

BOSCAWEN OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE
Final Minutes March 18, 2019

Present – Polly Dawson, President; Matt Lampron, Vice President; Rhoda Bergeron, Ed Cherian, Kim Kenney, Beverly Lacey, Ed Cherian, Laura Lane, Lyman Cousens.

Minutes-

2/18/2019 minutes- Rhoda corrected shells, line 77 add Fire Chief Ray Fisher, line 99 correct to Lyman.

MOTION: Mr. Cherian made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Lyman Cousens. All were in favor. Approved.

1/21/2019 minutes- Polly Dawson said these still need to be reviewed.

Financial Report-

Polly said she was not able to receive the Financial Report for this meeting as she was working.

Bingo-

Polly said there was 78 people that attended Bingo at the February event, three of those being free ticket entries.

Ed spoke with the other Selectman about the cleanliness of the Town Hall. Ed said they had to take out trash and sweep. Mr. Cherian said they talked about cleaning fees and who should be checking after events. Ed said they are setting up a system for this.

Polly said the next Bingo they will serve pizza and salad. Rhoda said she will make the salad. Matt said he has a list of the pizza count and will pick them up along with soda. Rhoda said usually they do hot dogs and hamburgers at the April event and usually has a low turnout. Ed questioned what time they should arrive for Bingo. Polly said 10am would be fine Saturday morning. Matt said he will leave at 10:45 to get the pizza. Polly said she only has one gift card and usually they have three. Rhoda said there was a woman that won the coverall who didn't find anything she liked in the prize section. Matt said he will be getting 3 pepperoni, 2 meat lovers, 2 BBQ, 2 chicken broccoli, 2 Hawaiian, 3 cheese, 3 veggie pizzas. A Committee member suggested Kim call Bingo. Kim said she agreed to call Bingo numbers.

Old Home Day- Polly said they should think about a theme as well as getting volunteers. Matt passed out papers to the Committee members to start organizing

Old Home Day activities. Polly said they need to discuss if they will have the Old Home Day. Matt said they need to start organizing how many people will be where. Rhoda said she recommends having a Police Officer from noon to 1pm to monitor parking. Ed said they should have 2-3 people for parking. Kim asked if the purpose of this chart was to assign people to specific locations and if you are in charge of Entertainment for example you are in charge of finding that entertainment, bounce house person would get volunteers etc. Matt said that would be fine but have each person have their own sheet that organizes everything and then report back. Matt said as a Committee they need to discuss each part. Lyman said they need to take a close look at finances and find a way to get people there. Polly said if they can get free entertainment that would help such as high schoolers. Ed said maybe the band after the parade, fire station bring a truck down or have Roger bring his plow horses down. Ed said the water slide was a big hit and they should have that again. Ed said they could have the Merrimack baseball/softball team sell food. Polly said she had spoken with the previous Fire Chief about having the Fire Fighters bake the chicken dinner but it needs to be brought up to the new Fire Chief. Ed said if the Committee would like he can ask the question at the next Selectman meeting or an email can be sent. Kim said that at the school they have done touch a truck in the past and the kids enjoyed it. Kim suggested having time slots of different activities. Matt said last year was the first year that it wasn't done like this. Kim said having it set up like this would work well so people can decide what they want to attend. Kim asked Lyman what could be budgeted for entertainment. Lyman said nothing, whatever is spent is more than what was spent last year and they lost money. Ed said this event is supposed to lost money that's why they raise money all year. Matt said last year they had discussed having the water slide, bungee jump and bounce house. Matt said this would be three versus last year's six. Kim suggested using some money for a magician and balloon person. Matt asked Ed to have Alan email all the contracts to him so he can get prices. Kim asked if Polly would be in charge of the parade. Polly said she will be in charge of the parade. Rhoda said fireworks for the last several years were \$7500. Polly said that \$2500 would need to be spent out of the Committee. Kim asked if the Board of Selectman would be able to pay the \$2500 as it was mentioned before. Ed said that it is worth asking. Ed recommended talking with the fireworks company and getting a quote for \$5000 and one for \$7500 before going to the Selectman.

MOTION: Matt Lampron made a motion to spend \$2500 out of the Committee for fireworks if not approved by Selectman. Seconded by Laura. 1 no vote, majority approved.

Matt said he suggests using 5 inch shells. Ed said he would be in favor of this. Ed said the Fire Department said it is up to the Old Home Day Committee. Polly asked if they would be bigger. Matt said they will but you will get fewer. Lyman asked if anyone asked Crete's Farm yet. Matt said that is why he is bringing it up. Polly said this was brought up last time. Matt said they had to wait until after Town Meeting to see if it passed so now is the time.

MOTION: Matt Lampron made a motion to pursue five inch shells. Seconded by Ed Cherian. All were in favor.

Ed suggested contacting the bungee company that gave a better price and get a quote on all the bounce equipment. Matt said they don't have a water slide. Ed said to see what they can get and have one company with one contract. Matt said they need to discuss with the firework company how much we can get with 5 inch shells and how much space they need then talk with Crete Farm. Kim volunteered to talk with Crete Farm.

The Committee questioned the balance of the Old Home Day fund currently. Lyman said it is \$19,000. Polly said in the past there was \$20,000 in the bank that was never touched and now it is. Matt said this year they have \$5,000 to go towards fireworks. Lyman said last year the bounce houses were expensive. Polly said last year for entertainment \$14,000 was spent. Ed said they could limit it to \$10,000. Polly said Lyman had suggested from noon until 4:00 there would be no events to save money. Kim said they are raising money for this event and would like to still have events for everyone.

Polly brought up the recommendation of Ed to have other people do food. Ed said the baseball and softball teams could make and sell food. Ed said he could get a quote from them. Kim questioned why it would cost to have them make food since they would be making money off of this. Ed said to make this affordable for people and sell for less than what they would normally sell for we would have to subsidize it. Matt said they sell food for profit as the Committee doesn't. Ed said this is free labor and everything will done as well as raise money for Boscawen kids. Matt said he had concerns about the scale of it out of the snack house, that's why they never did it. Laura said they used to make \$1,000 profit on food sales. Ed said let the baseball team do hot dogs and hamburgers and we could sell desserts. Kim said Old Home Day Committee could do pizza or something easy like that. Ed said he could talk with them and see if they are interested in doing it. Matt said last year he bought 240 hamburgers, 320 hot dogs, 120 sausages and had 40 sausages and 40 hamburgers left, roughly 350 meals. Rhoda questioned how much they used to sell food for. Laura said \$1.00 for hot dogs, \$2.00 for a burger/cheese burger. Laura said these

were Schonland hot dogs and Carrie's market prepared burgers not frozen. Matt said the food that is overbought at different events are used at the next event.

MOTION: Polly Dawson made a motion to discuss with the Merrimack Valley Baseball and Softball teams to run the food stand. Seconded by Matt.

Matt said to ask them what they are willing to do. Laura said they need to keep pricing affordable. Kim said if they wanted to make a deal with them they couldn't sell popcorn, pizza and soda and have Old Home Day Committee sell it. Polly said it wouldn't make sense to have people stand in two different lines if they get a hot dog or hamburger and want a drink. Lyman said we don't want to sell too many items and make it hard.

Polly said that everyone needs to think of ideas on how to bring in Elektrisola and Anne Twiggs into the mix. Lyman said Anne is not interested but may do an Arts show on Thursday nights. Polly said maybe Elektrisola would want to sponsor some entertainment. Lyman said he can talk with them about doing something there so their families can be involved.

Polly questioned if they are done doing Citizen of the year. Matt said they should continue to do it.

Kim said if all the contracts were present at the next meeting it will help to get a budget set up. Polly suggested open mic and line dancing on the tennis courts. Matt said there is no lights. Laura said it is hard to enter the tennis courts and see through the fence. Laura questioned a dance floor. Polly said it would be hard to have it set up on a Saturday night after things are taken down. Kim said it is hard to determine what to do without a budget.

Polly asked the Committee if they would like to go back to meeting at 6:00pm.

MOTION: Laura made a motion to start at 6:00pm. Seconded by Rhoda. Matt said it may be an issue to start at 6:00 in the summer but if he is late that is ok.

MOTION: For the Meeting to Adjourn made by Kim. Seconded by Rhoda, all in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting – April 15th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Danielle Bosco, Recording Secretary