

HSC Foundation, Inc. Minutes
April 28, 2021

Attendees: Teresa Schanski, Angie McArthur, Patricia Schiefer, John MacFarland, Karen Marshall, and Donald Butkovich

Karen Marshall made an addition to the March 31, 2021 minutes to read that the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Tax, Legal, and Audit Committee approved the MOU for submission to the club's board of governors. Karen Marshall made a motion to approve this change, Teresa Schanski seconded, motion carried.

Teresa Schanski, Treasurer, reported that there is \$1,820.21 in the Prime Share account, \$1,150.05 in the Children's Endowment Fund, and \$21,947.00 in the Edward Jones Money Market account. She will write checks to Patricia Schiefer \$1,383.00 for the AED device and Angie McArthur for the children's facemasks. Teresa requests that board members consider making an annual donation to the HSC Foundation, Inc. on an annual basis. Patricia Schiefer will arrange for a donor plaque to be made and coordinate training with Rachel Nelson, Garfield Township, for the use of the AED device.

Agenda addition: Karen Marshall and Ron Swan will be writing a Council Fire article to raise money to seed 20 acres with milkweed and wildflowers. There is no request on our part to assist with grant writing. A possible change of location for the Memorial Forest is being considered at the site of the old ball field at Marina Point. It is approximately 2 ½ acres and soil sampling has been completed. Ron Swan will till and fertilize. The location would have to be approved by the club board of governors. Karen Marshall said that she has had a first look at the new design of the club website. Patricia Schiefer will provide artwork to Katherine Sirvio, Communications Committee member, for TC Energy and Graymont grant signage. She will also include watershed information for Superior Watershed Partnership. Karen Marshall received the information from Patricia Schiefer to make a motion to the club's board of governors to accept the Cloverland grant and Tom Poole Memorial for the Jocko Pond Family/Handicap dock. This will be done at their next meeting in May 2021. The club's board of governors approved the MOU at their April 17, 2021 meeting and their

president Jim Nixon signed it. Joel Schultz will ask the Sault Tribe to sign and then Richard Pershinske, president, will sign on our behalf.

Donald Butkovich reported that Mike Klobacher would put a public survey regarding the Garfield Township Recreation Plan at various locations throughout the community including the club office.

Richard Pershinske has looked at the transfer station and it appears to be intact. Sam McPherson modified the facility and it was used for 2-3 months. There are plans available for the building and equipment. Patricia Schiefer has been in contact with Ethel Wells regarding the recycling set up in Curtis. Brad Austin, Marquette County, will be setting up a regional meeting for later in May to discuss next steps and options. Garfield Township's interest is unknown at this time. The deadline for the EGLE recycling grant is July 15. Karen Marshall will take pictures the next time she recycles in Pellston to share with our group.

We have a balance of \$700 in the Children's Endowment Fund designated for scholarships. Pam Cingano, a donor, is writing an article for the Council Fire about her experience with the Gladwin County Community Foundation and the start of their scholarship program.

Discussion continued on a rivalry donation contest involving various universities. A tug of war was mentioned by Karen Marshall as a possibility for a rivalry event.

John MacFarland stated that watershed grants have been written and submitted to TC Energy, Graymont, and EGLE for a total of \$35,000 with decisions pending at this time. Karen Marshall will check with Ron Swan to see if the club is interested in the Habitat Improvement grant. Patricia Schiefer reported that she received notification of an award of \$300 to help purchase AED devices for Garfield Township from the Firefighters Charitable Foundation Inc.

John MacFarland talked about an outline for our drug and alcohol abuse initiative. Our next meeting with that group will be on May 10, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Teresa Schanski has sent Carrie Sevarns the email addresses for the attendees. We will discuss drug take backs and drug lock boxes. Angie McArthur stated that the MSU 4H extension "hidden

in plain sight” trailer might be a valuable education tool for local families.

Patricia Schiefer will contact the 906 store and Newberry Embroidery for availability and pricing of foundation logo wear. Patricia Schiefer stated that all the donation thank-you letters are up to date.

Angie McArthur shared information about the new collaboration to improve internet access for those that do not currently have it and to improve it for those that do. It will help the 6400 students in 19 districts across the 4000 square miles in the eastern U.P. provided by the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.

Karen Marshall said the Council Fire should be out on May 12, 2021. It will be the club’s centennial in six years. Richard Pershinske mentioned that we could consider grants to save the historic barn at the Arnold Property. Other topics discussed were the Students to Stewardship program and the Freshwater Research facility at LSSU. Patricia Schiefer mentioned a contact at MSU that promotes students writing grants as part of their curriculum. She will invite Crystal Eustice to our next meeting to see if her students can assist us in grant writing.