

Old Home Day Minutes - February 16, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

Old Home Day Countdown: 4 months away - June 20, 2020

Committee Members Present: Haley Bush Co-Chair, Tammy Bergeron Vice Chair, Barbara Kiszka Secretary, John Blinn (Selectman rep), Julian Kiszka (Selectman alternate), Bob Fairhurst (Lion's rep), Tracy Fuller (YMCA rep), Roseann Holliday, Ella Lampron, Michelle Lampron, Beth Tilton

Committee Members Absent: Bill Coye, Jim Peck, Derek Travers (PFD Rep)

Minutes:

- Motion to (re)approve the minutes of 27-Oct-2019 by Tammy Bergeron, 2nd by Haley Bush. Motion carries 6-0-1. Haley, Barbara, John, Julian, Bob, and Beth in favor. Tammy, Tracy, and Michelle abstaining.
- Motion to approve the minutes of 26-Jan-2020 by Tammy Bergeron, 2nd by Haley Bush. Julian motions to amend to remove "?". Accepted by consensus. Motion carries 6-0-3

Quorum

- Motion to set the quorum to 5 by Barbara Kiszka, 2nd by Tammy Bergeron Discussion, may need to revisit and amend the charter. Motion carries 8-0-1

New and departing members

- Motion to accept Roseann Holliday as a new member of the committee by Barbara Kiszka, 2nd by Haley Bush. Motion carries 9-0-0
- Committee confirms that Ella Lampron should be listed as a member
- Secretary is notified that MaxAnn Dobson and Audrey Peck request not be listed as members this year due to other commitments.

Public Comment: None

Decisions / Motions:

1. **Theme:** "Decades" won the Facebook poll by 1 vote. Not sure yet what to do for a T-shirt design.
2. **Vendors:** The price increase to \$50 does not seem to be stopping any of the vendors from signing up. The vendor manager could ask for donations to the raffle. We need to have someone direct the vendors to their spots on OHD. They need to stay in good contact with the organizers. We have one facepainter and are looking for another. Haley? will look into setting up the email rules to send an automatic confirmation.
3. **Beard Contest:** is from 12-1. Haley will emcee in Jim's place.
4. **Raffle:** Michelle noted it is early yet for this activity. She noted how thankful St. Lukes Food Pantry was to receive the proceeds last year because their shelves are nearly empty by summer

time. Haley would like to have the Market Basket shopping cart in the parade to collect food donations again.

5. **Fire / Police** - no representatives present. No action needed at this time.
6. **Baby Contest** - Post a request for an emcee on the website. Miss NH and Miss Greater Plaistow are usually the judges. Usually run registration from 11am-noon. Audrey usually creates sandpails with toys for the prizes. It is mainly about bragging rights. **Tracy will have the Y manage the registration, prizes and emcee.**
7. **Beer Tent:** Haley reached out to Kingston and got a contact from Smuttynose. The person from Smuttynose will get together everything needed to put the beer tent before the BOS for approval. Cost - the brewery will not charge us, we will not charge them. Should we have a drink limit? Will they have a certified bartender? Can we make it a cool place to hang out with music, high top tables near the DJ and Lions sausage tent?
8. **Entertainment:**
 - a. Haley asked Erika the caricature artist if she would take \$300 instead of \$425 for the day, as we discussed at the last meeting. Erika did not respond, so we are taking that as a "no". Barbara has not been able to get a response from Tomaso Schena. Perhaps we can rent a photo booth instead of having caricature artists?
 - i. **Haley will get cost of photo booth rental.**
 - ii. Both Erika and Dan are on the website as 2020 entertainers, should we remove them?
 - b. Dan the balloon guy is now \$450, not \$225, to work from 11-3. Perhaps this money can be better used for other entertainment.
 - c. Consider a rock band with music from different decades. Pastor Goodro has a band.
 - d. Invite kid's dance schools and let them know about the theme.
 - e. Tracy has the name of a student musician group that we can invite. **Tracy will get the contact information to Haley.** ✓ Done: Tracy connected Haley with Ben from Be Imagine Studios in Haverhill.
 - f. Look into the trackless train, approximately \$1,500 but popular. Ask for sponsor, post request in Facebook?
9. **Road Race:** The OHD website now has a link to the road race. Bob will order short sleeve t-shirts from Atkinson Graphic.
10. **Terra Farms Update:** Jon Gifford will not be hosting the post parade festivities this year.
11. **Field Day:** We could host a "field day" with 3 legged races, cornhole, and other family friendly games after the parade around 4pm.
 - a. Michelle checked on a company, [Wicked Cornhole](#). They rent cornhole boards, yard games, and also have 3 tiers of fundraiser tournaments. She will get more information.
 - b. Beth T and Roseann will coordinate the sack and 3-legged races
 - c. **Bob** ask the Lions if they can keep the food going late
 - d. Tammy ask if DJ Doc Rock can set up in the Gazebo
 - e. Need to figure out logistics of where we can have it when vendors are clearing out from the common. Possibly near the public works garage?

12. **Parade:** Haley received the Parade packet from Francine Hart. It has paperwork with the town seal to send to participants. **Beth T will help Haley with sending the letters out.**
- Revisit the list, especially for expensive acts
 - In the notification suggest incorporating the theme "Decades"
 - Have a float contest with banners? Participants can pick a decade
 - Tammy saw a web form on the Kingston site where people can volunteer special talent or cars for the parade. **Tammy will work with Haley to get the form on our website.**
 - Repurpose the balloon guy money for prizes, ribbons and certificates for parade
 - Methuen Construction (Tammy has contact) and Cody Towing (Tracy has contact) may be able to tow parade floats.
 - Tracy needs a list of parade participants at least 2 weeks ahead of the parade.
13. **Program** - Traditionally the historical society collects the funds, then donates the proceeds to the town to defray OHD expenses. We have a warrant article to establish a fund specifically for OHD rather than having proceeds go to the town general fund.
Tammy motions that all proceeds from the Souvenir Program will go to the OHD donation fund if the warrant article to establish it passes. Haley seconds?
Motion carries 10-0-0
Jim Peck is looking for someone else to take over this program. Michelle will take over the program from Jim.
14. **Outreach**
- Haley updated the OHD Website with 2020 dates. Haley and Jim are admins. Haley provided the admin credentials to everyone at the meeting.
 - Haley will add a tab to the website for people that want to be in the parade**
 - Barbara will add meeting minutes to the website**
 - Town Website - Beth H updated the OHD committee members. We will need another update due to recent changes.
 - Facebook group - Barbara was added as an admin
 - Haley will add Plaistow Community YMCA as Facebook event co-host**
15. **Fireworks:** The contract goes through the Board of Selectmen. We need 3 bids and have 1. In previous years the bidder, Kelly Ward of American Thunder is half the cost of the other providers.
- Can we find a business sponsor for the fireworks? In Haverhill an insurance company covered the \$12,000 for the Riverfest fireworks last summer. Ask PACE for sponsors?
 - Tammy suggests 3 tiers of sponsors:
 - \$1,000 for fireworks sponsor
 - cost of full page program ad
 - cost of half page program ad
 - Michelle, when contacting businesses for the program, inform them on how can a business get involved: sponsor, program, parade, vendor
16. **Budget:** not discussed

Next meeting: Alternate Sundays and weeknights: Thursday February 27, 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Kiszka, Recording Secretary