this year requested 20 regular, 6 handicap and a sink-Put sink by Ribs on the River

Jays quote this year was \$2,680; last year's was \$2,055, but that was with fewer porta potties.

Scotty's \$3,925

ABC \$3,268

Melisa-if anyone wants to get other quotes that is fine

Motion: Bob motions to accept Jay's quote as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

Melisa – Jays will also give \$150 sponsorship if we use their services

Melisa-TIFA meeting next Tuesday. Want to go and look for money

Fighting with amusement people because they are trying to add an Elephant Ear stand and make us pay for it; then they say they will not charge. Intent to sign

We shouldn't have to pay fire department to be on stand by

We need to identify awarded sponsorship business that donate goods and services

Gar's-silver

McBride, Manley & Co-gold last year and this year

C3 Equipment-provide trucking and stages-gold

Jones Equipment-commitment of kabota-silver

MGM-dumpster service-get commitment out of them

Coughlin-silver

Marine City Lions Club-picnic tables-silver-get high school kids to help move them

Ron-electrician-is he on board? Silver

Don & Julie Davenport-gold

Fred Grande Ford-didn't show up last year, but did do commercials

GT Graphics-no show

Food Depot

Bayside-silver

Motion: Marc motions to accept list as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

George-What about Bill MacDonald Ford?

Bob-they have jerked us around for several years. We are all about using local businesses, but they have made it hard to work with them

Vendors

Missy Meadows

Redwood Grill-returning

Popcorn Paradise-new

Vinings

Rob-what kind of t-shirts is Popcorn Paradise selling? Vinings is selling t-shirts, too, and last year we had 2 vendors selling t-shirts next to each other

Melisa-will ask Popcorn Paradise about their t-shirts

Motion: Rick motions to accept vendors as presented. 2nd by Marc all ayes so passed.

Don Gardner-nothing to add. Will have History of Maritime Days for sale

We have fliers from 2011, 2012, 2013. No flier for 2014

Melisa-we could do a "buy here" link on our website for book

Next meetings:

Monday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Will need board meeting in between

Need to schedule a float repair party after Suckerfest, which is the 1st weekend in May

Motion: Rob motions to adjourn. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.