

Ashland 4th of July Committee Minutes

April 28, 2021

In person at Booster Club and Via Phone Conference Call

Present –Kendall Hughes, Deb Perdue, Ginger Grant, David Ruell, Charlie Bozzello, Katrina Randlett, Fran Wendelboe, Bob Letourneau, on phone Ann Barney, Guest – Rick Muthersbaugh (Vertical entertainment)

6:32 meeting called to order, attendance taken by sign in sheet

Minutes –Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed, David made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Katrina 2nd all in favor.

New Members – Charlie and Ginger were recently appointed to the committee by the board of selectmen and made introductions for those that did not know them. Bob Letourneau, also introduced himself as the alternate representative from the select board.

Treasury report –Katrina presented the treasury report. There are no changes except interest - \$3.76 in March. Our total balance is \$17,709.29. Total interest this year has been \$10.91. There are no outstanding items. Discussion about income and expense items for new members. David made the suggestion to change the Grand Marshall Gift Line to Grand Marshall since it will include engraving the plaque.

Reaffirming of officers – since all board members were recently reappointed by the selectman, we held elections, and passed out volunteer forms for those that are not appointed members. Fran brought up that she would like to see that appointed members could be out of town residents.

Chair – Charlie nominated Kendall David 2nd, all in favor

Vice Chair – Kendall nominated David, Ginger 2nd, all in favor

Secretary – Ginger nominated Deb, Charlie 2nd, all in favor

Treasurer – Charlie nominated Ginger, David 2nd all in favor

Katrina will remain the financial advisor, Nominated by Kendall 2nd by Ginger all in favor.

Financial Options – After discussion with the selectman, they would like to move the money so that it stays non lapsing, the 2 suggested options are 1. Heritage Commission, 2. Town Trustees. After a brief discussion about the 2 options. Charlie made a motion for the Heritage Commission to hold funds in trust of the 4th of July Committee. All in favor. Kendall will work on drafting a document of agreement.

Vertical Entertainment – Rick spoke about his equipment, the requirements, and being at Ashland 4th of July. He Would like to bring everything back, there is not a state covid regulation that limits the blow up rides. He will work with whatever the restrictions and the guidelines are from the town / state. If we have a mask mandate at the field, he would like signs that say that near his station, we can sell our masks near his station if want. He would like to keep the exclusive right on the light up chum, keep the same setup as 2019 – jousting, obstacle course, dry slide, bouncy house, climbing wall, 2

games, novelty stuff. He will give us the prices in advance so they can be in the brochure, there will be an all-day price.

Parade – both bands will come back, they are very excited waiting on contracts. Because we have moved our date to 7/3 the Shriners will be available with their mini cars, the cost is \$500. John Harville is working on the form to obtain them. He has also filed the military forms to have the military members in the parade. The legion does not have anyone who is able to walk in the parade with the color guard so they will follow the military color guard. Some organizations and businesses have already said they would be joining us for the parade. Set up for the parade will require about 7 people. Line up will start at 8:00 the parade starts at 10:00. We need to talk with John Glidden and Commerce Properties about suing Parkway for lining up. All tow trucks and flat beds must be decorated no throwing. Kendall has spoken with the police chief about the parade permit.

Advertising – the advertising letter was sent out; a few changes were made to it. Deb will get that mailed this week; we will also post on our Facebook page.

Touch A Truck – The touch a truck will be immediately following the parade – 1:00. We will check with Freudenberg to see if it could go in their parking lot. If not they will be across the back of the field Katrina and Kendall will work on getting trucks. This will be a completely free event. Fran suggested a sign be made so post pictures on our Facebook page. Katrina suggested we create a # so that we can reference the pictures back each year.

Food Trucks – we are aiming for 16 trucks. Any truck that commits with us before the brochure goes to print will be put in the brochure. Right now, we have 3 trucks and 3 stands committed to us. Deb has reached out to a lot and is just waiting to hear back from several. If anyone knows anyone else let Deb know.

5K – The 5K will be held rain or shine. Ashland Firecracker 5K – We need to speak with the Memorial Park Trustees to make sure that it can start and end at memorial park. Will need to have signs made up, and cones for safety. Check with MVSB and St. Agnes church about parking. Charge will be \$10. Deb passed out the pricing for Eventbrite, Dan had also sent pricing for Millennium Running – after a brief discussion we decided to use Eventbrite for hosting. Need to work out the logistics of that with the payment. We need to get bibs, shirts, and will discuss the bibs at next month's meeting.

Brochure-Schedule of Events –

Pancake Breakfast 7-10

10:00 Parade Starts

10:00 ACC BBQ will start

Touch a truck after parade -1:00

Food Trucks will be allowed to start at 11, required to start by 5

Cub scouts shirts – will get time

Fireworks at Dusk

5K race – 8:30

things to know – Covid Rules will be added in this section.

Kendall read articles for Grand Marshall and Mary Ruell

Parking – ACC will handle parking, need to check with the same businesses. Alex had in the past suggested parking at his shop and checking with Custance, Also worth checking with Buskeys. Parking charges will start at 3:00.

National Anthem – Allyssa Taylor will again be our singer.

Radio Station was budgeted for and was popular in 2019 need to reach out to them.

DJ – Chris white and band will be the MC, move them back to the basketball court for easier hearing. Need to see what time he will come to determine if we have anyone else during the day.

Buttons – need to check with new owners of Shurefine about selling them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55