

**Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee  
Minutes  
February 20, 2019**

Present –Fran Wendleboe, Kendall Hughes(late), Katrina Randlett, Deb Perdue, Sue Harville, John Harville, David Ruell, Harold Lamos, Phyllis Reitsma

6:35 Meeting called to order. The pledge was done. Attendance was taken by sign in sheet. Sue made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David, All in favor.

Treasury Report –some income for advertising this year has been collected. According to the bank statement dated 1/31 our Fireworks check has not yet been cashed so is not deducted from our balance. Our current balance is \$30,812.33. David made a motion to accept the treasury report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harold. All in favor. Fran recommended to Katrina to change the name of our reimbursement form to check request and also to add the current logo.

Committee Status – The 150<sup>th</sup> celebration has stirred up emotions with the selectmen, at a meeting Sue Harville was broadsided with questions in an accusatory tone. So last night Fran, Kendall, & Deb went to the selectman's meeting. Fran expressed concerns about pulling members into a discussion that are not on our executive board. Fran provided copies of contracts, which showed how they were more thorough than last years contracts. Fran asked point blank do you want us to be part of the town? The selectmen brought up that they were not sure we were covered by their insurance. Kendall told the selectmen that he would look into insurance further and get back to them. Fran would like a sit-down meeting with Primex and have a chance to go over the what if's. Fran said she didn't want to leave the town, Katrina agreed we are a good committee and work well together, we shouldn't let outside opinions change things. David suggested we take a wait and see approach, and others agreed. Kendall has spoken with an insurance rep who will review the current policy and check for coverage. They will come to our next meeting and present it, and then can present it to the selectmen.

#### Old Business

Dj's – recap – when we originally picked out dj there was no mention of insurance, it was assumed that as a business they would be insured. They have since asked for a partial payment to hold their space, and have not returned the contract stating that to get insurance would cost more. The committee reached out to other companies. We received quotes from Firehouse DJ's and Chris White. Both companies agreed to do it for the amount we budgeted. After a brief discussion of the companies, a motion was made by David to use Chris White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, all in favor. John will work on drafting a contract for Chris White.

We also discussed the advance payment requested by the original dj company and the board is not comfortable with doing it. They will not be giving advance payment for services.

Food Trucks – currently we have sent contracts to 9 food trucks. None have submitted a signed contract to the Town yet. Deb found a fried dough company – Sharky's fried dough, and has sent the information to Sue. She will follow up with them and see if she can book them for our event. This would give us 10 trucks which is the amount we were looking for. Sue will make a

list of vendors so that we can give to the town to better help track what is returned and what is still out.

Advertising Letter – Our current letter was reviewed, Deb will be sending it out in the very near future. Deb has already heard from Jeremy Hiltz Excavating and they would again like to purchase the back cover.

Shirts – Last year we paid around \$7.5 for shirts. This year the board decided to look into doing Tie Dye Shirts. Tie Dye shirts are expensive. Deb got shirt prices from 3 online companies, and 2 local NH companies – Halo which is formerly known as Bear Images, and Bodycovers. The shirts come out to be about \$12/ shirt. There are lots of tie dye options but there is not a lot of profit to be made if we purchase for \$12. Fran mentioned a sale of shirts at Staples, after calling and speaking with a representative, it was decided that Deb and Katrina would go in person and check with staples to see what kind of a deal we can get on shirts.

Contracts – Vertical Entertainment’s proposed contract was presented by John, there were some changes to be made to it. John will work on these. John will also work on contracts for Baker Valley Band and Moulton Band. In the past we have not asked these bands for a copy of their insurance this year we will be asking for it.

Mary Ruell Award – Sue will interview Terry this week.

Grand Marshall – Sue has been working on a write up about Art and will finish and review with Art.

#### New Business

Common Man Ice Cream Contest – a member of the Organizational Behavior Class which is participating in the ice cream contest has asked if we could be his cause to fundraise for. The flavor they have picked out is currently chocolate, vanilla, and banana. The committee thought this was a great idea, Deb will keep in touch and get some more info from them on dates and such.

#### Other Business

Face painting – Fran had someone inquire about face painting for the fair and she will pass the info on so that we can contact them to see if they have interest in face painting at the ballfield on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Signage – This will be a topic of discussion at our next meeting, idea and thoughts are needed on what we will need this year, and this is something that we can get done in advance.

Parking Status – Fran will follow up with Dollar General – Kendall will follow up with Rich Kirby and try to make contact with new owners of Mr. Chuck property.