

Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival – April 5, 2010 – Meeting Minutes

A Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival meeting was held on April 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Appomattox Building at 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, VA 24522.

Members Present: Rick Butler, Shannon Lewis, Will Simmons, Shirley Wheeler, Paul Harvey, Pam Nantz, Susan Holt and Rhonda Guill.

- Will Simmons called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made by Pam, seconded by Shirley to approve the minutes from last meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Treasurers Report - \$24,885.98 balance

Report of Committees

- Arts & Crafts – Rhonda reported we have 13 Vendors/15 Spaces sold. 2 Non-profits. A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Pam to approve allowing only 1 type of home party consultant, ie. The Pampered Chef, Thirty-One, as a vendor. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Concessions – Rhonda reported we have 14 Vendors/21 Spaces sold. Multiple new concessioners have applied. Also, we need to begin looking at the applications and menus that have been sent in thus far.
- Parade – Rick reported that the parade committee can't control what happens along the route and that someone else would need to monitor that portion of the parade.
- Recreation – Will reported the contract for Fun-Time was mailed on April 5, 2010.
- Good Ole Days – Rhonda reported the applications with the new fee were mailed on March 12, 2010.
- Music – Nothing to report. Ken absent from meeting.
- Entertainment – Discussed needing to determine if Ken was taking care of this along with the rest of the music.
- Exhibits and Displays – Rhonda reported that Fred Reburn, O. Winston Link and Virginia State Parks have confirmed to participate in the festival.
- Logistics – Will discussed the meeting he and Rhonda had with the Heart of Virginia Festival. The meeting was a success and a lot was learned.
- Antiques Car Show – Paul reported that he had talked to Cory Osborne and he would like to be part of this years' festival. Paul still needs to talk to Pat Williams with the Lynchburg Car Club. Cory did ask there be a way for the cars to leave if they didn't want to stay all day. We all agreed to make that happen.
- Fireworks – Nothing to report
- Fireman's Competition – Nothing to report. Brandy was absent from meeting
- Street Dance – Rhonda reported that Donna Nash will book the band. Donna is not interested in running the Street Dance but she will ask Laura Lewis if she would like to head the Street Dance committee.

- Sponsors. Rhonda reported the sponsor letters were mailed on March 27, 2010. We have received 2 sponsors totaling \$1250.00.
- Teddy Bear Parade – Nothing to report.

Old Business

- Rhonda said she had an update from Bart Van Nieuwenhuise on Courtland Field Electricity. Per Bart, we need to talk to the county about upgrading the electricity. He and Jeff Elder will contact the county and let us know the outcome. If we are still interested in upgrading the Library Parking Lot that will have to be done within the next two weeks, because they are getting ready to pave the parking lot.
- Will said he got some information on inviting Leland Melvin to be Grand Marshall. There is a lot of red tape and it will be rather expensive. He will continue the application process with NASA and let us know the final expense so a decision can be made.
- Shirley said the color of the t-shirts has been chosen. She should have a sample and cost at the next meeting. An art contest with elementary students is being worked out to design the youth t-shirts. The school would like a discount on t-shirts for teachers to wear the Friday before festival. We decided to find out our cost and discuss giving the schools a discount at next meeting.
- Will said he has a price on a 40x80 Big Top Tent for N-Scalers of \$1200.00. He will continue to price shop.

New Business

- A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Rick to order a dry erase check for \$54.00 for the purpose of having a picture in the paper of the sponsor presenting check to festival. All vote aye. Motion carried.
- Rhonda said she and Bryan have discussed having an Art Contest for all school aged children. She and/or Bryan will be talking to art teachers about the contest. The art will be displayed in Courthouse Square and the contest will be open to all public and private schools in the county as well as homeschoolers.
- Will announced an application was mailed for HARF to be listed as one of the top 20 events in October by the Southeast Tourism Society.
- Rhonda said she would like to see smaller committees set up for Exhibits & Displays, Street Dance, Sponsorship, etc. Everyone agreed this is something that would take place over time.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned. The next HARF meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Appomattox Building on 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, VA 24522.