



Meeting called to order 7:00 pm, July 17, 2008 – Guerrazzi's – Lansing, Michigan

PLEASE NOTE: Our web site right now is at <http://mmphc.org> We hope to get the .com domain back soon, but right now use this address. We will be keeping both once we get it straightened out.

Please send an email to MidMichiganPHC@AOL.COM or Kimbis@AOL.COM if you know of someone who is not getting emails from the club or if you have any revisions for these minutes.

Attending: Ken Barker, Marie Barker, Steve Cooper, Laura Cooper, Jean Dolley, Kim Dyer, Linda Fish, Dave Gagnier, Becky Greisinger, Joanne Hansen, Tom Hansen, Gail LaLonde, Kari Leiby, Jack Lennemann, Julie Lennemann, Gina Nelson, Jeff Saxton, Caleb Sepeter, Bill Shamick, Marlene Sommerville, Norm Spalding

Welcome to Ken and Marie Barker and Steve and Laura Cooper ... new members

Next meeting is Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Location to be announced, but likely to be Guerrazzi's again.

LUGUTS GAME – July 25, 2008. We're in Section N, rows 13 and 14 if you did not buy a ticket already and want to join us. We're meeting at the NutHouse before the game to distribute tickets. If you miss us there I will leave tickets at will call.

Happy Hour at Houlihan's at the Lansing Mall, Wednesday, August 13, 2008. We'll start arriving at 4:30 PM

Next Meeting:

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Treasury Report

- Treasury report will be given next meeting.

Old Business

- Phun Phest
\$3,250 was given to Hospice. This will make us a silver sponsor for “Hike for Hospice” in September. Once again, it is the same day as the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk, but we manage to have a presence at both places.
\$3,250 was given to Capital Area Humane Society. This will go a long way to building the out door dog runs they have been wanting.
- Norm thanks everyone for their support. As many of you know, his mother had been in Hospice and she passed away the day before Phun Phest. She had been staying in the room that we “donated”. Sadly, Norm’s family got further use from this room as his aunt entered the facility the next week.
- We need to get the thank you letters out to sponsors. We couldn’t do this without them.
- Go to <http://2008memorywalk.kintera.org/lansing/mmpfc> to sign up for the Alzheimer’s Walk. It’s still early, but right now we’re already in the top 10 Parrot Head Clubs. Sign up and help us meet our Silver Sponsor pledge.
- Lugnuts game is July 25, 2008. The game starts at 7:05 PM, and we will meet at the NutHouse before the game to hand out the tickets. We’re in Section N, rows 13 and 14 if you did not get your tickets through the club and want to join us. If you got tickets ahead of time and we miss you at the NutHouse I will leave your ticket at “will call” at the ball park.

New Business

- **Lots of ideas for how to make next year’s Phun Phest bigger and better**
 - Better communication with venue staff about the event
 - Improved publicity (talk to radio and TV about community announcements etc.)
 - More work with corporate sponsors
 - Starting planning earlier ... not just a couple months out.
 - Chair and co-chair for the event ... not just club officers
 - One charity next year or two?
 - Need aprons or something so people can find the folks selling 50/50 tickets
 - Do we want to consider working with the city of Lansing to move it into town?
 - Picking a date that doesn’t conflict with other events in the area
- Margaritaville Shrimp gave us a case of Coconut Shrimp for Phun Phest. For various reasons it did not work out for us to use it at the event, so it was decided to award boxes of this treat to the folks who served as committee chairs or otherwise went “above and beyond” at Phun Phest. The following people got shrimp.
Becky, Gina, Gail, Julie, Jeff, Kim, Andy, and Tom.
We also gave a box of shrimp to our new members Ken and Marie, just because.
- It was suggested that we try to come up with ways to get more publicity for the club so we can generate interest and more memberships.

Other upcoming events:

- Jimmy Buffett in Chicago – July 24th and 26th
- Lansing Lugnuts – Beach Party night on July 25th. This is a Friday. We might miss out on “Thirsty Thursday”, but it is a fireworks night. Tickets will be \$9, and we’ve asked them to hold us seats along the 3rd base line so the sun won’t be in our eyes. Contact Kim at kimbis@aol.com for details.
- Cheeseburger in Caseville – Caseville, MI – August 8-17, 2008.
<http://www.casevillechamber.net/History.html>
- Six-String Songwriter’s Invitational – New Orleans, LA – August 14-17, 2008. Special hotel rates, just a few blocks from Margaritaville NOLA.
<http://www.sixstringmusicnola.com>
- Meeting of the Minds – Key West, FL – October 30 – November 2, 2008. This is the BIGGIE, the annual national convention. You MUST be a member in good standing of a parrot head club to attend. Go to <http://www.phip.com> for details
- Parrot Head Cruise – March 15-22, 2009
ALREADY SOLD OUT. The cruise this year sold out less than 24 hours after being opened to folks who had not gone on the 2008 trip.

Anyone with ideas for happy hours, possible future events, and so on PLEASE let us know so we can bring it up to the club!