

Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival – March 1, 2010

A Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival meeting was held on March 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Appomattox Building on 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, VA 24522.

Members Present: Brandy Kinne, Rick Butler, Josie Butler, Will Simmons, Frances Guill, Shirley Wheeler, Bart Van Nieuwenhuise, Paul Harvey, Ken Swanson and Rhonda Guill.

Will Simmons called the meeting to order.

Treasures Report - \$22,899.99

Chairperson's Report

- Will reported the website has been updated with the new festival dates and applications. The website is in the process of having 2009 information archived and as information becomes available it will be put on the website.

Report of Committees

- Arts and Crafts – Rhonda reported we have 8 vendors and 9 spaces sold. Josie said she heard complaints about the gate at Court House Square being blocked by vendors. We need to make sure the entry to Court House Square is open at this year's festival.
- Concessions – Rhonda reported we have 5 vendors and 6 spaces sold. Rhonda also told the committee about the check from LB Concessions being returned due to non-sufficient funds.
- Exhibits – Will reported that we would invite the same exhibitors from last year back this year. Rhonda reported she has contacted the Virginia Transportation Museum, Danville Science Center and the Science Museum of Virginia about participating in the festival as exhibitors. Josie requested we contact the Crewe Railroad Museum. Will reported the N-scalers are planning to come back this year. Will would like to talk to them more about having a larger area to display. Will said we could check prices of big top tents to serve as a place to house the train display.
- Music – We welcomed Ken Swanson as the new Music Chairperson. We gave Ken a budget of \$8,000.00 for music and \$2,000.00 for Street Dance.
- Good Ole Days – Rhonda reported Bobby Swanberg does not want to handle Good Ole Days this year. Rhonda asked the fees for Good Ole Days be raised to match regular vendor fees. A motion was made by Bart, seconded by Shirley to raise Good Ole Days fees. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Recreation – Will reported he has spoken to Doug with Fun Time Amusements and has the new contract. The only concern Doug has is the water from the Fireman's Competition. He would like to move the amusements to the top of Courtland Field and the Fireman's Competition the bottom. Bart will see about

getting electricity put at the top of Courtland Field for the amusements and Will will ask Fun Time how many outlets they use.

- Fireman's Competition – Brandy will ask Fire Department how they feel about moving the competition to the bottom of Courtland Field and if they are changing the design of the barrel for the water battle.
- Antique Car Show – Paul will contact Corey Osborne about the Car Show this year.
- Parade – Leland Melvin will be asked to be the Grand Marshall this year. Will thinks all politicians should be in the front of the parade and the Town Mayor should especially be closer to the front. Rhonda thinks the Wooldridge boys should not be allowed to hold up traffic or race during the parade. It was recommended the application be changed to include that all floats need to be ready when they arrive at Thomasville. Rick will let Tina know of all the concerns and problems.
- Fireworks – Will reported he has the contract from Zimbelli and the cost is still \$6,000.00.
- Teddy Bear Parade – no one was present to talk about this.
- Logistics – Will reported all logistics will take place moving forward and closer to the festival.
- Street Dance – A budget of \$2,000.00 was set.

Unfinished Business

- Paul said he and Bart are working on getting surveillance cameras set up through out festival grounds.
- Paul asked that all lines of communication remain open between all committee members and board members

New Business

- Bart suggested fixing the speaker on Lee Street because it is too loud.
- Frances suggested we have more committees to take care of smaller things, ie T-shirts.

Adjournment

The next HARF meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Appomattox Building on 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, VA 24522.