

MINUTES
TOWN OF MINONG LAKES COMMITTEE
JULY 28, 2009
MINONG TOWN HALL

Present: Sam Lewis
Kate Zimmerman
Bob and Moe Hendrick
Doug Bush
John and Cathy Ney
Russ and Barb Robinson
Ron Brown
Lisa Gabriel
Pete Miller
Tim Poucher
Tony Tubbs

Absent: Don Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 10AM by Sam Lewis. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the recently held Lakes Fair.

The general concensus was that the Fair was an outstanding success. We fed approximately 630 people (plate count). Attendance was estimated at between 800-1000 with many people attending for part of the day and not present for lunch or coming after the food had run out.

Critique:

FOOD:

1. More people to help with sandwich preparation.
2. Prepare sandwiches with just BBQ sauce.
3. Control at sandwich distribution to limit number of sandwiches taken.
4. Setup a way to feed volunteer helpers
5. Plan food (meat) for a larger crowd
6. Allow more than one hour to get lunch

KIDS' GAMES:

1. Water cooler for kids and volunteers.
2. More help to relieve volunteers at kids' games
3. Shut down kids' games at lunch to help relieve volunteers
4. Flag barbed wire fence to alert kids
5. A more meaningful training/education experience for older kids (9-12 years)

EXHIBITORS:

1. Setup RV's and other large equipment/material at periphery to open up area.
2. Exhibitors cannot teardown early – too much distraction
3. Exhibitors need to move vehicles out of general parking area after setup

PRESENTATIONS:

1. One less presentation in the afternoon – schedule was pretty tight.
2. First speaker will have the smallest audience.
3. Most interesting presentation scheduled at end.
4. Speaker area needs to be placed deeper in the Fair area to create flow-through traffic
5. Greater separation between speaker's area and Lakes exhibits to control noise
6. Tents need drop sides at the two sides where presenter's are setup to darken for slide and power point presentations.

ADVERTISING:

1. Thank you ad in NW Shopper – ACTION – Russ
2. Spooner Advocate to run article. If it includes Tony's comments of “thanks” then no reason to run ad
3. Lake Associations should thank volunteers via email or newsletter
4. Jim Bishop from the DNR has been given same article from Tony as the Spooner Advocate.
5. WCLRA newsletter to have PR article. ACTION – Barb and Russ
6. Cards signed by all on the Committee sent to contributors thanks them for their support.
7. Highway signs advertising the Fair are already removed.

GENERAL:

1. We need to ensure that we have handicap parking space set aside.
2. General PA system needed to direct the crowd.
3. Reception desk with layout of Fair, schedule of events and Lost/Found
4. A few more 10X10 tents would be good for kids' area – sun/rain/wind protection.

FINANCIAL RESULTS:

1. We should have approximately \$3000 in the account after all bills are paid.
2. Food and material costs were \$938.02 or about \$1.50/person
3. Goodwill take about \$470.
4. 50/50 raffle \$1272 total, \$636 to the Fair.
5. It was decided that Russ will pay back the Town of Minong \$750 early and ask that they refund our account when they receive the final check from the WDNR.
6. John Ney asked that hours, mileage and materials be turned into him by August 3, 2009 so he can complete the grant paperwork.
7. Russ will complete paperwork for WAL grant including newsletter article. Sam to review for submittal.
8. Russ will need to submit a report to state gaming commission on raffle outcome.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 10 AM at which time we will focus on what the next project for the committee will be. We agreed by consensus that the Fair will not be an annual event but probably scheduled every two-three years to keep it fresh and because of the major time commitment required.

Russ and Barb are holding a BBQ on Saturday August 1, 2009 at 5:30pm to thank all the committee members, including spouses (significant others and roommates). BYOD (bring your own drink). Soft drinks and mixers will be provided. Address: W7116 County Highway I, black mailbox across from

Oakes Road.

Starting with the September meeting the following committee assignments will change:

Sam Lewis will step down as Chair and take the Secretary duties over from Russ Robinson.
Russ Robinson will assume the Chair responsibilities. Tony Tubbs will take over the Treasurer's responsibilities from Russ.

Special Thank You to Barb, Cathy and Moe for their significant efforts to help the committee with Fair planning and execution.

Special Thank You to Sam. We are indebted to him for his leadership and for taking his concept of a Town Lake Association from idea to a solid functioning organization.