

# ***City of St. Clair Harbor Commission***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

April 26, 2014

### **I. Call to order**

Chairman McCartney called to order the regular meeting of the Harbor Commission at 9:00 am on April 26, 2014 at the St. Clair Boat Harbor.

### **II. Roll call**

Secretary Bill Schwarz conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Dan Lockwood, Dan McCartney, Kathy Darmstatter, Dennis Bucholz, Bill Schwarz, Councilman Tom McCartney, Harbormaster Stephanie Schriener. Excused absences of Paul Lydy, Bernie Kuhn, and Keith Winn were noted and carried.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Secretary Bill Schwarz distributed the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed. Dan Lockwood motioned/Tom McCartney supported.

### **IV. Financial Report**

- a) None. When the report is received by the Harbormaster, it will be distributed to the commissioners. It was requested to have the financials prior to next meeting, so the commissioners have time to review.

### **V. Old business**

- a) PWC phase 2 project

A presentation was made before the City Council on April 21 by Bill Schwarz for a budget request to execute the phase 2 plan. Council unanimously approved it. Blue Water Docks was contacted on April 22 to move forward. The Harbormaster now is working with Blue Water Docks to execute the plan. Blue Water Docks confirmed that they would be able to hold to the November 2013 quote that was originally presented. Installation of the equipment will depend on delivery.

- b) Swap Meet Changes

The swap meet that was planned for June 14 at the St. Clair Boat Harbor has been changed to June 7 from 9 am to 3 pm. This will now coordinate with free fishing weekend for the State of Michigan. Kayak and canoe rental will be featured during this event.

- c) Cargill financial request

A matching request for our canoe and kayak facility was declined.

## **VI. New Business**

- a) Boater-to-boater swap meet volunteers

See Vice Chairman McCartney if you are interested in volunteering on June 7. The Harbor is planning on offering hot dogs and refreshments.

- b) Dock update

The Harbor was walked and no significant winter damage was recognized. Steve Fiscelli will be driving heaved piling and straightening over the next couple of weeks.

## **VII. Harbormaster's Report**

- a) Harbor is open

Staff is now at the Harbor 7 days a week. PWC seasonal dockage (10 slips) is full for 2014 season. Deposits still coming in for the new slips.

Damage from the railroad project last summer needs to be pursued with CSX.

Advertising for summer events was created and distributed at the meeting.

Signage around the PWC fueling station and launch ramp was discussed. The Harbormaster will pursue four sign ideas for 2014 season.

- b) Harbor events

The following is the calendar of events that was presented during the meeting:

May 16 – Marble Eye tournament

June 21 – Antique and Classic Boat Show

July 26 – Blue Water Offshore Races

August 2 – Mardi Gras party

September 13 – Smith & Tucker Band at the Harbor

Note: There will be a meeting held at the Harbor on May 2 or 3 for the Mardi Gras party.

## **VIII. Elections**

Motion made to open elections. Tom McCartney/Dan Lockwood. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to elect Dan McCartney Chairman for 2014. Dan Lockwood/Tom McCartney. No other nominations. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to elect Dennis Bucholz Vice Chairman for 2014. Tom McCartney/Bill Schwarz. No other nominations. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to elect Bill Schwarz Secretary for 2014. Tom McCartney/Dan Lockwood. No other nominations. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to close elections. Dan McCartney/Dan Lockwood. Passed unanimously.

## **IX. Public Comments**

Pat Chaps briefly discussed the Antique & Classic Boat Show weekend and the surplus from passed events to be used for future events.

## **X. Commission Comments**

Kathy Darmstatter: Would like better communication to the board members when presenting at City Council.

Dan Lockwood: Raised the question to who was responsible for maintaining the garden around the anchor. Rec. Department is maintaining shoppers dock and the Boat Harbor should be maintaining the anchor.

Tom McCartney: Parking lot is scheduled to be sealed first or second week of May with striping following. If there are reconfiguration ideas for the parking lot, they should be submitted prior to the boating season. This opened debate around the necessity to seal this year or hold off one year.

Motion to delay sealing and move forward on striping and explore future availability of Cargill parking. Dan Lockwood/Bill Schwarz. Passed unanimously.

Dan McCartney: Chairman McCartney wanted the minutes to reflect the efforts of Tom McCartney and his wife and Harbormaster Schriener on their hard work through

the years to make the Mardi Gras weekend a success and sustainable event. A campsite update sees the paperwork filed and progress being made.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Chairman McCartney adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am. **The next meeting will be June 28, 2014 at the St. Clair Boat Harbor starting at 9:00 am.**

Minutes submitted by: Bill Schwarz