

**Marine City Maritime Days Festival
General Membership Meeting
6/22/16
Gar's Lounge**

Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m.

Present: Melisa, Rob, Julie, Bob, Rick, Gloria

Absent: Marc

Guests: Don Davenport, Chris Finsterwald, George Bukowski, Mary Kay Bukowski, Bob Gardiner, Frank Stockwell, Robert Yeo and Mike Horn

Review minutes from 6/01/16

Motion: Rob motions to accept minutes as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.
No discussion

Financial Update:

Deposit \$494.63 to Miss Maritime Days Fund
\$719.67 written for PH paraded and brochures
Balance \$32,148.78

Motion: Rick motions to accept financial update as presented. Rob 2nd all ayes so passed.
No discussion

Melisa-JK Designs sent 2 invoices: one for brochure artwork for \$90, and one for artwork for signs \$30
They are great to work with, very professional. May have them do stage signs

Motion: Rick made motion to approve paying JK Designs \$120 as presented Rob 2nd all ayes so passed.
No discussion

Melisa-sent out spec information for t-shirts to every area company and only received 3 quotes back:

- Style N Stitch/Scoreboard N More \$1,577.00
- Next Gen Grafix \$ 877.15 (Includes \$300 sponsorship)
- Bayside Tan \$1,085.00

Motion: Rick motions to give contract to Next Generation as presented. Bob 2nd Rob abstains the rest ayes so passed.

Bob-wants to make it clear that Melisa sent out specs for every printer out there, and tried to keep it local, but only 3 companies responded to her request for quotes.

Melisa-received a check from St. Clair Aggregate for \$4000. Propose to use the 1st \$2250 for Ribs on the River prizes. In the past St. Clair Aggregates has donated to fireworks specifically so she recommends the remaining donation go to fireworks. Got \$1000 from Gerry's to go toward half of barge cost. Barge is \$2000. We had a \$6500 show last year. Do we want to add more fireworks this year?

Bob-hold money for a while because we may be able to use any extra money for different entertainment

Melisa-Liquor license filled out. We need to have form notarized. Julie is a notary, and so will notarize after meeting so it can go out in the mail tomorrow. We owe Nickel and Saph \$50 and owe the Liquor Control Commission \$78.75.

Motion: Rick motions to pay liquor license as presented. Rob 2nd all ayes so passed.
No discussion

Bob-request to use money from 50/50 raffle to build fire wall for kids to hose down pretend fire. Julies says we made \$105 in raffle. Bob says he can do it under \$100.

Motion: Rob motions to give Bob \$100 to build wall as presented. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.
George Bukowski donated \$100 for wall. Thank you George and Mary Kay!!!!

Mary Kay-Lions Hall tables can be picked up on Thursday. She needs 10 to stay at hall for an event on Sunday.

Bob-we will take all 46 tables and return some on Sunday morning.

Mary Kay-Yes, bring 12 back to hall.

August 20th the Lions will be hosting the 1st Annual Music Festival, which will be showcasing local bands

Melisa-let us know what we can do to help

Events:

5k- is good-find out how much power they need for race. Will they be doing medals? They are self-funded, so it doesn't matter, but Julie will check. She says since it's her first year, she wants to see how it goes before she adds too much. Melisa said the run at the zoo was incredible! Julie said sunrise will donate water. Melisa suggested checking with VG's or Nieman's for bananas or bagels. Make flyers for run.

Arts & Crafts- Chris just received \$510 for a total of \$1040 so far. 26 money in hand and 17 of those are new participants. She will call the ones she hasn't heard from this week

Beer pong- is on Melissa made flyer

Fishing Contest – Mike says it's good. Will find out value of prizes

Graffiti wall-Need to find volunteers, MaryKay says she will check with Lions Club

International Kinetic Race- is good. We haven't paid for t-shirts yet. Melisa will get that out

Miss Maritime Days is good. Boxes in place and doing better than expected. See financial update for money raised so far

Parade-sent invites and starting to get responses

Ribs on the River-13 contestants so far. Westland is doing a points event the same time, so we may lose some of last year's contestants to them. Last year we didn't receive some of the entries until a week before event

Sand Art-has put up signs at beach now to advertise. Maybe on beach bathroom doors. Melisa will talk to city about that. Mary Kay-check with area residents about putting signs up in yards so they don't disappear. Don will laminate these

Demo derby-Nothing new

Fireworks-

Volunteer meeting on July 20th

Karaoke contest is coming along well

Bob-we are closer and closer to **"IT"** Everything is coming together nicely. Maritime got a shout out on Fox 2 News during Puttering for Prostate segment last weekend at the Detroit Zoo. And the Zoo talked about Marine City and Maritime Days over the PA. The Macomb Daily has our fireworks listed in their local events. Local paper doesn't have correct list and we're not included.

Melisa-we have to pay the City the 50% deposit for the Special Event Fee. 50% is \$2,339.40. It's not right that the City charges us to do this and at such a high rate.

Motion: Rob motions to pay the city fee as presented. Rick 2nd. Bob and Bob G say no. rest ayes so passed.

Melisa-Vendor question? Sue Leonard's daughter is raising money for the Walk to End Alzheimers. She asked if she could sell hot dogs and do a bake sale, maybe sell 50/50 tickets; if she did, would she have to pay vendor fee? Melisa told her if she sold hot dogs she would have to get health department approval so she said she won't do those, but will we charge her a vendor fee for a bake sale? After discussion, it is agreed that she should be charged as a food vendor.

If anyone wants to order long sleeve t-shirts or hoodies for themselves, please let her know after meeting so she can get order in.

Bob Yeo- has a friend who owns Vintage House and does turkey legs for local festivals. He would like to be a vendor at Maritime Days. Melisa told him the form is on the website

Things to Rent or Buy:

HQ Trailer- Rick have you heard from General RV yet? No, he is waiting to hear back

Melisa-Mr. Gardiner, can we use your camper as our HQ? We use it to get out of the heat, for storage, etc. Will we be using the bathroom? Yes. Mr. Gardiner will think about it and let us know

Looking ahead to next year. Melisa is looking to find a like-minded individual to start learning the business so she can transition into a different role within the festival. Is there anyone out there that would like to do it?

Next meetings:

Thursday, July 14th at 6:30 Gar's

Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 Gar's-Volunteer meeting

Monday, July 25th at 6:30 Gar's

Chris-will we have that couple that did security last year on the golf cart? That's important.

Melisa-yes, they have agreed to do again this year. They do it in a volunteer capacity

Melisa-2 radio packages from 107 Q Country for sponsorships: \$399 or \$304

Melisa-need permission to order from Oriental Trading Catalog for swag for festival stage.

Motion: Bob makes motion to give Melisa \$200 to order swag. Rob 2nd all ayes so passed

No discussion

Motion: Melisa motions to adjourn. Bob Gardiner 2nd all ayes so passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.