

MINUTES – HAMPTON PONDS ASSOCIATION
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rosalie Dupont, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence followed for all those active service men and women, veterans and all others that died in service to our country. There were 17 in attendance. Sergeant Steve Dickinson, Community Police Officer, was first on our Agenda to give us an update, but he was unable to attend our meeting.

Secretary Barbara Giroux read the Minutes of the April 7th meeting, Paul Bluemer made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Nelson Dionne.

Treasurer Janet Sanuita distributed the Hampton Ponds Budget – April 2008... total in all accounts: \$17,259.58. Income for the month of April was \$2,658.00, and expenses totaled \$1,827.39. Nelson Dionne made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Paul Bluemer.

We discussed Mayor Boulanger's 4/17/2008 reply to our Clean Lakes Request for monies, and Nancy Pasquini will handle this for our HPA. Nancy has handled grant monies with the City in the past, so we all felt that she was the best one to follow up, she agreed, and Don Leger will assist with details re: Weed Eradication Program.

Rosalie asked Don for the itemized list of expenses for the Weed Eradication Program for last year, and projected costs for this year. Don will prepare this report for next meeting. Don reported that in a couple of weeks there will be a final inspection and a formal project conclusion will be provided to us. We will have to apply for our permits again and will require more monies next time around. We will be short approximately \$1,600.00 for monies needed soon. A discussion followed regarding selling Raffle Tickets and it was unanimously agreed that Nancy Pasquini did a super job selling the bulk of the tickets last year, but this year she will not be able to do the same. We talked at length to award a few different prizes, trip to Casinos, gift certificates, etc., as the boat will not be available this year to auction. Nancy H. offered to look into different options here, and it was asked that everyone think about this and discuss at next meeting. Mike Potenza mentioned that if you were able to get a top notch show at Foxwoods that this would entice more people! We need to find volunteers to SELL tickets! This can be discussed via E-Mails prior to next meeting with updated information.

Barb Giroux reported that Mayor Mike Boulanger accepted our invitation to be Parade Marshall and was quite pleased to participate. Mike Potenza mentioned to Barb that he'd like to get the Mayor's Photo in the Waste Management vehicle as the Waste Management now donates a lot towards our fishing derbies, etc.

Nancy P. reports that Jim Haley has organized the Parade once again for us –
THANK YOU JIM!

Regarding the Sash for the Parade Marshall.....Kim reported that Art got a quote from Century Uniform in Chicopee, and the felt material is \$25.00 and less expensive, but they also have it in nylon which would hold up better. Paul Bluemer made a motion to go with the more expensive as we can use from year to year, seconded by Barb Giroux. Leslie Pirnie will get a quote as well, and Joe Frankowski will get the sash we have at the Hall to Leslie so she knows the size, etc. that we need. We will discuss at next meeting. Kim/Art will hold off until Leslie gets quote.

Jeannie Dionne has all the trophies and ribbons all set for the Parade. GREAT JOB Jeannie! Pete will take care of the trophies for the Boat Parade. Thanks Pete & Janet!

Joe Frankowski will set up all the chairs and tables prior to July 4th, and also take down as he always does, Joe G. will handle the drinks, and Doris will handle the donuts. Doris will also handle the posters!

Kim reported that we have received a total of \$1,045 from members...last year we pulled in \$2,848 so we have a ways to go here. Nelson Dionne reports that he has applications out and should be coming back in.

Regarding the Newsletter – Kim is going to work with Nancy H. to set it up in Word. Also, Kim will work with Rosalie to publish the July 4th Bulletin for our Parade.

Doris reported that she's received 5 scholarships to date, and she knows of at least 2 more that are coming in. She will report back at the next meeting. And, we will need to stay after next meeting to select our Candidates!

Candy Bar sales have been going WELL! Leslie, Doris, Pat, and Rosalie's nephew Patrick all sold bars. Janet will report the total received at next month's meeting.

Paul Bluemer asked Janet about the Vet's Bill....Nancy P. will speak with Janet to explain how this was handled in the past after the meeting.

The Wal-Mart VAP Application for Individual Associates was discussed. Paul and Nancy filled in the hours, Paul signed the form, and gave it to Nancy P. to give to Debbie DeFeo for submittal. We could get around \$250.00 from Wal-Mart.

A sad note, Tom Fleury that lived on the Ponds passed away and his neighbors on Pequot Point Road donated to The Shriners in his memory. Noreen Pasquini also passed away, and Barb sent a Sympathy card to her family. Don Leger reported that Elsie Rybak is in the Holyoke Hospital, and Barb sent a Get Well card to Elsie.

Paul Bluemer reported that a renter did damage to the railing outside. This was done on March 29th. Janet reports that we have a \$1,000.00 deductible. It was unanimously agreed not to report it to the Police since it was done quite sometime ago. Paul will get quotes to repair, and we held the renters \$200.00 deposit.

Kim said that she is still looking for a Row Boat for Jericho, and if anyone knows of any, to let her know.

Janet reported that Kerry Sicard, our new cook, is willing to do the November, February and March dinners as long as we have them on Saturday evenings. Janet told her we normally do them on the 1st Saturday of the month. She also indicated a willingness to do a Chowder Fest in the Fall. After the meeting, Leslie spoke with Barb, and Leslie is holding the date of October 4th for the Chowder Fest, and Barb sent an E-Mail to Janet to let her know, and Janet will confirm date with Kerry to make sure this is OK with her.

Paul Bluemer made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., and it was a UNANIMOUS SECOND by ALL!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Giroux
Secretary

ITEMS TO DISCUSS AT NEXT MEETING

- 1) Update from Sergeant Dickinson. Rosalie to follow up to see if he will attend our next meeting.
- 2) Update on letter from Mayor Boulanger re: Grant Monies, Clean Lakes–Nancy P.
- 3) Parade Sash – Leslie & Kim/Art. Raffle – Nancy H. and Everyone's Participation?
- 4) Wal-Mart VAP Application submitted? Nancy P.
- 5) Newsletter & 4th of July Bulletin – Kim & Rosalie.
- 6) Scholarship Applications – Doris.
- 7) Membership Drive – Kim.
- 8) Candy Bar Totals? Janet.
- 9) Quotes for repair of the railing outside – Paul B.
- 10) Row Boat for Jericho - Kim.
- 11) Chowder Fest – October 4th – OK with Kerry?

5/8/2008