

Ayer 4th of July Meeting Minutes

Minutes of May 21, 2013

4th of July - July 6, 2013

Members in attendance:

Ruth Rhonemus	Maureen Parlon	Marion Smith
Stephanie Gintner	Tara Lyons	
David Maher	Jim Fay	

Jim Fay called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Discussion about contacting Tom Brown re the Stuart Highland Pipe & Drum

Current participants for the parade are:

- Hills Mills Clown Band
- Military Group
- Petdke Cyclists – Unicycle Duo
- Nashoba Valley Band on a truck

Vendors

Current participants are 10 so far

Sponsorships

There are 13 sponsorships to date for a total of \$4,100

The discussion turned to the Bids for the exclusive Novelty Vendor. IFB's went out and three were returned. Since the meeting for last week was cancelled, David, Janet, Marion, Cindy and I opened the bids on May 14, 2013. One had been opened by another department thinking that it belonged to them. The three that were sent in were from:

- Russell Kassatly of Westborough, MA for \$375
- Hillios, Josephine of Chicopee, MA for \$1,055
- David D'Ambrosia – Nick's Enterprises – DBA N&D Sports of Hamden, CT for \$1,205
 - \$205 will be sent upon signing of the agreement
 - \$1,000 will be sent in on June 25, 2013

David Maher called N&D Sports to tell him that he was awarded the bid. David will follow up with a letter officially awarding the bid to them. The letter will contain language stating that if the deposit and balance is not sent in on the dates indicated in his letter, than he will not be awarded the bid.

Jim Fay signed the agreement at this meeting.

Field Entertainment

Discussion was on the Bike Contest. We talked about different ways of doing the bikes in the parade. No determination was made. Maureen asked if someone else could take charge as she is not feeling up to it this year. David mentioned that he had already spoken with Jose from J&S about the trophies and string bags. He will finalize the conversation at a later date.

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Next jobs to be completed:

We talked about the T-Shirts. Discussion was the color of the shirts. There has been talk of selling the shirts to raise money for the 4th. It was mentioned that if we sell shirts and the committee has the same shirt, then the public will not be able to identify the committee if they need something. We tentatively discussed the committee having blue and white and selling white with blue.

APAC mentioned to David about taping the festivities. If they do anything on the field then they would need to be paid. We decided that we did not need that.

Other Topics

Talk turned to asking Mark Wetzel, DPW Superintendent, regarding the set-up and clean-up at the park the day of and the day after July 6, 2013. It was decided that Robert would be the person to talk to Mark about this. David asked about having inmates do this.

We need to get a tent from Moore's. The 4th already owns one that we use.

Austin Cote came in at 6:00pm.

Jim asked about any Boston Marathon concerns. Sgt. Cote said that the police are aware of this and are thinking about what to do. There is no plan in place as of yet.

He was given the details of what our plans are, ie; the change of time for the parade. We talked about ID's for the vendors and what to do when people bring in coolers and bags saying that they are for the vendors. We need to figure out a method of how to handle those situations.

He mentioned that the traffic plan worked well last year and that they will continue that this year.

The next meetings will be on June 3rd, June 10th, June 17th and July 1st. There will not be any meeting on June 24 and this will be a break.

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by


Stephanie Gintner