

ASHLAND NH 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
(AKA ASHLAND NH SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE)
Minutes of Meeting: August 28, 2018 at Elaine Hughes Real Estate Office, 116
Main Street, Ashland

Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Chair Jane Sawyer. The following members of the Committee were present:

Chair	Jane Sawyer
Vice Chair	Kendall Hughes
Treasurer	Bob Baker

Secretary, Jeanette Stewart, was absent. Also present were: Caroline Gosse, Sue Harville, John Harville, and Kathleen DeWolfe.

Upon motion of Kendall and seconded by Caroline, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the meeting held July 17, 2018 be approved.

The treasurer report as submitted by Bob was accepted for audit. It was noted that the Baker Valley Band's check for their performance at the ballpark after the parade had not been delivered to them at that time. It was confirmed that they did perform and we will mail the check to them.

It was a consensus that our preference as to leftover inventory, future sales, funds, etc., bearing in mind we are a "town committee", is a donation by way of a granite or stone memorial with plaque listing the names of the donors to the playground project since it is on town property. We agreed to revisit this issue in December after the Town Wide Yard Sale and Christmas In Ashland, but before our appointments expire the end of the year. It is hoped that the only remaining inventory will be the 150 Commemorative Book. Sales have continued to be strong, especially for the commemorative plate. Jane will talk with Ann Barney more about the project and advise at a future meeting.

We will update the Board of Selectmen as to status as well as the various events.

Jane confirmed that she did a press release as to the items which were inadvertently omitted from the 150 Commemorative book: some of the sponsors of the utility pole banners: Riveredge Marina; Samyn-D'Elia Architects PA; Sharps Lumber; Sippican Partners; Squam Boat Livery; Squam Lakes Conservation Society; Squam Docks; Squam Lake Plumbing & Heating; Squam River Landing; Todd Randlett Trucking; Tree Solutions LLC; and Phylliss Reitsma as a member of the 4th of July Committee.

Kendall will explore options with Plymouth Regional High School and TAV Electronics as

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to copies of the video onto DVDs/flash drives for sale of the various 150 events. Bob and Jane will forward the video of the dance and alumni to be added by PBTv3 and see if we can receive 5 copies (150; Ashland School; Historical Society; Library and Town). We will probably do presales at \$10 each. Kendall will keep us apprised.

It was agreed that we will not do a photo book of the 150 week as we need to reduce what inventory we already have, especially before the end of the year, but, rather, allow the Historical Society to pursue one since it will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Railroad Station next year.

Jane advised she is putting together a binder of the various events, copy of the play, cemetery walk narratives, and including souvenir programs, etc. for the Ashland Historical Society. It was recommended she also do one for the Town Library.

Thanks were extended to John & Sue Harville for their assistance with pictures, advertising, vendor contracts, parade, etc. Jane and her niece Sally Lyford designed a brochure which was printed by Minute Man Printers and distributed in the Ashland area the week before.

We then reviewed the various events:

1. Secession Play: "A Struggle to Secede"
 - a. Special thanks to the cast:
 - i. Narrator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor
 - ii. Jonathan F. Keyes Robert "Bob" Baker
 - iii. Otis Warner Benjamin "Ben" Hughes
 - iv. Barnet Hughes Kendall "KB" Hughes
 - v. Edwin F. Bailey Gene Boynton
 - vi. Hosea Thompson John Dufrat
 - b. Went great with about 35/40 attending.
 - c. Jane prepared the programs
 - d. Special thanks to Winifred Boynton & Jen Hughes who dressed up and passed out programs
 - e. Jeanette sold souvenirs
2. Train ride/Civil War Ball:
 - a. Unfortunately, the drawing for the door prizes wasn't done that night. It was decided since we have the names of all who attended in costume, to go ahead and do the drawing and mail the prizes, especially since the businesses donated them for this purpose.
 - b. Great time was had by all.. train ride, music by the Hardtacks, grand march, other dances, meal, etc.
 - c. Approximately 52 attended with 45 in costumes.

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- d. Jane did the menu cards and commemorative flutes and Sally Lyford (her niece) did the centerpieces of wildflowers in canning jars covered with burlap & lace and helped Jane set up the hall with the 1868 flag, etc.
 - e. Jane had purchased navy vests & hats and swords for the entry soldiers who were: Alfred Lyford, Colby Simpson & Ben Hughes (Ben actually used a family heirloom sword)
 - f. Jane cleaned up the hall the next morning.
 - g. We gave souvenir tickets to the train attendants, engineers, etc.
 - h. Special thanks to Megan Hiltz Francis (the dance caller) and Brita Sawyer Stevens and Justina Sawyer (her assistants) as well as John Dufrat (the ticket agent at the station).
3. Cemetery walks:
- a. 30/40 for the first one
 - b. 60/70 for the second one
 - c. They all went great. Jane apologized for the late delivery of the speeches themselves but appreciated how everyone dressed for the part and made the speeches their own..
 - d. Harvilles' daughter, Becky & granddaughter, Leah; Jeanette, Sara Lyford Miller, John Dufrat & Alfred Lyford helped with tours
 - e. Jane prepared programs for each day:
 - i. Green Grove Cemetery Walk - Sunday, July 22, 2018
 - (1) Whitten, Reuben & Sally (Year without a Summer - 1816) - Bob Baker & Jane Sawyer
 - (2) Merrill, Rufus Mooney (aka John Mooney)(Civil/Confederate Soldier) - Ben Hughes
 - (3) Cotton, James Melville & Dora (Squam Hotel) - Kendall & Jennifer Hughes
 - (4) Porter, Albert & Abbie (A. E. Porter Drug Store) - John & Sue Harville
 - (5) Landroche Family (longtime Ashland family) - Michelle Landroche Gray
 - ii. Green Grove Cemetery Walk - Tuesday, July 24, 2018
 - (1) Whipple, Dr. George & Katharine (Shared Nobel Prize Pernicious Anemia) - John & Sue Harville
 - (2) Keyes, Jonathan & Abbie (3rd wife) (Prominent business man) - Bob Baker & Jane Sawyer
 - (3) Harriman family (longtime Ashland family) - Shirley Harriman White & Art Harriman
 - (4) Hughes family (longtime Ashland family) - Kendall & Jennifer Hughes
 - f. Special thanks to all who participated!
4. Street Dance which because of severe rain was moved to the Ashland Gym. The

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- band, Club Soda was great... unfortunately, not super well attended, still a good time for all you did.
5. Alumni day was incredible...older groups (Class of 1953, etc.) came early and then the Classes of 1970s/1980s, later in day. Souvenir and raffle tickets sold well.
 6. Parade:
 - a. Thanks to Kendall (and his sister Deb) for organization as well as Jerry & Cathy Landroche
 - b. All went well, except the Machachos was disappointing for the money they charged.. rest of groups were great.
 - c. Heard the DJ was awesome and many would like that for the 4th of July
 - d. Tink Taylor, our announcer, even without any info sheets did a good job. He had even received a congratulatory email message for us from the mayor's office for the City of Ashland Kentucky!
 - e. Jane contacted the various winners, put their awards in bags and delivered to Kendall's office for pick up
 - i. Walkers:
 - (1) Solo: Lynn Uhlman
 - (2) Duet: Ashley Crosbie & son
 - (3) Small Group: St. Agnes Church of Holy Trinity Parish
 - (4) Large Group: Troop 56 Boy Scouts & Pack 56 Cub Scouts
 - ii. Floats:
 - (1) Family; non-profit & school:
 - (a) Best of Parade: "Dressing Like In 1868", 150 Celebration Committee
 - (b) Best Use of Theme: (tie) "Hope of A Town", Gene & Winifred Boynton and "Barney's Store", Barney Family
 - (c) Most Original: "Ashland Steamboat", AHS Class of 1985
 - (2) Commercial
 - (a) Best Use of Theme: "Maroon & White Balloons", Just Because Band
 - (b) Most Original: "150 Birthday Cake", Elaine Hughes Realty
 - iii. Vehicles
 - (1) Best Decorated: 1969 White Buick Skylark Custom Convertible, Run of the Mill Farm, Grafton, NH owned by Maryann Guaraldi, driven by her friend Lorraine
 - (2) Best Costume: "Santa on Motorcycle"- Paul Fields
 - iv. Horses:
 - (1) Best Decorated: Sir Duncan Chi pulling a carriage owned by Willis & Deb Holland, carrying Jane Sawyer and Bob Baker
 - (2) Best Decorated Carriage & Horse: Tom & Jake, a team of

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- horses, pulling "Dupuis Funeral Home" hearse carriage, with Elliott Dupuis riding
 - (3) Best Costume: Lynn Braley riding Spooner sidesaddle in Civil War era dress
 - i. Jane will recontact those who have not yet picked up their awards.
2. Day in Park after parade
- a. Flagraising was incredible... the groups all did awesome even though we only paid them to do the parade
 - b. Location of porta potties seemed good, except maybe put the sink with the ones by the road
 - c. Many really enjoyed the bandstand being used
 - i. Tirrell-Wysocki Irish trio
 - ii. Just Because
 - d. Mo the Balloon Clown; Jim Gleich, Juggler; Stacey Lucas, face painting and Andre Corriera, USPO with postmark/stamps were enjoyed by many.
 - e. The Ashland Community Church meal was very popular
 - f. Many signed the hanging canvas which we will give to the Heritage Commission for a decision as to its permanent storage.
 - g. Many took pictures with the replica Ashland arch
 - h. D & L Amusements only made \$100 and gave us \$20 on the rides... not sure how they did with the fried dough and lemonade concessions.
 - i. Beard contest was fun
 - j. 150 ceremony included invocation by Ernie Madden of ACC and Jane read a poem Laetitia Ash did for the 100th. We gave out medals to the beard contest winners
 - i. Longest Beard: Oliver Thompson
 - ii. Finest Beard: Robin Cummings
 - iii. Best Beard: Scott Moore
 - iv. Best Sport-Beard: Tejasinha Sivalingam
 - v. Longest Mustache: Aaron Stout
 - k. As well as the judges (a) Sherrie Downing; (b) Art Harriman & (c) Clint Gray
 - l. We were disappointed and surprised that none of the Board of Selectman were there for the ceremony or had even given us an email or proclamation to read.
 - m. Granite State Cloggers were fun to watch
 - n. Bryan Conway, unfortunately, was rained out before he could finish.
 - o. We did clean up the next morning there and at the school (Kendall, John & Sue Harville, John Dufurat, Bob & I)
 - p. Jane contacted all raffle winners and separated their items into bags which were delivered to Kendall's office for pickup
 - q. Jane will recontact any who have not picked up their awards.

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3. Whitten Woods
 - a. Jane, Bob and John Dufrat put up a 1868 flag & left a cooler of water which was 2/3 gone when we picked it up
 - b. We have received picture from Roger Larochelle of Squam Lakes Conservation Society with a group at the top.
4. Boat parade
 - a. DPW installed bunting on bridge which Jane had donated and we put the 1868 flag from Gene and Winifred Boynton on the side of the bridge over the water.
 - b. Only about 7 boats including 1 steamboat
 - c. Sold a few souvenir items
 - d. "Ashland" steamboat from the parade was there

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Lyford Sawyer