

Diamond Island Association
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 23, 2018

President Gary Gries Opened Meeting @ 10:00a.m.on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

Roll Call of Board Members: All officers present

Members Present - 43

Hand-outs available and distributed to attendee's:

- *Financial Statement dated June 23, 2018 (attachment A)
- *Minutes for August 19, 2018 Membership Meeting
- *Agenda for June 23, 2018 Meeting
- *Updated Island Directory

Gary asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2017 meeting.

Motion to accept as written: Donna Taylor: 2nd-Mike Maloney

Financial Statement: Mike Andrasco reviewed with Membership.

Motion to accept the financial report: Janet Chutro: 2nd- Dick Buck

Gary provided lender information for new barge loan. 5 year loan – 3.85% interest rate with a security lien on barge.

Barge Maintenance Report: Bill Hullinger reported there are no operational issues with existing barge. East paddle wheel control switch replaced. Currently there is a 3 car limit due to high water issues.

Barge Operations: Bob Price reported we have 7 barge operators and all operators are doing very well and reminded membership that if any member has an issue with an operator in regards to only transporting 3 vehicles @ a time, to please speak to himself or Bill Hullinger and not to the operators. Our operators are only doing what they are instructed to do.

Bob also reported while he attended the Penn Township meeting, that Penn Township has an ambulance contract with “Life Care” who operates out of Battle Creek. You can sign up for this on-line @lifecare.com.

Also from the meeting items to share from Sheriff:

- *There is discussion of having Canoes, kayaks and paddle boards will need to be registered and will require a sticker.
- *Bill currently in legislature requiring all water crafts will need to be registered in Michigan.

*Smart911.com – register with this service on line and record your current location and when location changes. If you need emergency assistance, this service will always know your location.

Center of the Island Report: Phil Bottger reported no dollars were spent for clean up last year of to date this year.

Over the winter a 16 wheel Mud Ox was operated and this created ruts and mud holes through the center. This vehicle also widened existing paths and created new paths. Also, this operator cleared new areas for reasons unknown. The owner of this vehicle has been told that this 16 wheel Mud Ox is prohibited from the center of the island.

The D.I.L. Board met last week and it is their recommendation we shut down the center of the island this summer to any vehicles so it has time to rejuvenate. Center entrances will be roped off and signs will be posted “foot traffic only”.

Phil also provided a road report indicating that all cable installation is complete and road commission will start working on repairing the roads. Once road repair complete, dusting process will be initiated.

Barge Committee Report:

Gary recognized the following individuals who have volunteered hundreds of hours of their own time on this major project: Dave Benhart; Kevin Douglas; Ed Koranda; Tim O’Leary; Phil Bottger; Bill Hullinger and Bob Price.

Dave Benhart reported that due to Membership voting against hiring a design team, there have been delays in the project and tentative completion date is mid August.

Dave then provided the following update:

1. Water level control. New barge will be able to handle any low/high water levels.
2. Pictures on website of construction and Dave provided copies of designs.
3. Barge and barge house will have the same look and barge house will be in same location.
4. Ramps will attach to barge.
5. Diesel engine with thrusters.
6. With the August delivery date Dave asked the question if Membership would agree to delay switch out until after Labor Day. This would allow more to prepare and to learn operation. Membership agreed.
7. Launch will be from Public Landing.

Gary Nolte asked if 2 cement pads could be incorporated on the island side where you approach the barge (one on each side of cable). This would be done after new barge in operation due to the fact that cement truck could be brought on new barge and pour the cement directly from there vs. having to make multiple trips bringing cement over due to not being able to transport cement truck across on old/existing barge.

New Business:

Island cook books on sale. \$10.00 each available @ Chutro's and American Legion Post.

Gary Gries asked the Membership if we would want to have another "island clean-up" project. Membership agreed. Gary then asked for a volunteer. Jeri Smith and Steve Warstler volunteered to plan this project.

Bob Price announced that the month of July will be "Island Night Lights" and encouraged everyone's participation.

Island 4th of July parade scheduled for Saturday, July 7, 2018 which is the same day as the Diamond Lake fireworks. Wizards & Magic is the theme.

5th annual Corn Hole tournament will be on Saturday, July 28, 2018. Registration starts @ noon.

Ray Campbell (103) announced the possible selling of their property. Anyone interested or knows someone who is, contact him directly.

Motion to adjourn Saturday, June 23, 2018 @ 11:38am. Motion: Mike Maloney: 2nd-
Donna Taylor

All in favor: All

Nays: 0