**Marine City Maritime Days Festival**

**General Membership Meeting – Festival Wrap Up**

**8/16/17**

**Gar’s Lounge**

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by Michele

Present: Michele, Julie, Bob B., Bob V., Rob, Melisa and Dawn

Guests: Larry Boren, Maria Karchner, Angela Pizzo, Don Davenport, Marykay and George Bukowski, Chris Finsterwald, Frank Stockwell, Redeye Campbell, Mike and Matt Horn andEric Girard.

Financial Update – We have a balance of $25,406.43 in checking; $3,041.28 in the Fireworks fund; $11,361.66 in Miss Maritime Days fund.

5k – Jessica did a great job again this year – they had almost 100 participants this year.

Arts and Crafts – nothing but compliments from participants – Chris always does an amazing job with this. She also brought a sample of her Thank You notes for the vendors that she sends out complete with photos – these should be implemented to ALL vendors.

Fishing Contest – More kids than usual this year – timing needs to be reconsidered so that it doesn’t overlap with other kid activities. Some of the kids wanted to participate in several activities that were happening at the same time.

Tractor Show – had less tractors this year but was still a good show.

Waterski Show -was a definite hit with the crowd – all three shows were great and the performers had fun and would like to return next year as well.

Karaoke Contest was good this year – could be bigger next year.

Fireworks Show – was probably one of the best in the area – nothing but compliments.

BMX Show was great – had big audiences and the performers did a great job in the parade as well.

Parade – The parade was done really well. Angie did an excellent job on this and it went smoothly thanks to all the volunteer support and organization.

Sidewalk Chalk – had a lot of participants again this year and went over well.

Sand Art – also needs to be rescheduled so that it doesn’t interfere with the water-ski show – but it was also scheduled and printed on brochures before we changed waterski entertainers so the new performance timed changed as well. Prizes were not awarded timely.

Ribs on the River – had less participants this year due to another competing sanctioned BBQ event on the same day in Westland. Also had problems with prize awards but was corrected. Eric Girard said he would help with competition next year.

Demo Derby – had less participants this year and problems with the high winds blowing balloons off the cars but overall went good.

Beer Garden – Friday’s weather was extremely windy - in the 50’s - so it generated about half of the regular beer sales. ($2776). Saturday’s beer sales surpassed 2016 numbers. ($6439). Sunday was about the same, only a $17 difference. ($680). Needed more volunteers and better organization.

Kinetic Energy – good event – no real changes from last year.

Volunteer meeting is scheduled at Gars on Sunday August 27 at 4pm.

Election Meeting is scheduled at Gars on Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Michele gave Julie $320.00 cash for can returns.

Checks to be cut : Detroit Shriner Lancers $400.00

Shriner Highlanders - $500.00

Marine City Band Boosters - $500.00

Sideline Electric - $312.50

State of Michigan (Annual Report) $20.00

Sue Tues - $15.00 – signed up for parade late and didn’t get paperwork in to

us in time to get lineup information so she didn’t participate.

Election update – Michele is not sure if she will return next year as president.

Bob B. said he will not be returning.

Melisa said she will not be returning.

Julie was undecided if she would be returning.

Bob V. and Rob both have 1 year left on their trustee positions but did not

know if they would be returning.

All positions are up for election this year except for Bob V. and Rob unless they decide not to stay in place.

Melisa thanked everyone for their hard work and thought they did a great job.

Maria said that she and many others were treated poorly by members of the board and would not return if the same members were in place.

Bob B said that people were stressed and wearing many hats and tempers can flare and not to take any of it personally.

Next meeting – Election meeting September 6, 2017 at Gars.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:11 by Michele**