

LEE FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Gund, Chuck Cox, Denise Duval, Erick Sawtelle, Gloria Quigley, Annie Gasowski, Kristen Cisneros, Ken Brisson, Sally Novell, Paul Tuck and Tom Dronsfield

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Denise Duval opens the meeting at 7:00pm.

Annie Gasowski moves to reimburse Erick Sawtelle for lights that he purchased for the Fair Committee in the amount of \$34.80. Tom Dronsfield, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Annie will do the pie eating contest again but will need to have a co-worker this year because there is a grandchild due that day and she might not be able to make it.

Annie states that the Library Foundation would like to sponsor a Kids Fun Run the morning of the fair to raise money for the Library. The money they raise would come from the entry fee. They do not think they are interested in doing sponsorships. Annie said they will discuss this at their next meeting.

Mary's Dogs were unable to make the meeting tonight but are still interested in facilitating the Bingo at the Fair following the dinner. The goal is to keep people at the park following dinner until the fireworks. We discussed having Bingo at the tables under the big tent after dinner. The group did not land on a time.

The group definitely thinks that it should do the ice cream social after dinner again this year. Everyone seemed to love it and a decent amount of money was made.

The group discussed selling cheeseburgers, hotdogs and French Fries. More advertising and better booth set up needs to be done to promote a stronger presence and generate more business.

The topic of advertising was discussed for quite some time. Some believe that we still need to do more, some think that we need to get the information out earlier. Suggestions made about advertising were: use NeighborLee Facebook page this year; put up posters at Market Basket, Pizza Spinners and any other businesses that will allow them; hand out flyers containing event schedule at the Transfer Station. The group thinks that it would be a good idea to hand out an event schedule to people as they are walking into the fair. The group agreed that we should have a big poster of event schedule at the information booth.

The group briefly discussed what events should be show cased again this year. Tricky Dick, dog herder and police dog demo should all come back this year. Tom reached out to Tricky Dick and the police dog. Erick will speak to the dog herder in the next week or two.

The subject of more vendors came up and several people thought the need for insurance was keeping vendors from being able to participate in the Lee Fair. Several people were confused about the insurance requirements. Denise said she was sure that insurance was not required from all vendors but definitely from those who want to sell food products. No one seemed to recall this change in the insurance policy. Denise will confirm and get back to everyone tomorrow.

Everyone agreed on having Don Quigley and Mike Ward back as announcers if they will come back. Gloria will check with Don and Tom will check with Mike.

Sally and Paul indicate that Corn Hole was not very well received last year. They are not sure why. We may try moving where it is located and offer a big prize such as a kids bike to draw more players in. Advertising earlier might help as well.

The subject of music during dinner came up. Denise reminds everyone that if they want fireworks the committee will need to raise \$4k this year. Paying a band to play at dinner might not be an option. There is some brain storming on finding free musicians to play during dinner. Someone suggests putting a note on NeighborLee Facebook page. The committee will need to find out by what date they will need to cancel the fireworks should they decide they are not going to be able to have them. The group decides that they definitely want to try to raise the money for the fireworks. Tom offers to set up a Go Fund Me Page for the fireworks campaign.

Erick Sawtelle would like to have an antique car show during the Thursday music night put on by the Rec Commission over the summer.

The next meeting is at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 7th at the PSC.

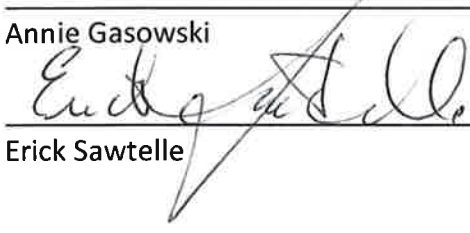
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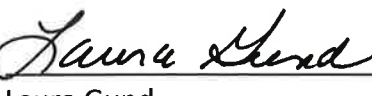
Minutes written by: _____
Denise Duval

Minutes accepted by:

Denise Duval


Caren Rossi

Annie Gasowski

Erick Sawtelle

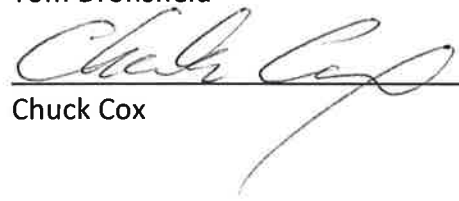
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