

Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance: Les Dion, Lt. Bean, Officer Francis, Hilda Bruno, Barbara Greenwood, Everett Begor, Nicole Goudreau

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Minutes were reviewed by the committee from the March 11, 2014 meeting.

Barbara Greenwood motioned to approve the minutes as written, Marjorie Gorman 2nd, so voted.

Events

Old Home Day

Activities Update

- Lt. Bean confirmed the Police Dog from Plymouth PD which is used in human & drug tracking, as well as, the Fish & Game Dog used for search & find and more. The Plymouth Police Dog is scheduled from 9:30 am - 10:30 am in the back field (same area as last year). Fish & Game should plan on being there for the day with their demo
- Fish & Game will also be explaining about Operation Game Thief. They will be bringing a trailer as a booth to explain about the program.
- Lt. Bean has the State Police Motorcycle Unit as a potential demo. The State Police are awaiting approval to attend the event. They plan to set up a motorcycle course. It was suggested to set up course by the basketball court.
- Fire Department Spray is confirmed
- 5K Race is not going to support football due to not needing the funding. Other groups being discussed are Stand Up Newfoundland and the Bristol Ice Rink
- New Horizons Band will be asked to set up from 10:30 am – Noon
- Adult Softball will have a championship game
- Les has left a message about Carol Brown is waiting to hear back.
- Horseshoes – Les is going to follow up
- Tent rental is confirmed
- Raptor Center – the question was raised if they should be asked where fish & game is coming.
- Lt. Bean is going to ask Josiah Towne from Fish & Game to do a survival class or wilderness 1st aid demo
- Pony Rides & Tractor Rides – Hilda is following up
- Steve Blunt the entertainer is confirmed to do a program of music for children. The cost is \$450. He can not be set up under the pavilion. Hilda suggested we build a small raised platform (8'x8' or 8'x12'). There was discussion about storage after the event – the garage, the Historical Society basement, or dismantling it were suggested.
- Sock Hop is confirmed. Frank needs 50's music. In the case of rain it was suggested the Town Hall be used
- Les suggested the Old Home Day Sub-committee be used again this year to plan the games and other details and report back to the BCE committee, due to it working well last year.
- Everett confirmed that the Lions Club will be doing food. It was asked they set up to sell food from 10 am – 4 pm to be done before the dinner starts.

Fireworks – Old Home Day & 4th of July

There was a lot of discussion on fireworks for the 4th and on Old Home Day.

- Les has not received an answer if the town is going to hold fireworks on the 4th. There is no town funding but, it has not been ruled out.
- The possibility of fireworks at the end of the night was discussed. It was suggested to have a concert at the end of the dinner and possibly a movie put on by baseball. Les stated she could approach baseball if the committee would like to hold a movie to close out the day.
 - There was much discussion on holding fireworks. It was agreed that the Fire Chief needs to be on board.
 - Michael Capone is looking into the fireworks – Les has given him the information.
 - It was agreed that the fireworks should be on the agenda for the Select Board to review. The town will need to approve the use of fireworks
 - The budget of possibility \$2,000 for fireworks and look for donations. It was stated that Ashland does their fireworks fund-raising starting in May.
 - It was suggested to have donation buckets for fireworks fund-raising and start advertising early.
 - Need to finalize dates to include in brochure.

4th of July Parade

- Les reported there was a small article printed in the paper.
- Everett has a list of everyone who had helped in the parade and what they worked on, a task planner of what was done before leading up to the event, the application used for the parade, and the flyer they used.
- Les reported there is \$500 budgeted for the parade.
- It was discussed that prizes for the parade should be in the form of money and ribbons. Certificates can also be made to be displayed and accompany the cash prizes. It was mentioned that trophies were given out one year to the category winners. Winners should also get their picture in the paper. It was discussed to contact the newspaper for an article about the winners.
- It was discussed that in any fund raising effort donation cans should go around rather than being pushy.
- Ideas on parade participants included Uncle Sam with a costume being rented, a little wagon that could be decorated, bikes, scooters.
 - Diane the Turtle – Hilda is going to ask Twin Designs if Diane the Turtle would like to be in the parade.
 - Music floats for parade – it was discussed that the committee should approach the NRHS & NMMS band to ask if they would like to perform in the parade.
 - The New Horizons Band & the Swing Rockets were also suggested for the parade. Possibly putting them on a trailer.
 - Cardigan Mountain Orchard/Store – the committee should reach out to them to be a part of the parade.
- Marketing should start by putting information out every couple weeks in the paper and on social media.
- To get businesses involved it was discussed to approach businesses to sponsor the float prizes and have their name on the certificate. It was also discussed to have businesses decorate for the 4th.
- It was suggested to hold a coloring contest to fill up empty windows in town.

4th of July Parade Cont.

- The Grand Marshall will need to be chosen.
- Theme submissions were discussed and voted on. The 2015 parade theme is: No Place Like Home
- Discussion was held if the parade should be held rain or shine... The committee decided to advertise early how the announcements will be made for any weather delays or cancellations.
 - The decision was made to review the weather report on Friday July 3rd – if the report is calling for rain the word will go out that the parade is postponed until 1pm on July 4th weather permitting. If at 1pm it is raining the parade will be canceled.
- It was discussed if popcorn or food should be sold during the parade. Everett stated that the Lions have tried in the past at the Masonic Hall parking lot but did not see a return. It was said that the Friends may be doing a bake sale on the 4th.
- It was suggested that Stand Up Newfound should hand out balloons with the logo on it to spread the word about the group.
- It was suggested to have entertainment in town for the kids. Lt. Bean stated that it would require the road to be closed for a longer period.
- The Parade sign-up form should add a place for email address to start a list for following years.

Other:

- The possibility of a Town-wide Turtle Day held around Diane the Turtle, from TwinDesigns, birthday
- Kelly Miller Circus to be held June 24th
- Other ideas for events to be held in the common were discussed included, A Day Of Art.
- It was suggested to have an old wagon filled with flowers in the center of the square where the tree is.
- Hilda is working on a Spruce Up Bristol Clean Up Day possibly on May 16th.
 - A liability waiver would need to be signed by everyone participating. Possibly adapting the one used by the Bristol Ice Rink.
- Other new event ideas discussed were: Scare Crow Competition and The Lilac Festival

Brochure:

- Items to add to the brochure include:
 - Historical Society Open Houses
 - Lions Club Track Meet at NRHS on 5/16/15
 - Les has reached out to other towns on what is happening. This will allow for the committee to plan events around what is already scheduled.

Social Media:

- Nicole has set up the Twitter account. Bristol Community Events can be found @BristolEvents.
 - The Twitter account is linked to the Facebook account so each tweet that is sent will also go out as a Facebook post.
- It was decided to announce Newfound Region events on the web. The print brochure will hold information only pertaining to Bristol.

Business Meeting:

- There was discussion on how to get more businesses involved with the committee and events in the town.
- Nicole will create a flyer that the Bristol Community Events Committee is looking for businesses to get involved.
- Items to be discussed at the next business meeting is: Fourth of July and Old Home Day.

Stand Up Newfound:

- Stand Up Newfound is a group that has formed to meet and discuss the drug and other issues of the area. It is about everyone working together – Community members, Police, SAU, Guidance, National Guard Task Force – everyone from the abuser to the health care professional to help find solutions to the issues of the area.
- The Mission, Vision, and Goals should be completed in the next few weeks. The group will then do a forum for community members to be informed and will form committees to do extra activities.
- It is based off of Stand Up Laconia, who gave the group permission to use the name for the Newfound area.
- There will also be a mentoring program set up by Linda Carmichael from the Mill. Confident Kids of NH for grades 1-5.
- More information to come over the next few weeks and months.

Next Meeting:

The Business Committee meetings are currently held the 3rd Wednesday of every other month at 8:00am. The Regular Committee meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00am.

The next business meeting will be held on 4/15/14 at the TTCC

The next regular committee meeting will be moved from its regular date to be held on Wednesday, 5/20/15 at the TTCC

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Goudreau