**Marine City Maritime Days Festival**

**General Membership Meeting**

**3/22/17**

**Gar’s**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Michele, Bob V, Julie, Rob, Rick, Dawn, Gloria

Absent: Bob and Melisa

Guests: Don Davenport, Larry Boren, Amy Murphy, Chris Arnold, Chris Finsterwald, Sarah, Mike and Matt Horn, George and MaryKay Bukowski, Marc Rau

Financial Update:

 Balance $36,626.37

Lots of sponsorship checks coming in

Wesley Orthodontics $2,500 parade sponsor

Got 3 Ribs on the River entries in

Everything for Miss Maritime Days has been sent out

Julie writing a check for $69.80 to herself for stamps and envelopes

Wrote $200 check to timing company for 5k

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

Michele sent out letters for parade. If anyone knows anyone who would like to participate, let her know

Entertainment – SCCCC wants to $250 to set up

Julie has reimbursement check for Melisa for business cards

Received $1000 from NorthStar Bank for float sponsorship

Mystic 6 is sponsoring stage in the amount of $3000

Radios – the cheapest place Michele found was online. $5 per day rental fee per radio, which comes to $1200 for days. We would have to buy ear pieces. To buy 24 radios from this company would be $4400, including ear pieces.

We use Advanced Wireless last year. They charged $399 for 12 radios.

Maybe we should buy this year. After 2/3 years of rental, they would pay for themselves

We should have 18 radios and 10 ear pieces

Michele recommends Captured Detroit. Look them up. She knows them so they will play for $1200

Michele wants to know what needs to be done for Miss Maritime Days since she wasn’t involved last year

There is no one to chair Little Miss, but Michele has a couple of cousins who may do it

Michele spoke with Bill MacDonald Ford. They will allow us to use any convertibles they have in stock at the time of the festival

Fishing – Mike has everything taken care of. He already has prizes

Julie – Put Lizzy on fb as photographer. She doesn’t have a business name; just her name

Melissa K can’t do beer pong this year. Michele wants Rick to do it. Not much to do; just post rules, get tables, cups and make up brackets for which team plays which. Get trophy. Ask Bob if he will make one, or if we should buy one

Beer Garden – Festival owns a freezer for beer that we use as a cooler. We own 2 coolers for pop, watter and ice. Distributor provides trailer freezer for stock. We can get ice from Jackie. We may need another cooler for behind the stage

Tickets for drinks. It’s easier than doing cash to keep lines moving

$2 cover

Beer will be $3 and $4

No one has done tips and tams class yet. Bob V, Rob, Dawn and Larry will do it

Larry has wristband questions: do we give wristbands to family and friends of bands? Headliner is really the only one we do that for. Bands who play during the day generally don’t bring people.

Bands generally come in the back gate and their family members come in that with them.

They need to have a wristband to buy alcohol, but don’t need to get them when they come in. Needs more discussion.

Have to post large “No Outside Beverages” signs. And we should have a table at the front to look into bags and purses for outside alcohol coming in.

Some people bring it in in cowboy boots

Rob – we won’t catch everyone, but if we have the table and can check bags and purses, we can at least minimize it. This affects not only our sales, but our liquor license.

We need volunteers, but Rob wants family members or people we know, so that we can trust them. We need them to be trustworthy. Need people to patrol the fence line, especially at night.

We still have butt cans from last year for tables in garden

George – why don’t we serve Bud?

Rob – Our distributor gives us a $1000. Bud distributor never wanted to work with us. Would only offer a mirror.

Check into finding a wine distributor. We could do single-serve bottles of wine

Chris F – she has the signs in her car. Wants it on record that she needs the signs back by the end of June. She has received $100

MaryKay – Will we be needing Lions tables again? Yes. Will pick them up Thursday night and return Sunday

Need to decide when we are closing the roads. Maybe Thursday at midnight?

Next meeting:

April 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. @ Gar’s

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.