

4th July Committee Minutes 3/2/22

Meeting opened by Doug Phelps at 7 PM at the Andover Hub. Members present: Doug Phelps, Kevin Goodwin, Wood Sutton, Judy Perreault, Beth Frost, Donna Smith, Jane Slayton, Shawna Otis and Jen Bent.

The minutes from the last meeting on 2/2/22 were looked over. Motion by Judy to approve and seconded by Wood. All voted in favor to approve.

Lynn George has already lined up several sponsors and has more in the works. Wood suggested that we do a thank you card to Lynn George for all her work lining up all these sponsors. Jane will bring a card to the next meeting for us to sign.

Raffle Status:

Judy plans to set up to sell tickets at town meeting; she will get there as soon as she can. (Doug will try to help her set up.) She will sell tickets from 11 to 1; Beth will do 1 to 3; Judy will do 3-5, and Beth will do 5-7. (Betty did send the raffle info to Judy that had been lost).

Parade Status:

We need parking volunteers. Shawna is asking The Explorers to see if they can do it again. Donna has lined up the Smoky Bear costume. It will be delivered 4-5 days ahead and Steve Barton will find someone to wear it! Yay!

Donna has not been able to reach the steel guitar band that Wood told her about, Tropical Sensation. Apparently there is more than one band with that name. Jane will help contact them. Shawna knows of someone who might play bag pipes

Antique cars; Jen said to contact Levi Southworth even tho' he has moved to Laconia he is still in charge of the antique car group.

Leapin Lena probably

Activities on the Green

Jen will ask Principal Dobe to pick an AEMS student for: flag raising, Singing Nat'l Anthem & bell ringer

Doug will set up the slide show in the chapel

Kevin will sell hotdogs

Discussion about balloon selling; pretty much decided against it this year.

Ice cream on the green? Wood will approach Naughty Nellie again to see if they'd supply it if we can find a nonprofit to do it. Judy will also ask Gail at the Historical Society if they would sell ice cream. Also, Beth will ask the Highland Lake Assoc if they would like to do their ice cream social on the Green at the 4th instead of at the lake.

Thomas the Train is a go.

Band line-up so far: Kearsarge Community, & possibly Tex's Troubadours & Ragged Mt Band

Activities for kids: Shawna said she & her mom will run this! Probably the dirt pile w/toys/trinkets for kids; small pies for pie eating; egg toss?; potato sack races; donut on string; egg on spoon races; story walk.

Psychic/palm reader? Shawna has messaged her; thinks she will do it & charge a fee.

Program Booklets:

Packets will be passed out to committee members at the next meeting w/ list of sponsors/advertisers for us to contact and copy of their last ad. A letter will be sent ahead of time preparing them for a visit from us.

Dedication:

Discussion on this. Rene Lefebvre suggested. Wood thinks we should do all 1st Responders but Doug feels it would minimize the dedication. After discussion, it was agreed to dedicate to Rene for 30+ years of service. Jane will work on writing the dedication and will include a shout out to the 1st responders and police. Beth made a motion to nominate Reny and Donna seconded it. All voted in favor.

Fireworks:

All set

Carr Field Activities:

Rick to do his thing

Open Mic????

Glow Sticks? Wood is adamant that we should sell them; they are reasonable to buy and kids love. Doug will speak w/Rick to be sure he is not selling big ones.

4th July Committee Tee Shirts?

Much discussion. Some would rather have caps; others no caps or tees! Then someone suggested a badge or button that we could wear that people would see. This seemed more doable and we decided on a large button to hang around neck or pin on shirt. Jen can make them and will bring a sample to the next meeting.

Pancake Breakfast:

Very few Lions members to do this. Jen suggested if they have it, that someone needs to tell them they need ONE boss only! Doug will talk with them. Judy suggested they have a Breakfast Buffet in place of pancake breakfast. They could have eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, small pancakes, fruit.... Everyone thought that was a great idea! Doug will talk with the Lions.

Oxen

Donna is pretty sure that Mariah Haley will bring her oxen again; asked if ok to use the field behind the school. Jen said that is town property and the principal has no say. She will tell him that we will be using the field for the oxen.

Doug made a motion to adjourn at about 8:10. Judy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Frost, Sec'y

