

Old Home Days Committee Minutes

Wednesday March 4, 2020 at 5:30PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room

In attendance: Kristin Harrington, Shirley Green, Stephanie Hill, Ron Hill, Jason Hill, Tracy Hill, Lori Bliss Hill, Amber Bissonnette

Guests: Scott Gerlach (volunteer)

Meeting started at 5:35pm

Kristin moved to approve the February minutes, Shirley seconded, all in favor. Abstain: Lori, Scott, Amber

The committee will send Amber's appointment to the select board. Scott will remain in a volunteer capacity. Rob will be sent for re-appointment, Dan will not.

Tracy reports that Wildlife Encounters is secured for 10AM on Saturday. Cost will be \$440 and will be paid day of. They will try to secure the hedgehog per the committee's request.

Tracy will also reach out to VINS about attending Sunday's event at the Shaker Museum.

Ron reports that Rich Butterfield will not be doing the cruise night. We therefore will continue with booking Rust and Ruin. Stephanie spoke to Marjon and the cornhole will return on Saturday. Jason confirms that the Lions will be at cruise night with food.

We have bids from Jim Hollis (\$350) and Reckless Breakfast (\$450) for the 12-2PM time slot at the country fair. After some discussion, Kristin moves to hire RB, Shirley seconds, all are in favor. Amber and Scott abstain. Kristin also needs to follow up with Jane Carpenter about payment for the ponies so this can stay free to the public. Also need to follow up with CLC about bid-a-basket. There are a handful of vendors secured for the fair to date, including 2-3 food vendors.

The group continues discussion of dropping Friday night and focusing on Saturday and Sunday only. Tracy motions to move to 2 days and drop Friday. Shirley seconds, all are in favor. Amber and Scott abstain. Old Home Days will still advertise other area events, including the Methodist Church pulled pork supper, on Facebook and Listserve.

Liaisons for the events not run directly by the committee were appointed. Shirley will work with the Library and the Conservation Commission, Lori will work with the Historical Society, Amber will work with the dog park and the sailing club, Jason will work with Whaleback, and Kristin will work with the Outing Club. Kristin will send contact info to those who need.

Scott will look into our Dropbox account and see if we can delete files to save space or migrate us to a new system to allow more free storage.

Shirley would like to take a step back in coming years, so she will work with Amber and Kristin on handing off some of the fundraising efforts so they can learn the ropes.

The committee decides not to do a mailing or a paid ad again this year, but to focus on the Valley Calendar and summer insert, Facebook, and Listserve. Stephanie will continue to submit the events to the Valley News.

The next meeting will focus on the Saturday evening events: Home Brew/Chili Contest and Cruise Night.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm

Next meeting – Wednesday April 1, 2020 at Whitney Hall, 5:30PM

Action Items:

Tracy: Call VINS

Kristin: Follow up with bands, Jane Carpenter, CLC, and provide info on other events to committee members

Amber: Touch base with dog park and sailing

Jason: Touch base with Whaleback

Lori: Touch base with Historical Society

Scott: Figure out dropbox/storage

Stephanie: Chat with Dan re:Home brew contest