Ashland 4th of July Committee Minutes October 23rd, 2019

Present – Fran Wendleboe, Kendall Hughes, Deb Perdue, Katrina Randlett, David Ruell, Harold Lamos, Ann Barney, Phyliss Reitsma,

6:35 meeting called to order, attendance taken by sign in sheet, pledge done.

Minutes – Minutes from the September 25th meeting were reviewed, Harold made a motion to accept, 2nd by Ann. All in favor.

Treasurers Report – Katrina went over the budget. The town has debited \$8178.67. Katrina and Deb will meet to go over the amount debited to verify. We have received the final payment for the ad book. The church said they have also submitted their donation from the 4th of July BBQ, we need to verify with the town that it was received. Harold made a motion to approve the treasury report as presented, David 2nd. All in favor.

Budget – each line item on our budget from last year was discussed, and a dollar amount given for the 2020 Budget. Harold made a motion to approve the budget as presented, 2nd by David, all in favor. In working on the budget a few tasks were given – Deb will work on new stickers for our meeting signs that say the meetings are now at the Booster Club, Fran will work on the Plaque for previous Grand Marshall winners.

Rules of Procedures – the changes made last month have been made and copies were distributed. Fran made a motion to formally accept the changes to the rules of procedure, 2nd by Harold, all in Favor. Fireworks – the cost of the fireworks will increase by \$750 due to increases from Atlas. Kendall mentioned he noticed on the Atlas contract that a penalty is due if we were to cancel the fireworks within 36 hours, he has reached out for clarification because Atlas is who cancels for weather not us. The cake shots that were in our contract last year will not be in the contract this year as they are too low. They will be replaced with 4- & 5-inch shells.

Plaques – as mentioned while working on the budget this year we will make a large plaque for previous Grand Marshall winners. David has a list of some but not all of the previous winners. Fran will work on finding a plaque and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Parade – we are all in agreement that we would like to create a better parade, more money was budgeted on the parade this year to do so. Tania Hiltz was unable to attend our meeting tonight but has said that she would like to work on the parade.

Field – This year will aim to add 3 food trucks in an attempt to shorten lines from last year, we will not limit the types of business that can have food trucks this year. Also, we will not allow driving or parking on the field by vendors.

Town Policy for Boards, Committees & Commissions - Committee Applications were distributed, complete and return to Kendall by 11/1. Kendall mentioned he would like to discuss with the selectman the term length, and also that appointments take place in August because of our event and the dates for it.

Theme Ideas – at our November meeting we need to come up with a definite theme for the year – some ideas were discussed – Ashland Traditions, NH traditions, NH ways of life, fun in the sun, 60 years strong, something focusing on 20/20. Members were asked to brainstorm some ideas and come prepared to make a decision in November.

Mary Ruell award winner and Grand Marshall – members discussed some options, David will put it in the paper to see if the public has suggestions, Katrina or Deb will post it on Facebook. We will vote on the winners at our November meeting.

Because of Thanksgiving our November meeting will be 11/20

Harold made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Katrina