



FINAL Minutes

Old Homes Day Meeting (OHD)

October 4, 2021

Meeting start: 6:34pm

Meeting end: 8:17pm

In Person Participants (Lawrence Barn): Corinne Beaubien, Peter Jones, Lynn Goodchild, Anna Birch, Donna Cormier, Barbara Kowalski KC Morgan, Laurie Miller, Honi Glover, Jan Schwartz, and Tamra Lumpkin.

*****wrap up meeting, the main focus is to make notes on what we can improve on for next year *****

Approved Oct 4, 2021 meeting minutes vis email: Barbara and KC

A. Chair Report

1. 2022 Dates: Sept 16 and Sept 17 Motion Lynne/Jan, passed
 - a. make sure to confirm with HS so homecoming isn't the same weekend
2. need to figure out parking better will work on a plan
 - a. create a bike parking section
3. Ride people
 - a. need to be spread out more
 - b. NO BLOW-UP GUNS
 - c. asked to sell funnel cake for 2022, the committee said no
 - d. maybe bring the trampoline back????

B. Exhibitors/Vendors/ Heritage (Lynne Goodchild)

1. communication with vendors
 - a. make sure email goes out when they register/pay
 - b. update email going out with field spot
2. add a table and chair rental fee?
3. Food Vendors
 - a. need to find: more food for Friday and Saturday night (ice cream, pizza, pulled pork)
4. Robo Cow Patty Bingo was AWESOME!
5. Maybe move picnic tent over to cages more and do more booths
5. Heritage
 - a. need to find: rug maker, broom maker, soap maker

D. Artisans Market (KC Morgan)

1. LOVED the invite-only idea, carry into 2022
2. Community Art Project: didn't really work out
3. make sure we have a clear path into the barn
4. have a sign so people know the barn is "open"
5. watch where booths in from of barn set up (think this will be better with path marked out)

E. Entertainment (Cindy Archeri)

1. Friday DJ worked great; maybe have 5pm-9pm next year
2. Watch where the sound truck was parked; move closer to Entertainment Tent
3. Add "Lawn Games" to Friday night; corn hole, hula hoop
 - a. near DJ?
 - b. sponsorship opportunity?
4. If we keep the Saturday night entertainment
 - a. find sponsor?
 - b. paid band vs college/high school band
5. PA system needs to better
 - a. for the parade; couldn't hear on street Speakers facing town hall????
 - b. for pet pageant; couldn't hear anything speaker near horse ring????

F. Main St Parade (Jan Schwartz)

1. Need help with PA, couldn't hear anything
2. need to look over the wording on the website, should be no payment to be in parade

G. Pet Pageant (Jan Schwartz)

1. GREAT turn out!!!!
 - a. raised \$426.00 to be split between Nashua Society and Delta Dog
2. Maybe do a "pre-registration" on-site before Event
3. have a QR code for payment on day of Event
4. Proceeds to help Nashua Human Society and Delta Dog
5. Still looking for Judges but are close to finding them

H. Auction/Baskets (Anna Birch)

1. Overall good easier to execute but made about \$1,500 less
2. Run both
 - a. raffle baskets in OHD Tent
 - b. Silent actions in barn for larger items

I. Sponsorship

1. Laurie is stepping down and Tamra will be taking over her place as Sponsorship contact

J. Treasury Report (Barbara)

1. Have about 40k in bank
 - a. expenses high last few years
 1. overall prices higher
 2. OHD paying out more
 - b. sponsorship low last few years
2. Bring Fireworks down to 10k (9k paid+1k sponsorship) instead of 11k total
3. Increase booth rental?????
4. Think about buying a few 10x10 EZ ups (about \$150 each) instead of renting
 - a. DPW
 - b. HPD
 - c. mother tent (needs sides)

K. Other Comments

1. Mother Tent: overall good but didn't like placement, felt they were pushed to the side
2. Opening Ceremony
 - a. need to get more attention its happening
 - b. try to get people to be quite???
3. Evening and Day time Announcements: much better then past years
4. Fireworks: why they didn't go off???
 - a. Fire Chief wasn't in place in time he has to be over there and give go ahead
 - b. Police didn't have road blocked road gets blocked from parking lot through center
5. Need Volunteers
 - a. Parade ... help set up
 - b. Secretary year round
 - c. Publicity year round