

Bristol Community Events Committee
December 30, 2010
Meeting Minutes
10:30 am ~ TTCC

Present: Joe Denning, Ray Courchaine, Barbara Greenwood, Christina McClay, Leslie Dion

Joe reports that the Lion's Club has gotten a 'Leo's Club' up and running at NRHS and they would like to be involved with this Committee. They will be holding an Induction Ceremony on January 22nd if anyone would like to attend. Joe will get back to the Committee with more information on the Ceremony.

Halloween Event Review: Barb said that the Parade went very well and that the Police Department was very helpful. The Fire Department did a great job with the downtown area. It was suggested that for next year we may want to leave fliers at all the local businesses since the Chamber is no longer with us. We may get more involvement this way. We could also give them a pumpkin poster that says 'Will be open for Trick or Treating' for them to post before that night.

Concerts: We discussed putting an informational board up at Town meeting that shows the activities that we did in 2010. Les will check to see if we still have the one that Becky did for us for in 2009. It was agreed that we would like to have Claire do the booking/advertising for the concerts again this year if she is interested. Ray suggested we do a different theme each week and this was well received. There was discussion about starting the season off with Lisa Young and making sure we do a kids performer one night. We should get a folder or pamphlet out by spring with all info so that it can be posted at businesses. If we get them to the realtors in town we can ask that they put them in their summer rentals.

- **T-shirts:** Les reports that we came close to break even on the shirts but they didn't sell as well as we had hoped. We discussed doing a color instead of tie dye and only ordering a small amount to start for 2011.
- **39th Army Band:** Les asked if the Committee would like her to contact the 39th Army Band with our dates to see if they would be available for one of them. There is no fee for them to come. It was agreed we should try.
- **Dates:** The dates are July 7, 14, 21, & 28 and August 4, 18 & 25.
- **Food:** The food was inconsistent last year with different groups doing it. The feeling was that it would be good to have a set menu for the summer and advertise the food so people could plan on eating down there. Joe thinks that the Lion's Club would be interested in doing the food each week. We do need a water heater so that we have hot water to wash

food utensils. Christina thinks that she has one that we can have and will check on this.

Old Home Day: Joe has checked on Hot Air Balloons and found that we have too many trees in town to accommodate this. He did get some contacts for a balloonist that does tethered rides and someone that does helicopter rides. He will follow up on this. For other events it was suggested that we check with the Science Center to see if they could do some sort of display. Joe has heard of Miller Circus that might be interested in coming as well. He will look into this.

Other:

- 4th of July: Ray suggests that having something at Kelley Park following the 4th of July Parade would be a good idea. Maybe a barbecue or some type of activity. We will look into this.
- Kelley Park: Barb thinks that it is time we offered more winter activities on Kelley Park. Discussion ensued about the walking track that could also be used for cross country skiing and snow shoeing. It would be nice to add some winter events to that area.
- NLRA Event: Les reports that Newfound Lake Region Association has been meeting with the TTCC about offering a Winter Event at the Slim Baker area on February 26th. This would be a family event and we could do some type of activity. The group is interested and will attend the next meeting on January 11th at 10:15 at the TTCC.
- Safe Routes: Joe reports that we have written for another round of Safe Routes to Schools Grant funds and it looks promising. This would be dealing with sidewalks and the bus area on North Main and School as well as other sidewalks.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 13th at 10:30 am at the TTCC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Dion