

Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival – May 3, 2010 – Meeting Minutes

A Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival meeting was held on May 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Appomattox Building on 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, VA 24522.

Members Present: Rick Butler, Josie Butler, Will Simmons, Paul Harvey, Susan Holt, Frances Guill, Ken Swanson, Stacey Wilkes, Bobbie Mullins and Rhonda Guill.

Will called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Susan to approve minutes from the last meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report - \$25,848.00

Chairperson's Report – Will introduced Stacey Wilkes as our new Treasurer. Will said the Town website has our minutes and agendas on it.

Report of Committees

- Arts & Crafts – Rhonda reported we have 17 Vendors/19 Spaces sold and 4 Non-Profits.
- Concessions – Rhonda reported we have 16 Vendors/23 spaces sold. Rhonda also said she is not going to accepted but a couple more applications until we have all the non-profits that want to participate.
- Parade – Will has mailed the application to NASA to invite Leland Melvin as Grand Marshall.
- Recreation – Nothing to report
- Good Ole Days – Rhonda reported we have 1 Vendor. The Old Dominion Blacksmith Association is also planning to attend again this year.
- Music – Ken reported Adam Stratton is in charge of the Fine Arts Stage. Trospy is in charge of Abbitt Park stage and Ken Swanson is in charge of Main St and Courtland Field Stage. Ken is going to add Children's Entertainment at Courtland Field this year. He asked for an additional \$1200.00 to pay for the entertainment. No vote was taken to approve the additional money, however he is going to move ahead with booking the entertainment and the budget will be discussed at the next meeting. Ken will also discuss at the next meeting the overall music budget, he is planning to add an additional band, the 97th Regimental String Band. Josie suggested the kids choir perform at Courtland Field. Will informed Ken of the Norfolk Southern Lawmen band's commitment to coming this year.
- Exhibits and Displays – Rhonda reported Fred Reburn and O. Winston Link have returned their signed agreement and will be at the festival.
- Logistics – Will reported that Roxanne is researching who manages the PA System for the high school.
- Antique Car Show – Paul has talked to Cory Osborne and Kathy Kellim. They will be working together to organize the car show. Cory is planning to have preregistration and would like to give door prizes.

- Fireworks – Will reported that Roxanne has talked to Johnny Cole and he will allow us to use his field again this year. The contract is currently being finalized.
- Fireman's Competition – Rhonda reported that Brandy said the competition cannot be moved to the lower part of Courtland Field. There is not enough room.
- Street Dance – Rick said he would have to talk to Tina about them handling the Street Dance. He is not sure if that will happen.
- Sponsors – Rhonda reported we now have 5 sponsors totaling \$1650.00. The sponsorship pictures were taken last week and should be in this week's paper.
- Teddy Bear Parade – A suggestion was made to have the parade organized and promoted better this year.

Old and Unfinished Business

- Will said Bart has gotten prices for surveillance cameras ranging from \$3,000.00 - \$12,000.00. Paul said that is an expense the Town will take care of.
- Frances said the flyers have been sent to the Elementary School for the art contest. The winner's artwork will be the logo for the youth t-shirts. The deadline will be May 21, 2010.
- Will said the electricity upgrade has begun in the Library Parking Lot.
- Will informed the committee that the HARF has been selected as a Top 20 Event in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society.