

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

1/12/15, Meeting at Sugar River Bank

Members attended: Joan Saunders, Beck Bryson, Ginger Marsh, Chandra Chiasson, Beth Lukaitis, Cassandra Place, Kristen Riley, Ron Bryson, Ben Dobrowski.

Members absent: Amber Dubois

Guest: Scott Miller (Miller Amusements)

- Joan opened the meeting at 7:03pm, Beck second it.
- Scott Miller spoke about what he was able to observe during this past festival. His overall impression was that the rides have been able to stay consistent (if not better) with the location. The place that is hurting the most would be the food. He thought that because of this location the crafters and the people whom attend the parade don't see the food or want to go down the hill. He did not like the idea of putting everything over at Riverside Park; said that might kill the festival. Scott said they were there to stay and want very much to remain a part of the Warner Fall Foliage Festival.

-In the end, we had thoroughly talked about different scenarios for moving all the festival back up on main street. Scott is going to scout out 3 different spots where rides could potentially be placed. He does a great job at other festivals with making sure the rides are moved around every obstacle. He also mentioned that they have signed forms at other places where if something were to get damaged they would pay to fix it. We will revisit this at a later meeting.

- An idea of more advertisement was suggested to let people know that the rides, food, etc are down on the lower half. Beck came up with enlarging a brochure and putting it on a board in the center of the Festival (or where the busses drop people off, Town Hall, In front of Bank, etc.)
- At a later meeting we will also be inviting school board people to go over some scenarios as to bring the festival back up to main street. Also going over the scenario of having everything at Warner Power (have it all in one place).
- If everything were to be brought back up to main street, food vendors could be placed on one side of Kearsarge Mountain Rd.
- Scott will also be keeping his own ticket sale people to help alleviate needing volunteers and any discrepancies we have had in the past.
- Beth voted to approve last meeting minutes. Ginger second it. Vote was unanimous.
- Funding request: the money we have decided to give out will be held in a separate account to be given out when needed. The Money Market account will be used for this since there is no specific reason for this account. Chandra will contact the businesses getting money this year to have

them provide us a purchase order (or some sort of documentation as to what the money will be spent on) so that we can give out the money.

- Beck will handle setting up a meeting with Jere to go over important insurance issues. This will be taken care of before the end of February. If issues can not be resolved we will look into another insurance agency.
- Beck made a motion to pull the Big Food Tent for this year. Chandra Second it. Vote was unanimous. (Joan abstained from the vote)
- Cassandra would like a helper for the crafters section. Ron will advertise on Facebook to see if anyone is interested. (Could possibly have Christine as a helper)
- Bookkeeping plans: Chandra will contact Amber to see how she feels about staying on as bookkeeper and the board just being flexible with her over the next several months.
- Ron talked about how the website is very outdated. He will work with Parker Web to vamp up the look and ease of navigation. –Update board member emails and names, list board meetings, list meeting minutes (2-3 past ones), take some things off (Pie and photo contest). Ron also talked about Trello again in hope to get information saved onto the site to organize and help with planning.
- Next meetings have been decided as February 9th, March 2nd, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th. All these will be at Sugar River Bank, unless decided otherwise, at 7:00pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm

Thank you! Chandra Chiasson