

Proposed Minutes

Marine City Festival Inc.
Board Meeting
November 12, 2014

Meeting started at 7pm

Talked about our IRS status and discussed our options 501c4 vs 501c3. The process, paperwork, and cost. McBride is willing to complete the application for us at no cost. We will need to work with them to provide information and documentation. Filing fee will be about \$750 plus additional misc. fees.

All were in favor of going forward and filling out the paper work to apply for 501c3

Discussed and reviewed the updated By Laws, Articles of Incorporation, and Conflict of Interest Policy. Talked about Board of directors. F

Decided to plan a special membership meeting and advertise it for November 17th.

Financial Update:

\$8,961.97 In savings

\$60.00 not cleared yet for Chamber of Commerce Membership)

\$5.00 not cleared for the state of Michigan

\$2,498.39 Firework Fund

Carnival is still not secured but discussions in progress

Dates discussed and all in favor of

Thursday July 30th possible

Friday July 31st

Saturday August 1st

Sunday August 2nd

Events that we are working on:

Ribs on the River – BBQ Competition (ribs, chicken, sausage) Calling out to all backyard grillers, Master BBQ'ers Possibly auction or raffle off 5 guest judge spots, closer to event time.

Soap box derby – working with www.HSRA.ca \$200 ramp rental fee plus any transportation costs associated with bringing it into country. Open to ages 6-16 to build cars and race. Looking for a sponsor to cover costs. No entry fee to participate everyone gets a participation trophie, no winners or losers? This would be a break even event not a \$ maker

Great Lakes Burn Camp – They are scheduled to bring their Firetruck Dunk Tank to Maritime Days. It is a fundraiser for them (pediatric burn victim fundraiser). We will need help with staffing, they carry their own insurance

Sky-Divers – Land on the beach in lighted costumes before the firework show. Based out of Washington Twp. Take off from MC Airport. Need to figure out insurance policy – possible rider? Possibility for then to sell jumps via vendor spot?

Daisy BB Gun Inflatable Gun Range – need to find a club willing to sponsor/run this event. Can rent unit from Daisy for \$100

Other possible ideas:

- Adult Scavenger Hunt

- Beer Pong Tournament / Flippy Cup

- Yoga in the park – find the woman on FB who was offering the free yoga

- Fire Dept. would like to have a Jaws of Life demonstration, possible competition

Miss Maritime Day needs some legwork; Melissa offered to help with this.

5K – Jen Knightstep has expressed interest in organizing the run again this year.

Waiting to see her proposal

Melisa asked for approval to fill out the City Special Event Application and submit the \$25 fee to be on the next Commission meeting agenda (1st Thursday in December)

Motion made by Rob, Marc 2nd, all ayes – so passed.

Motion: Set the dates for the event as July 31, August 1-2 2015 with possible July 30th. Bob made motion, Rob 2nd, All ayes, passed as follows.

HOH will have their motorcycle show August 1, Saturday

Car (Boy Scouts) Sunday in Nautical Park, Tractor (HPATEEM) show will be all weekend in Drake Park.

Discussed photographer, possible volunteers.

Tri-fold Flyers – send out to different schools and churches, and at parades

New logo decided upon and being used on new artwork

We are locked in the Algonac and Marine City and St. Clair Santa parades

Fundraising: Sweetheart Dinner needs a bit more legwork. Will this be a viable money maker?

Missy indicated they are interested in just being a sponsor if the fundraiser doesn't happen.

Need to Apply to St Clair County Foundation for a possible grant to cover an event.

We have requested the St Clair County Parks and Rec. stage. Won't find out until March. Already talked with C3 Equipment about 2nd stage. Should be all set there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.