**Marine City Maritime Days Festival**

**General Membership Meeting – Election Meeting**

**9/22/16**

**Gar’s Lounge**

Meeting called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Melisa

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

Absent: None

Guests: Larry and Michele Boren, Bob Vernier, Marykay and George Bukowski, Mr & Mrs Gardiner, , Frank Stockwell and Carol, Mike Horn, Don Davenport, Chris Finsterwald, Rob Rau, Adam Busetill

Review minutes from 8/24/16

George – noticed time for hot dog eating contest winner was wrong. Correct time is 7 minutes 17 seconds.

**Motion:** Rob motions to accept minutes with proposed corrections. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

No further discussion

Financial Update – We have a balance of $30,570.80 after outstanding payments are made City invoice is in the amount of $1,539.80. Total bill $3,879.20, minus the deposit of $2,339.40. We still have to pay Scotties Potties. Chamber of Commerce renewal fee is $70. It is up to the new board to decide whether to renew or not.

MaryKay – What are the benefits of being a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Melisa-It’s really the gateway to the city. It helps non-profits. We can participate in the Farmers’ Markets.

**Motion:** Rob motions to accept financial report as presented. Rick 2nd. All ayes so passed.

Elections – Would anyone be interested in running for President?

Rick would like to. Michele Boren would also like to.

Vote: 4 votes for Rick, 9 votes for Michele. Michele is President of Maritime Days.

Three 2-year trustee positions. Who would like to run?

Dawn Campbell, Marc Rau, Bob Blanchard, Rob Gardiner and Bob Vernier.

16 votes for Bob Blanchard

14 votes for Rob Gardiner

10 votes for Bob Vernier

 6 votes for Dawn Campbell

 2 votes for Marc Rau

Vice President – Rick Papin would like to be appointed. No other takers

Treasurer – Julie Davenport would like to remain in position. No other takers

Secretary-Gloria Dubay would like to remain in position. No other takers

All nominations accepted by new Board.

Rob-the new Board may choose to fill the other two 1-year term Trustee positions at a later date.

Volunteer party-was very nice. Lots of food. Not very many people. Melisa apologized to Dawn for the initial texting bombs, which caused some people to opt out and miss the actual invitation. Thank you to the Lion’s Club for letting us have the party in their hall.

Looking forward to next year-new board will have to decide if they want to take part in the Christmas parade. Julie says yes, it is a lot of fun

We will have Rick make a t-shirt gun

Melisa-been in communication with carnival company. They charged us $750.00. We charged them $200 as a food vendor. They gave us $85 as our portion of their proceeds. Owner said if we have them again next year, they will waive their deposit fee.

Recommendation to new board-make any necessary revisions to vendor forms and mail them ASAP. Also, pay the $70 to Chamber of Commerce for renewal.

**Motion:** Rob motions to renew membership of Chamber of Commerce. Rick 2nd. Bob Blanchard, MarKay oppose. The rest ayes, so passed.

Charity Poker-Laura Berkstrom from Wintergarten Tavern wrote us a letter inviting us to participate to raise funds for the festival. 3 people for 4 days would be needed to man tables.

George-would not recommend doing it. They didn’t make money when they tried it. The company gave them money afterwards.

Bob Gardiner-has done it to raise money for school. The first time they made $12,000, but the 2nd time the government put a cap on it. He thinks it’s a good idea.

Bonnie-don’t know if we need to do that for the festival because we already have a good balance in the band.

Bob B-our experience with charitable gaming was that we had a couple good nights and a couple bad nights. It’s hard to get volunteers, so it was the same 3 people working the whole time.

Melisa-recommends that new Board fills out applications for grants and gets sponsorships to raise money

Chamber of Commerce wants to borrow our Miss Maritime Days ballot boxes for their popcorn festival. The proceeds will go to A New Dawn.

**Motion:** Rob motions to tell them they’re in storage and can’t be accessed. Rick 2nd. 2 votes in favor, so failed.

**Motion:** George motions to ask them to waive our $70 renewal fee in order for them to borrow the ballot boxes. Melisa 2nd. Most ayes so passed.

Dawn-if they won’t swap fee for boxes, then we tell them they’re in storage

Entertainment coordinator-Adam Busetill would like to volunteer for the position. He has a studio and equipment. Larry Boren would also like to do it.

Next meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. 6:30 p.m. in the Sand Trap at Gar’s.

Melisa-thank you all for these years as President of the Maritime Days Festival. I wish you all nothing but the best for the future.

**Motion:** Melisa motions to adjourn Gloria 2nd all ayes so passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.