

Marine City Maritime Days Festival
General Membership Meeting – Festival Wrap Up
8/24/16
Gar's Lounge

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Melisa

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

Absent: None

Guests: Bob Vernier, Steve Gobi, Michelle and Larry Boren from Mystic Six, Marykay and George Bukowski, Mr & Mrs Gardiner, Jessica Davenport and Zach, Frank Stockwell, Mike and Matt Horn and Don Davenport

Review minutes from 7/25/16

Melisa – noticed some spelling errors and typos.

Motion: Rob motions to accept minutes with proposed corrections. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

No further discussion

Financial Update – We have a balance of \$33,143.47. We still have to pay for porta potties in the amount of \$2,870.00. Miss Maritime Days made over \$8,000.00 and now has a balance of \$5,632.53. We still have a bill from the City coming for around \$2,500.00 ±. We also have around \$3,500.00 in checks not yet accounted for; \$3,250.00 from St. John's River District for sponsorship and \$150.00 from Talmer Bank. We have a balance of \$70 in the fireworks account. We spent \$10,920.00 in entertainment, made \$117.00 in fundraising, received \$8,390.00 in sponsorship, received \$6,575.00 from vendors. The parade cost \$489.00. The 5k brought in \$1,327.00. \$2,494.91 from Ribs on the River, and \$1,500.00 from arts & crafts. We started this festival year with \$25,700.00 in the bank. We put on a much bigger show this year.

George – there were only two contestants for the chili dog eating contest: Ray Melling and Mark Sanders. Ray won taking 7 minutes and 7 seconds to eat his 6 chili dogs. We gave away over 100 hot dogs, but did cover expenses. Next year we may change the contest to 3 hot dogs for \$10.

Motion: Rick motions to accept financial report as presented. Bob 2nd. All ayes so passed.

Bob – in years past, it took months to get these numbers. Julie is doing a great job!

5k – Jessica had a lot of monkey wrenches thrown at her, but she did a great job! The new registration company was not good, and it hurt our numbers. The Marine City High School Bowling Team and parents volunteered to help with the race. They were a big help and have no sponsors, so we need to decide how much to pay them for their assistance.

Motion: Rob motions to give MC Bowling Team \$675.00. Rick 2nd. All ayes so passed.

Bob – it's very important when organizations step up to offer assistance that we thank them and reward them for it.

Steve – yes, and the money is funding the team, not going into individual's pockets.

Arts & Crafts – Very successful. 40 vendors this year. Vendors said this was the best show.

Beer Pong – no fights, good time, no one was over served. There were 7 teams.

Steve – he believes there was an issue with not enough cups in the beginning.

Expenses were covered and the rest was given away in prizes. This is not like college beer pong. There are rules: each team gets 1 pitcher of beer per game. Water is in cups and is dumped out.

Steve – it brought contestants and their friends into the beer garden, which helped sales.

Friday and Saturday beer sales were very close, which is unprecedented. Usually Saturday sales far surpass Friday's.

Graffiti Wall – next year it needs to be more visible. Drew and Tammy Harris manned it Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The contestant who painted Sponge Bob didn't like our paint, so went home and got his own.

Kinetic Energy Race – 17 kids this year. There were a hand full of kids that showed up and wanted to race, but didn't have cars. The Canadians had extra cars so they could. The grandson of the petting zoo owner wanted to race, so Bob let him use his car. The travelling trophy went back across the river to Canada this year. Last year the sponsor challenged Bob to a race, but he crashed his car during time trials. This year Bob beat him by 400ths of a second. Bob is looking forward to next year.

Melisa – maybe next year we could offer a clinic for building the cars to raise more awareness and interest.

Fishing Contest – Kids had fun. There were less kids than last year. The fish were huge last year. The winner was an 8 year old girl who caught a 10.5 lb carp. 2nd place was 9 lbs 15 oz. The dive team had to go in after the phone of the mother of the winner. They retrieved it and she was able to pull up her pics of the event.

Melisa – we need a list of sponsors for event

Anglers in St. Clair donated the rod

Sunrise donated gift certificates

Marykay Bukowski donated bike

Miss and Lil Miss Maritime prizes were as follows:

1st place - \$1,000

2nd place - \$500

3rd place - \$250

Participation prize of \$50 for each contestant

Bob – Julie and Don and family counted \$8,000 in change! **Big-time THANK YOU** that he didn't have to do it because he did \$1,800 last year and it was a lot.

The girls were so excited and all so awesome!

Maybe moving forward we could add a Junior Miss Maritime Days category.

No info on Munzee

Parade – huge success! 1 ½ hours long. Rick thanks Melisa so much for helping him out when he got buried.

Marc – maybe put notes on business windows to let community know which intersections will be closed and when. He had a lot of people yell at him about road closures.

George – side note: Alicia from the Little Bar said some clowns came into the bar after the parade and she took their orders without looking at them. When they asked why she told them that she's terrified of clowns, but they got served.

Bonnie – going through town there were floats stopping and causing huge gaps. She would try to get them moving, but maybe next year we could station people periodically along the route to keep them moving.

Melisa – good suggestion, Bonnie!

Marykay – poor Santa had to walk because his car quit.

Adair Bar's truck was horrid. It was loud and burning oil, so it stunk!
Jessica – felt little cars were a danger because of how they zipped all over

Ribs on the River – 27 teams this year. Teams who turn in their ribs first are not necessarily the best. We need more than one person entering numbers. It took 2 hours to calculate all the numbers. Table captain should not be entering numbers. Could've used more help. Got positive feedback. The results were emailed to contestants the next day. Julie was using her phone to try to calculate all the numbers.

George – a few people were under the misconception that spectators would be able to eat the ribs. We can't do that because of the Health Department regulations. Other festivals do that. The inspector was open to working with us next year.

Bob - If we serve the ribs to the public we risk being shut down if the inspector doesn't like something, but if that's something the organizers would like to do next year you can do that.

Sand Art – we had 8 teams and it was really good to see the parents and kids working together on their projects. Successful event. Looking forward to it next year.

Kids Demo Derby – not a big turn out as far as contestants, but the crowd was huge! The kids were very happy.

Entertainment – we need to look into getting a coordinator for next year's event. Andrea is going to school to earn her Master's Degree and knew she wouldn't have the time to devote to the festival this year between school and family. Steve Gobi is willing to help out next year, but can't do it full time.

The Board thanks Steve, Larry and Michelle for all their help this year!!!! Rock Star was awesome! The stages were packed this year with entertainment. Rock Star is supposed to start touring, so we probably won't be able to get them next year.

Steve – I wouldn't say that. Their hearts are here. They enjoy Marine City as a venue. Rob and Steve can talk to them and see if they will be available next year. Rock Star extended thanks to Steve Gobi, Rob and Melisa. Their manager, Sloane, was impressed with the level of care they received and thought they sounded better than ever.

Bob – Rock Star talked about moving into another genre of music like the 90's before the festival, so they may expanding their fan base.

Michelle will be the entertainment coordinator for next year. This involves all acts on both stages.

Next year's festival is slated for August 4, 5 and 6th

Fireworks – were AWESOME! People said they were better than St. Clair's and Lexington's.

Teddy Bear Story – 3 or 4 kids there

Duck race – Betsy said there was good turn out and the ducks floated the right direction this year.

Children's' Parade – was good to see all the kids.

Classic Car Show – 100 cars

Jaws of Life Demonstration – Fire department took the fire wall down by the sea wall, so no one was able to see it. There were only 4 kids that got to spray. The fire department will be using the wall at their open house coming up, so people will be able to see it there.

George – Craig Mackenzie carved the chili dog eating contest trophy. Bill Stockwell engraved the brass plaque.

Motorcycle show – good turn out; went well

Antique Tractor Show – tractor club made \$600 in raffle ticket sales. They are raffling a very well restored antique tractor. Drawing in September. Lots of kids climbing on tractors. There are a lot of local antique tractor owners.

Sidewalk Chalk Contest – there were 13 artists. Art was done near post office. Brendan Jackins won with a drawing of Shrek.

Bubblegum Blowing Contest – 15 or 16 kids ranging from small kids all the way to young adults. They broke it into 2 age groups and gave away a large bucket of bubble gum to the winner of each group.

ComicCon – Steve thought it was cool. Kids were running up to people in costumes to get their pictures taken with them. Ghostbusters group with car was very interactive with crowd. Kids enjoyed it. The tardis is still missing

Stinky Sneaker Contest – Paul Merchant volunteered to be a judge. Only a few contestants

Biggest Mouth Contest – Bob rocked it! He got on stage and got a stage full of contestants. Bob and Steve were talking back and forth getting interest from the crowd.

Karaoke Contest – People ignored the pre-registration and then just showed up asking to enter at time of event. Contest was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Ship's Captain Dress up Contest - Mike cancelled it, but Melisa saw a little boy walking around in his costume.

Juggler was amazing. He came with his own mini sound system, so didn't need anything from our sound crew.

Melisa – thank you to everyone! This was the best Maritime Days in a long time! It has been an incredible year and an incredible event. The positive far outweighed any negative.

George – great job to Melisa!

Steve – thanks to Melisa for going all weekend long and still staying to help them pack up their equipment.

Volunteer party Saturday, August 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall. Ribs and Dairy Queen wing dings will be served. Everyone bring a dish to pass.

Julie wrote a \$40 check to Jackie at Corner Grocery because Jackie wouldn't tell her what we owed her. She donated 10 cases of water and at least 16 large bags of ice.

We will be returning vendor deposits.

Cub scouts were selling meat sticks and barely made enough to cover their vendor fee.

Motion: Melisa motions to return vendor fee to cub scouts. Rick 2nd all ayes so passed.

We need to make thank you notes for sponsors. Secretary will do that. Anyone with pictures of the festival, please forward to gloriadubay@sbcglobal.net or to Melisa and she will forward them to her.

Who wants to run for office for next year's festival?

Bob – as one of 3 trustees, I have concerns about the future of the festival if no one wants to step up to take it over. Bob just can't and won't do it anymore. It's just too much.

Everyone is up for re-election in October: 5 trustee positions, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

George – all the organizations in town are hunting for people.

Next meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016. 6:30 p.m. in the Sand Trap at Gar's.

Motion: Marc motions to adjourn Gloria 2nd all ayes so passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.