



Hollis Old Home Days 2018
Wild Salamander 6:30 pm
1 October 2018

Voting Members Attendees: Holly Babcock; Judy Mahoney; Barbara Kowalski; Anne Marie Tucciarone-Mahan; Laurie Miller; Nate Michaels;

Voting Members Absent: Donna Duffy

Event Volunteer Attendees: Honi Glover; Jan Schwartz; Anna Birch; KC Morgan; Victoria Harnish

Guest: Todd Croteau

The Old Home Days was called to order by Nate at 6:34.

Approval of Minutes: Anne Marie moved to accept the minutes of 10 September 2018. Holly Seconded. Vote to accept was unanimous. The meeting minutes will be posted on the Hollis Town website.

Chair Status Update:

Holly was quite pleased with the event. She and Nate felt the shuttle bus/parking worked very well. While discussing the layout it was felt that we should try to shift some spots which vendors have been in for several years. We discussed the "Tasty fry" van being close to the entertainment tent and that the noise the generator proved to be an issue during the parade. Holly had a small issue trying to get residents off the tennis court so she could lock it up. She will discuss with the recreation dept. We had one small issue that the gate on Depot road will need to have the hinge repaired. Holly noted that the event next year will be 13-14 September.

Nate introduced Todd Croteau. This was his first OHD. He is the Director of the DPW. The committee took the time to discuss the DPW support. One item the committee was concerned with was the amount of flies in the Lawrence Barn. Todd will look into what can be done. This is a problem year round for anyone using the barn. The committee discussed the need for additional lighting. They also mentioned to Todd the conduit needs to be cleaned or replaced. They had difficulty pulling cable through to get electricity across the track. Todd plans on participating in next year's event planning.

Several committee members discussed the amusements. Many felt we lacked things for the 15-17 year olds to do. The committee will discuss additional activities for next

year. We may look for something to supplement the rides if the amusement company cannot provide something.

Treasurer: Barbara is missing several invoices. She will be tracing these down so payment can be made. Public donations were down but proceeds from Sponsorships were up.

Subcommittee Reports:

Field Planning & Logistics: The committee will reevaluate the position of vendors who have been in same spot. This year the field was reconfigured due to the new bull pen and not having the chicken BBQ. The angle the booths over by the amusements will need to be reviewed.

OHD Exhibitors: To date we had 78 spaces assigned. Last year we had a total of 81 paid spaces and provided 18 more. We collected just under \$400.00 more than last year. The group discussed the review and update of the exhibitor's application for next year. The subject of direct sales and having the application ask what the need for electricity is. We learned that all needs are not the same. Some vendors will only need electricity for lighting while others will be using grills, coffee makers and crock pots. Us knowing what the need is will also help us with the layout and not put two booth side by side that will be drawing a larger amount of electricity throughout the day.

Heritage Demonstrations: We will need to develop a map and set up instructions for the demonstrators. Maybe we can develop a checklist or something where they can specify what their needs are for planning purposes. A specific layout of who and where they will be in the tent will help any confusion that morning. Demonstrators previously attending did not have any issues. The one new demonstrator was the first to arrive.

Sponsorship: Another great success. Laurie lined up several new sponsors in addition to previous ones. Overall sponsorship was up over last year.

Artisan Market: The new hours worked great for the vendors as well as participants. Discussion did come up as to if we could arrange a ATM on the property for the day. It needs to be located inside the building.

Silent Auction: The auction was a success. Lots of gift cards and items to choose from. Profit was similar to last year. Staying open a little later in the day gave residents a chance to pick up items from the auction as well still being able to still purchase from the Artisan Market.

Over 90's: The voucher program seemed to be a success. Six or Seven residents stopped by the OHD tent to pick up their vouchers. The committee felt this approach worked very well and gave the residents a chance to select from 4 vendors what they wanted to have for lunch. Committee will probably do the same next year.

Entertainment: Everything seemed to go well. Mike Clark did a great job on sound. He suggested we move Tasty Fry further away from the entertainment tent because the generator they bring is loud. The generator creates havoc for the sound guys.

Performers can be heard but I think it might make more work for the sound people. Mike said he would come back next year. He was easy to work with from committee perspective and we did not get any feedback from any of the performers regarding dealing with him.

Publicity: The post card was great. The committee was very pleased with size and content. We did discuss having us use the Facebook page more frequently.

Parking/Bus: Worked very well. We will need to reserve the $\frac{3}{4}$ or Full size bus next year. The bus driver requested a copy of the schedule to announce what was happening. We could use more shuttle signs next year. The group discussed purchasing a gift card as a tip for the driver. Holly will arrange that.

Parade: Fewer antique cars this year. We could use Facebook to advertise being in the parade. No issues.

Balloon Rides: Another great balloon year!!! We received more donations than last year. Volunteers arrived late on Friday so got a later start. We will need to work to get additional volunteers lined up for next year.

OHD Booth: The committee identified the need to have a PA system in the OHD tent before the parade started. We need to make numerous announcements before the parade starts.

Volunteer Coordinator: Donna Cormier saved the day with arranging parking support. At the last minute we found out that we needed help with parking. The committee may need to look into replacing the Rotary if they are unable to help next year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Anne Marie and, Nate seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06. The next meeting is scheduled for 8 April 2019 at the Wild Salamander 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mahoney
OHD Secretary