

**Marine City Maritime Days Festival**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**12/06/16**  
**Gar's**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Michele

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

Absent: Julie

Guests: Larry & Frank

Algonac parade tomorrow at 6:15. Staging on St. Clair near Smith, facing north. Bob V pulling float. Rick and Rob will be there. Blanchards will be there, weather permitting

Michele – Financial report-previous balance \$30,000. Received \$2,150 in sponsorships and \$6,000 from DTE, bringing balance to \$38,150.

Melisa will call St. Clair Aggregates about sponsoring this year. Michele will get list of potential sponsors and post online so that Board can help contact them.

Michele-sent out vendor forms on 11/15/16 and gave returning vendors until 12/15/16 to respond if they want their spots back.

Melisa-we can only have one each of Independent direct consultants.

Michele-last meeting we talked about asking dealerships to lend us convertibles for Miss Maritime contestants to drive in parade. Still need to do that. We need 3 convertibles. Rick will contact Bill MacDonald Ford. Gloria will contact Dick Huvaere Chrysler.

Michele-Wade Shows will be in Florida around the time of the Festival, and will not come up for unless they had another festival to do.

Clark Shows in willing and excited to return this year, and will waive their fees.

**Motion:** Melisa motions to contract with Clark Shows Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes so passed.

Melisa-They are growing and will grow with us. They are clean and easy to work with. They are adding rides every year.

Michele-how far in advance do we need to order trophies?

Melisa-a month to 6 weeks. Two months is more than sufficient.

Rick-got his in 10 days last year.

Michele-Ribs on the River-do we want to give out ribs this year? Understands that it adds more complications and work.

Melisa-It's up to Don and Julie

Contestants were giving them away anyway

Michele-what do we do for a HQ?

Melisa-over the last several years we have borrowed a camper from different family members.

Michele-who did the graffiti wall last year?

The Harrises. They may do it again this year. Melisa will contact them to ask. We need new paint, buckets and stone. Used the back side of beer signs to paint on.

Michele-were there issues with beer pong last year?

Rob-yes, not enough teams

Melisa-not that I know of

Michele called Melissa and left her a voicemail, and then Melissa called back and left Michele a voicemail indicating there were issues last year that needed to be resolved.

There needs to be more advertising for it, especially in local bars.

Michele-owner of Regatta would like to have a karaoke contest to raise money for the Festival.

Melisa-if they do that, they will be a sponsor because of the proceeds they donate

Michele-last year Melisa handled all adopted events. We need people to volunteer to handle them this year.

Melisa-Reaching out to them, finding out if they are charging fees and making sure they have fliers is the biggest part of that. They handle the rest

Kinetic Energy race is on and Bob Blanchard is chairing event. Same person who sponsored it last year, wants to sponsor it again.

Who handles advertising? Jen Kornago may be willing to help.

Rockstar will be playing at Freddie's Bar in Clinton Township on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. \$10 per person. Who would like to go? Michele and Larry will make reservations for 5.

Rick will have Sheriff's dive team in place for safety during fishing contest.

Michele-what is the responsibility of the person handling the carnival?

Melisa-meeting with Clark that weekend, being there when they get there and making sure they have water and electric. Making sure bathrooms are unlocked for them.

Rick will be in charge of electricity/water needs and potential glitches during the festival

Melisa will get 3 quotes for porta-potties. We can map them out this year so we know how many/where we want them. Must have ADA bathroom everywhere there is a standard.

Jay's will probably be the cheapest again.

Julie will do Miss Maritime Days, but not the little girls. She will contact former Miss Maritime Days contestants to recruit girls to be in charge of the little girls this year. She will count money for all of it.

Set up parade moms for each parade.

Insurance company charged us more than they quoted us for last year's festival. Agent told us they may not be able to underwrite us this year unless we have people TIPS & TAMS certified. We need to have 5 or 6 people take the one day course and get certified.

Rick will handle the dumpster again this year. MGM donates the dumpster

Next board meeting-Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Blanchard residence.

Rob, will you do the decals again? If so, how much? Or should Melisa get quotes?

Rob-will get back to you

Bob-Michele did you get any response from grant applications?

One response requesting more information, which she provided, and hasn't heard back again. Nothing from the other

We are on the agenda for the City Council meeting on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Michele will be there.

**Motion:** Rick motions to adjourn. Gloria 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes so passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.