

Fourth of July Committee July Meeting

7/17/2024 @6:30 Ashland Booster Club

- Call to order @6:32pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call
 - Deb Perdue, Kendall Hughes, Tricia Farris, Katrina Randlett, Caroline Gosse, Matty Leighton, Fran Wendelboe
- Minutes
 - Motion to accept - Caroline Gosse
 - Katrina second
 - All in favor
- Financials
 - Reviewed updated financials and bank statements from June and beginning of July
 - Reviewed budget income and expenses for 2024
 - Committee would like to purchase a 10x20 commercial grade (red or blue) tent
 - Caroline moves to accept the expense for the tent
 - Katrina seconded
 - All in favor
- Debrief on events - Committee reviewed a list of proposed changes and suggested improvements
 - **Committee**
 - Need to see about longer on-site Radio Announcements, and if broadcast for the fireworks themselves, to give updates. 4-:930
 - A committee Member needs to be in charge of each event, Deb and Kendall can only do Field, Fire works and parade.
 - **Fireworks**
 - Trucks must stay to the Main St side, and do not turn around on ball field.
 - Keep Wright cleaning up the field
 - Require vendor to have extra firing box
 - **Field**

- Radios. Need better communication, cell phone not working due to number of people.
- Food Trucks use same line up as 24,
- Add to food truck contract “you can only sell what you tell us on contract to sell.”
- Need Insurance with Ashland as additional insured.
- Copy of Current State Room and Meals license.
- Copy of Food Safe Cert. Picture of it is fine
- use stakes to mark off area food trucks go
- Dumpsters work great for food truck
- Need a 10X20 tent marked 4th of July Ashland, committee and 50/50 Tickets. Tent on field cant be a business tent
- Walkie talkies since phones don't work
- Porta Potties Can Not Block Banners

- **Old shirts**
 - Not worth the hassle. Give a way to whomever. The Clothing thing at dump.
- **Trash Pick up**
 - Need the big yellow rubber gloves by 10 sets.
- **Pancake breakfast**
- **Parade**
 - Radios for communications
 - Grand Marshal Gift/banner
 - Need written criteria on judging.
 - Need to send letter to Rusty's and New Hampton Fire Department warning that they cannot by state law throw anything from a moving vehicle, and all vehicles must be decorated or have something on them no only advertising of your business.
 - Make sure get lined up in the right spots
 - Enforce no throwing candy as they enter,
 - enforce decorated vehicles
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- **Cornhole**

- Have Scott Gillis organize. If he does not than we drop
- If do – need bags for every board
- BBQ – could skip
- Enforcement of no alcohol on the field
- If doing social and competitive leagues have them sign up for which they want to be in at signup
- Secure indoor space for bad weather – likely can not be school gym next year
- **Movie**
 - Dry run before show on sound board, plug is in front of projector
 - Write down direction on what needs to be done to set up
 - Secure school cafeteria as alternative space in bad weather in advance
 - Must pick a kids movie
 - Don't BBQ – just do small snacks
 - Sponsor signs
- **5k race**
 - Pull sponsor shirts out first
 - Move to beach,
 - Someone was driving swearing at people,
 - Too many cars on North Ashland Rd

New route – start at beach?

Will need extra signage this way & people to help direct

More large shirts

Price? - no one said anything about \$15/\$20 but less signed up – might have been the weather also
- **Community Kick ball**
 - Need energetic announcer
 - Need team captain
 - Umpire has to know basic kickball rules – fouls, only through lineup once,
 - Have a set number of innings
 - Someone to get more local kids in on playing
 - Pinnies worked really well
 - **Miscellaneous**

- If you sign up for a job, as a committee member you are expected to do it.
 - Everyone gets an event – they are responsible for it, signs, making it run smoothly, rules...
 - Extra money bags on the field so it isn't being mixed in with the petty cash.
 - Bracelets were very popular this year.
 - Thank you notes to sponsors – and also to some of the big donations
 - Parking – 2 years in a row of loss – need to figure out why and how to fix it. Also reach out to new businesses to see if can park in those areas.
 - Trash pick up needs to add the sidewalk area of other businesses to the parking lot clean up – this was done this year which was nice
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- Ashland woman's club will be 100 years in 2026.
 - Next meeting is scheduled for 8/19 @6:30pm
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm