

**Ashland 4th of July Committee
minutes
May 22, 2019**

Present –Fran Wendleboe, Kendall Hughes, Katrina Randlett, Deb Perdue, Sue Harville, John Harville, David Ruell, Harold Lamos, Shannon Hartley, Caroline Gosse, Ann Barney, Alisha Wendleboe, Guests – Ginger Grant

6:42 Meeting called to order. The pledge was done. Attendance was taken by sign in sheet. Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, 2nd by Shannon Hartley, 10 In favor, 2- Abstain.

Treasury report – our balance as of 4/30/19 is \$20,495.18. The food truck and advertising payments are coming in. As of 4/30 we have received \$1250 for the ad book, \$3125 for the banners, and \$900 for the food trucks. More payments have been received in May. So far the only expense we have paid for the year was the fireworks. Katrina will bring reimbursement forms to the meeting for expenses that have been paid for. Kendall made a motion to accept the treasury report as presented, 2nd by Caroline. All in favor.

Guest – Ginger Grant from the cub scouts. They are planning to do the tie-dye booth. They will have 6 colors of dye. They would like to have some of our 4th of July shirts at their booth so that they have them available if anyone wants to dye one of those. They will also allow people to bring their own items to dye for \$5. Kendall said he was planning to put them near the basketball courts where they will have access to water and electric. The cub scouts are working on determining what items they would like to sell – shirts, onesies, tote bags, bandanas. After a brief discussion it was agreed they may need around 100 items to sell. The Common Man will donate large and x-large gloves to be used. They do not need any tables and chairs to be provided by us, they will bring their own.

Old Business

Contract update – all have been sent, we are waiting for some to be returned still.

Food Truck update – right now we have 11 food trucks committed. We are over budget on this item. Deb went over the food items that each truck is bringing.

Advertising update – We sold – 13 business card ads, 3 line ads, 1 back page, 24 backstop banners, 8 tennis court banners. We are \$125 over budget on the brochure, and \$150 over budget on the banners after the multiple deductions have been taken out. Deb and Katrina will work on putting them up around the weekend of the 15th. Brochures will be ready on Friday. 3000 will go to The Common Man leaving us with 2000 to distribute locally.

Parade Update – Kendall spoke to an antique car driver who had heard that we were not allowing antique cars at the parade this year. He informed him this was not true, this person then asked if it would be ok for the cars to meet on the field after the parade for a show. Kendall brought this up at the meeting tonight and all are in favor, we will work on some fliers to hand out at some local car shows to help get the work out that we are having antique cars this year. We will send floats to the post office if they want to turn around or they can continue on. We still need to figure out who our judges will be.

Parking – Ernie from the Ashland Community Church thinks he may be able to have enough volunteers to cover parking and the playground monitor. Kendall spoke to the owner of the new auto parts store and he gave us permission to use the lot on July 3rd for handicapped parking. He

also spoke with Rich Kirby who gave us permission to use The Post Office parking lot, just asked that we make sure it is cleaned up as it usually is.

Volunteer meeting – June 11th, 6:30 At the Ashland Fire Department

We need volunteers for selling buttons and bracelets, as well as walking around with the donation buckets, parking, pancake breakfast, parade, games, trash pickup, field cleanup. Sue had the lists we made for volunteers to sign up last year – Deb will make updated sheets for our next meeting. Caroline has 5 family members that will help with collections.

Decorating Contest – a draft that Fran had made was reviewed, and changes were made to it. She will make the corrections and send to Deb who will add numbers and get them ready to be given out. It was decided that people will sign up for the contest at Todd Randlett Trucking and The Common Man,

Pie Contest – Sue talked with Carol at the Common Man but hasn't heard back from her about getting a judge and a gift certificate for a prize. Alisha suggested that she contact Erica and gave her a contact number. Alisha will see if someone wants to be a judge. Fran suggested that Don & Jane Brown, restaurant owners who recently retired and are from the area may be interested in judging.

Miscellaneous – Sue got some lighting for the band stand, the Women's Club is holding \$1000 that was raised for the bandstand, and would like to take a look at it to see if there is work that needs to be done. David said that someone would need to come up with a plan, then create a new committee to approve it. David did not remember off hand who the old members were. Both Fran and Sue have bunting for decorating the gazebo. Katrina will check to see what we have for lanyards, and will check with the bank about getting money bands, a cash drawer, and if a counting machine is a possibility. Chris White would like to play music on the deck at The Common Man during the pancake breakfast – Alisha said this would not be a problem. Alisha will work on tracking down Alex's flag, and the 50/50 sign.

New Business

Field Setup – Jae made us a large poster of the field. Kendall marked it up with spots for the various vendors and activities. Vertical Entertainment will be bringing 5 bounce houses, plus the bungee/climbing wall, and 2 games. They will go across the front, the food trucks will go down the road, the DJ will be at the gazebo, the face painter will be near the basketball court, the tie dying will be near the basketball court, 3 porta potties near the softball dugout, the rest will go on the skating rink, kids games will be in the middle of the field, corn hole will be of the softball field, the 4th of July table, 50/50 table and Apple Pie tables will be near 2nd base of the baseball field. Kendall was contacted by someone with a low powered transmitter – he can transmit a radio frequency ¼ mile. This would allow us to transmit to a small area but also to put speakers on the tennis court side of the field and still hear the dj ok. After speaking with Chris White as well as the owner of the transmitter they both think it will work. It will be tested out in advance.

Drones – the Fire Chief and Kendall went to a fireworks class put on by the state of NH. Our fireworks are set up remotely now, the frequency of these remotes is the same frequency that a drone flies on. Therefore, if a drone flies in the area of the fireworks it will stop the fireworks. We know of 1 person who flies a drone over the fireworks and have indirectly asked them not to do so, there is also another company on YouTube that shows drone videos of our fireworks. We are trying to track them down so that we do not have any issues.

Antique Cars -discussed earlier, we will work on fliers for the car show.

Purchases – signs – Deb suggested that we do a large sign of our schedule of events that can go on the fence the week leading up to the 4th and then could go by the bandstand for the 3rd, as well as some flyers that could be printed throughout. She will work with Jae on ordering this.

Parade Ribbons – Sue looked online and found that the large ones needed to be ordered in groups of 25. Deb will look to see if we can find some online and present at our next meeting.

National Anthem Singer – Alyssa told us she is unable to sing the national anthem as her family will be away. Kendall reached out to the Ashland Elementary School music teacher and the High School music teacher as well as some administration at the high school for a student. The High School representatives all suggested Gretchen Dodge, from Plymouth Kendall spoke with her and she is willing to do it.

Paparazzi – we were asked by someone through Facebook if they could have a booth selling paparazzi jewelry. After discussion the committee decided that it was not something we thought would fit with our theme.

Selectman's meeting – June 3rd -Elementary school – they have asked us to come and give an overview of our events, Kendall, Fran, Katrina, and Deb said they would all plan to be in attendance. Sherry Norman will also plan to come with us in case there are any further questions about insurance.

Other Business-

Ice Cream Contest – Kendall went, the team that selected our committee did not win, or raise any funds.

Our next meeting is the volunteer meeting on June 11th, 6:30 at the Ashland Fire Station.