**Marine City Maritime Days Festival**

**General Membership Meeting**

**10/04/16**

**Gar’s Lounge**

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Michele

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

Absent: None

Guests: Larry, Don, Chris, Marc, Dawn, Melisa, Adam

Review minutes from 9/22/16

**Motion:** Julie motions to accept minutes as presented. Rob 2nd all ayes so passed.

No further discussion

Financial Update – Everything is paid. All deposits have been returned. We are off by $70 and change on our balance. Our current balance is $30,567.01. Chamber of Commerce renewal fee of $70 paid. We have not heard back from Chamber of Commerce regarding them borrowing our ballot boxes.

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

Bob B - wants to know the grand total of all accounts together.

Julie - $36,158.30 + $500 Canadian

No further discussion

Michele-Any issues regarding vendors last year?

Rob-A lot of issues with placement of vendors, double numbering of sites, sheet not being updated, etc

Melisa-I think what Michele wants to know is where we want vendors set up so we can have a meeting with the City, DPW and Fire Department for approval.

Melisa proposes to put vendors on one side of the road.

Rick-festival is August 4, 5 & 6, 2017.

Layout needs to be decided soon. Nothing can be done until this is done.

Bob B-last minute rudimentary map going off the chicken scratch on the vendor applications does not work. The electrical hook ups are a shorter distance from the east side of Water Street.

Melisa-there shouldn’t be any issue if we have the vendors all on one side of the street and no one crosses the center line. Wants to know if derby can be on Broadway?

Bob B-No. It can’t be done because of the 2 islands on Broadway.

Rick-How much run off room do the cars need?

Bob B-300 feet

Fire Department was okay with last year’s set up in the initial meeting, but when it came to festival time, it was a different story. He looked back in his notes and saw that he okay’d the plan, but he didn’t like it.

Rob-this year we need more information boards, better signage and have it more thought out.

Melisa-we are essentially renting the streets and the parks for the duration of the festival.

Vendors wanted it to start later on Friday, too

Set up by 4:00 p.m. Friday and open at 5:00. No set up on Thursday.

The carnival company is the exception. They need 24 hours for set up. But that’s only closing one intersection as opposed to the entire road.

Melisa-We can set up in the parks on Thursday and start street set up on Friday. We can take 2 hours for set up Tuesday evening and 2 hours on Thursday evening. Friday we focus on vendor check-in and the beer garden.

Bob-Porta potties need to be placed and it takes time to do that. Last year I left Gloria so I could walk around with the guys and have them placed.

We can close the roads at midnight on Thursday. Have the DPW drop all the barricades off and we can set them up at midnight.

Rick-Start check-in at 7:00 a.m.

Set up by 4:00 p.m. and all vehicles off road

Go live at 5:00 p.m.

Opening ceremonies at 6:00 a.m.

Set everything up at east side of road

Derby ramp only thing in the center of the road. Ramp is 10 feet wide

Does the City form cover fire works, too?

Melisa-the DNR and Coast Guard have their own forms and they give them to us to be signed by the city.

Michele-I have had inquiries about the logo. Do we want to keep it or change it?

Keep the corporate logo, but Jen already redesigned sign logo so it would show better. We can use that for decals and shirts.

**Motion:** Rick motions to leave corporate logo and use new design for decals and t-shirts. Marc 2nd. Rob oppose. The rest ayes, so passed.

Michele- what about radios?

Rick-we had 12 radios last year

Julie-no one on the 5k had a radio last year

What did we pay for 12 radios last year?

Julie-$336

So, this year get 24 radios, 6 slots per charger, so 4 charging stations. We can get quote for 20 and 24.

Get 3 quotes this year.

Larry Boren will be in charge of entertainments.

Adam-worked festivals all summer and off season. There are two options to handle bands

1. Backline
2. Gators and trailers

We need more people to cart equipment around and to help get bands and equipment on and off stage. Larry-is there a local performing arts center? Perhaps get kids from school to help out.

$250 for one trailer from Parks & Rec. Put in request for both trailers this year.

Bob B-get quotes to install 3 250 amp services with plugs for city. Change wording on vendor applications so we know exactly how many plugs each vendor will need and a total of feet in cord.

By going through city electrician, there will be less push back.

Get quotes to upgrade city’s electrical system and then take proposal to them. Bob B will call city electrician and have him work up a quote.

Get quotes first and then take proposal to city.

Bob B will have city electrician work up quote

Adam-city should pay for it

Rob-they won’t

Bob B-We are the only ones who use it, so we benefit from it

Bob B-also add water spigots

Michele-there are 2 1-year trustee positions vacant. Does anyone want them?

Dawn Campbell and Melisa Blanchard

**Motion:** Rick motions to accept them. Gloria 2nd, motion carried

Bob B-his snowmobile trailer, that he would like to use, has been taken over by Maritime Days. He would either like it back, or like Maritime Days to buy it so he can buy another. He has looked online and it is worth $500 with the new deck.

**Motion:** Gloria motions to buy trailer for $500. Rick 2nd. Melisa, Bob and Rob abstain. The rest ayes so passed

Julie-do we want to renew Michigan Festivals and Events Association membership?

**Motion:** Julie motions to renew membership. Gloria 2nd. All ayes so passed.

Chris-was told Art and Crafts people can’t park on either side of Pearl St.

Next Board meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. 622 Alger St

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at Gar’s

Holiday Parades:

Marine City - November 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

St. Clair – November 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Port Huron – November 25th

Algonac - ?

Rick gave Julie key for mailbox

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.