**Marine City Maritime Days Festival**

**General Membership Meeting**

**4/19/17**

**Gar’s**

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

Present: Michele, Bob V, Julie, Rob, Bob B, Melisa, Gloria, Dawn, Rick

Absent: None

Guests: Don Davenport, Chris Arnold, Mike and Matt Horn, Chris Finsterwald, Sarah Polio, Frank Stockwell, Carol

Review minutes from 4/05/17

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

No further discussion

Financial Update:

Balance $43,831.37

Fireworks $6,041.28

Miss Maritime Days $6,591.49

Float is ready for Suckerfest

Michele is getting requests from vendors to set up on Thursday. We will close roads on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. We may have to shut down Water Street from Beaton’s north and intersection of Water and Broadway for carnival to come in and set up.

Michele – where do we get wristbands? Michele – we can get them from Oriental Trading, but I believe we have enough under the float

Michele – we need to get all the sponsors in this week so we can go to print

Owner of Malcom Marine came in during meeting and offered us use of his barge for the fireworks, free of charge. St. Clair Festival uses his barge for their fireworks.

The water ski show is a go. They need 3 hours to set up and the beach needs to be empty during set up. No one can be in the water during the shows. They will do 2 shows, and are not to exceed $2,100.00 for service. We will do the shows on Saturday. First at 9:00 a.m. and send at 7:00 p.m. They want to know if they can launch their pontoons from the beach.

Bob - No, they can launch from the boat launch and have their boats drag the pontoons up river to the beach.

BMX Show - She has received 4 quotes. The two best are Wonder Wheels. They will do one show for $1600, plus $100 travel fee. They will do a 2nd show for $300 extra. 35 minute shows, and they will do the parade.

Division is $1500 flat fee for 3 shows, but they’re younger kids.

Melisa likes Wonder Wheels on Sunday, doing a show at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with the parade in between at 2:00 p.m. This would be about $2400.00

Dawn’s friend can’t do beer pong tournament. Rick says Chris at War Water Brewery has expressed interest in doing it. Will contact.

Michele – is Teddy Bear Picnic in the park on? Melisa – Betsy Davenport is in charge of that; I gave you her information and it is still on, but check with the library because there has been a change over, and we need to make sure they’re still going to be involved.

Radios – let’s rent instead of buying. The three quotes for rental are $953.00, $563.00 (including repeater) and $380.00. Chris Arnold heard there is an app on phones that allow you to use them as 2-way radios. She will check into that.

Discussion – it’s better to pay extra for Advanced Wireless as opposed to the cheaper online company in case there are problems, because could get extra radios or service from Wixom, but wouldn’t receive replacements in time for festival through the mail if there was a problem.

**Motion:** Melisa motions to go with Advanced Wireless’ quote as presented. Rob 2nd. All ayes so passed

Reimbursements coming to Julie and Dawn for TIPS and TAMS class; BBQ class for Michele, and $50 to Rockstar

Michele typed up a mock festival schedule to go over and add corrections. Purple is events that still need to be confirmed

Michele – she has received several complaints regarding the look of our float; that it is just an ugly orange box. Discussion: it is supposed to be a freighter, there is a blue skirt that goes along the bottom-it didn’t make it on in time for our parade. Good Old Days and Armada Fair floats are very fancy, but may be professionally done. There are white cushions and if someone can sew, they can be fixed to fit. Melisa originally wanted our float to be frou frou.

Arts & Crafts – Mrs. Finsterwald wants to know where her signs are. Rob says they are in his truck and will give them to her tonight (I personally saw him take them to her car after the meeting)

Chris Arnold – she has been trying to talk up volunteering for beer garden and has heard from potential male volunteers that they would like to have t-shirts that say “Security” across the back. She also wants to know what color they will be. Discussion - Rob loves the idea of beer garden volunteers having “Security” printed across the back of their shirts. They should be yellow so they stand out. Beer garden volunteer shirts can be different colors than staff shirts.

Next meeting:

Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. @ Gar’s

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.