

**Marine City Festival
General Membership Meeting
3/29/16
Gar's Lounge**

Needing new secretary and parade chair. Nicole has work obligations and health issues so had to resign, at least temporarily. Melisa will post on facebook to look for someone to fill in, and discuss at next meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Present: Melisa, Rob, Julie, Bob, Rick

Absent: Marc

Guests: Don Davenport, Dwayne Prange, George Bukowski, Matt Horn, Mike Horn, Mary Kay Bukowski, Denise Harris, Craig Harris, Bob Gardner, Frank Stockwell, Chris Finsterwald, Star Tavolacci, Gary Spencer, Bill Schultz, Lisa Hendrix and Gloria Vernier

Review minutes from 1/26/16 and 3/15/16

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

Financial Update:

\$1,150.00 sponsorship

\$ 10.00 parade fees

\$ 225.00 vendor fees minus \$25.00 deposit

\$1,385.00 + \$ 80.00 arts and crafts entries

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

Last year Andrea was able to get Rock Star down to \$1000.00, but they are requesting \$1,400.00 this year. Bob able to get them down to \$1,100.00. Need a check request and get contract signed with 50% deposit (\$550.00) to them. Bob mentioned had a great time watching them last Saturday. Rock Star loved the event and the town.

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

Clark's Attractions contract for kids rides and food trailers. Better than last year. They are asking for a \$1500.00 deposit. 50% due with contract (\$750.00). They give back 20% of ticket and arm band sales, so hope we will make up our costs because this year's festival should be larger than last year's.

Motion: Rick motions to accept Clark's Attractions as presented. Rob 2nd all ayes so passed.

Julie gave Melisa financial report as follows:

\$28,544.81 in Talmer General Account

\$ 585.00 in parade fund

\$ 79.10 in International Kinetic Energy Race

\$ 8,468.91 in fireworks

\$ 1,628.20 in Miss Maritime Days

\$ 1,000.00 retaining sponsor Foam All. Thank you, Gary!

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

Star will organize karaoke contest. She organized and judged other contests with Algonac Lions.

Contest will be on Festival stage. We have access to all equipment. \$200.00 charge for equipment; will pull from entertainment budget. Star will find judges, make fliers and advertise. She is not exactly sure how to run contest, but she will check with her friends and get back w/Melisa.

It will be pre-sign up and pre-registration, so will need a 2-hour block of time. Rob assigned contest from noon til 2:00 p.m. on Saturday the 6th. This will be a self-sustaining event, not a money maker.

All events are responsible for putting out their own fliers. Put them on facebook, bars; it will be on Schedule of Events. All events must be solidified by April 15, 2016.

50/50 drawing Bob received permission to sell throughout restaurant. Drawing ticket number 765477 for \$65.00. Won by Dwayne.

Gary on racing – Trophy for adults is supposed to come back every year.

Bob - has kids trophies covered. It's all in good shape. Last year there were cars from 70's and 80's. He has called Bill several times, but Bill obviously doesn't want the business, because he's not returning calls. New vendor will do 12 trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in A, B, C & D bracket for \$408.96. This is a good price. Took care of Agricultural clearance and paperwork last year; it gets easier once it's been done. The ferry guy was aggravated last year about his concrete being scraped last year, but this year a roller was added to prevent that.

Gary – Facebook and emails have shown that the races have made a big impression on families. Last year's racers were mostly Canadian. People are really looking forward to this year's races. There were minor issues last year that have been ironed out for this year. The organizers love the event, spot, town, etc.

Bill – horse drawn wagon rides. Last year they did it at cost and didn't get enough donations. Going to have to charge more this year. \$100 per hour is normal fee and they got \$150 at Chili Fest. Last year's route was really too long. Do it like a taxi service; have less hours and more designated times. There were issues last year with sponsors and shared event. Other towns get sponsored and have banners advertising on the wagons and at stops.

Melisa – wants to see a proposal from Bill for this year.

Bill – did well last year by Court House. Water Street is too dangerous because there are too many people walking and these are still animals and unpredictable.

Gary – Ray Huston worked boarding horses overnight last year, which was a big help to Bill. Gary will check with him for this year.

Bob – layout has completely changed this year. We can't do both sides of the street, so it will be more spread out. We told the city we would try it this way, but it is going to cost more money for more wire and electrical feeds. Map will be rolled out after meeting for anyone who wants to stay and look at preliminary plans and placement.

Bill – Trippin Tunnel: if he is put in left field this year, it's not worth it to him to come back. He requires 20 amp electrical hook up.

Board is trying to accommodate returning vendors.

Dwayne – Pirate costume dress up day. Maybe a scavenger hunt. It is an adopted event. Melisa will get form to Dwayne.

Bob – scavenger hunt for Captain Morgan rum. Pirates can play in beer pong tournament.

Parade is on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Pirates can be in parade. Need location for start/stop. Judging costumes. Dwayne will give Melisa a proposal.

Bob – we don't mind giving guidance, but just don't have the time to run activities ourselves.

George – Joe Dog eating contest. \$25 entry fee. They have access to cart and steam table. Just have to get with owner.

Mary Kay – still can't find dunk tank

Melisa – Lion's Club donates tables. She will get them vendor form for Wheelbarrow of Joy. There will be no fee.

Mary Kay – Wine Tasting on Tuesday, May 10th. \$15 per ticket, comes with 2 tickets (2 oz wine) and glass. Can buy extra tickets.

Matt & Mike – got form for fishing contest. Grand prize this year will be a kid's bike. Won't buy until they know if winner is boy or girl. Runners' up will receive fishing poles or tackle boxes. Will update flier to show grand prize. Last year there were 29 entries. Hope to get more this year.

Melisa – would love to see a Daisy Inflatable Shooting Range for the kids this year. It's a \$200-\$300 rental fee, which basically covers shipping because it's very heavy. It needs to be manned by a club member.

Matt – they belong to Pine River club. Will talk to Ruth about having it manned.

Lisa – Will buy Electric Powered car. Melisa says car has to have doors for race, so car she buys should have doors. Lisa will pick out a few she likes and send links to Board for final approval. Melisa will get Lisa a sponsorship form.

Melisa – plug for Lisa Hendrix, running for commission and needs signatures to get put on ballot.

Chris – has 2 new vendors this year.

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.

Rob and Melisa working on an entertainment schedule. Not finalized yet, but coming together nicely.

Looking for a Parade Chair.

Ribs on the River looking good. Julie sent fliers to previous contestants.

Miss Maritime Days competition - Jennifer De Wolf asked to chair Little Miss Maritime Days competition. Would be 5 – 10 year olds. Same parades. Will have own voting boxes. Kids will get scholarship, sash and crown.

Bob – New event. His 3 year old told him he's the loudest boy in town, which inspired him to have a Big Mouth Contest. Will get a sound meter. Contest will last ½ hour or so. Will get plaque or trophy. Will be for kids; develop age ranges. Bob hasn't really thought it through yet.

Adopted Events –
Teddy Bear Picnic

Rubber Ducky Race
Children's' Parade
Classic Car Show
Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest
Bubble Gum Contest
Little Miss Maritime Days
Pirates
Joe Dog Eating Contest

Motion: Rob motions to get trophy for kinetic racing as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.
Melisa – talked to Chief Heaslip about city fees. Got price down some. Got rid of Wednesday and Thursday charges.

New Vendors:

Vinings Varsity Wear
Council on Aging/Washington Life Center
Angel Scarves
Alex and Ani

Motion: Rob motions to approve vendors as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

Melisa – There is a clause in vendor contracts that we will not refund money. There is a vendor who sent total of \$150 and then realized she had a wedding that day, so is asking for her money back.

Bob – says no refunds

George – says change contract to state after June 1st there are no refunds. Melisa agrees. Says it will bring vendors back if we allow it this early.

Melisa – refund her money, minus her deposit.

Motion: Gary motions to refund money as presented. 2nd by Bob Gardner all ayes so passed.

Glo Works wants to be exclusive vendor, sent in \$500 check; but we already have exclusive vendor.

Budget and layout after meeting.

Chamber of Commerce, The Mariner and Save the Beach fundraiser on May 21st. Maritime Days should do games to advertise.

Next meeting:

April 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Schedule of Events Deadline

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.