

North Yarmouth Events Committee Meeting

2/11/10

Hamlin Residence

In attendance: Darla Hamlin, Clark Whittier, Candy Burgess, Katie Murphy, Theresa Porter, Tim Porter, Jason Raven, Jim Faunce, Linda Rackely.

Money Stuff: Within two years, we gained (2008) and lost money (2009). Net: \$0. For last year specifically, we lost \$1,763.

Marnie wants NYEC to have its own account (checkbook).

Theme: Ashley, who was not present, wanted to pass on that she likes the idea of a "fun" carnival type theme. Katie liked the idea of "resources." Clark liked the family/parks theme suggested by Jim. Jason liked "this land is your land." In these relatively tough economic times, we might want to be creative about what we highlight. Katie suggested "Rediscover North Yarmouth." Darla wants to actively solicit key words/phrases. Send your ideas to Darla by next Wednesday.

Ask art teachers in the schools to ask students to submit ideas for a logo for Fun Day 2010, based on the theme we pick.

Summer Concert: the Maine Army National Band will not make a decision about whether they will perform in North Yarmouth until a couple of weeks from now. The idea for this summer concert would be to combine it with a Fire Dept. bean supper (or barbeque?).

Budget: Darla said that we could ask for the same amount of \$ and spend it differently. Clark and Candy however said they were pretty sure that we won't get \$8900; in fact, they said we may only get half. Clark said it may be that the money will have to be repaid by August 1.

A discussion about town funding occurred. There was concern that monies contributed by donors/advertisers (private) not be returned at any time to the town General Fund.

New Business: Darla's letter to Heather Giandrea was cited. (emailed to committee members previously) We decided that we would be happy to accept the Cumberland Rec's money for an entertainer.

Jason reports that Heather is very happy with the date change for Fun Day.

Family "Triathlon:" Jim talked to Will Thomas who puts on triathalons throughout Maine. Sanctioned vs. not sanctioned. Non-sanctioned means that Will could run it, and ask for a rider from the town.

Wescustogo Park to Baston Park. Cross the road to Old Town House Park. Then maybe do the bike/run. Another possibility is to use Chandler Brook by using it for bicycling. There are lots of good trails that could be utilized in OTH Park.

How many parks do we want to incorporate? Flat fee for a family plus X number of \$\$ for t-shirts. It could be a lot of fun--water tables set up (even standing in the river!) Sprinklers, squirt guns? More...

Rec Committee should be involved in this planning and organization, as should the Conservation Commission.

Jim will work up a Google Map with routes for the triathlon and share it with committee members as well as the Rec and Conservation Comms, and the Royal River Conservation Trust, who are stewards for the Chandler Brook Park property.

Katie reports that because of the August date we will not be able to get the Greely Middle School Band. She asked everyone to be on the lookout for any acts/groups, especially musical ones, which might be part of the parade for low or no cost.

Jason is interested in getting a line dancing act for Fun Day. Candy reports that her cousin teaches line dancing and will ask her.

Katie will ask Kelly Newell if she'll do Zumba again for Fun Day.

Sponsors for Games: It was suggested that the games have sponsors this year. Sponsors would staff games from 9-4. We already have commitments from Averill Insurance, the Decker Family, the LDS Church (possibly), the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts. Darla said that in exchange a sign would be made that would note sponsorship, and volunteers will still get t-shirts.

Committee Organization: Jason will take on Vendor Tables and Booths. Ann Marie will coordinate Fundraising. Clark wants to help with Logistics and Parade. Tim will handle Logistics; there will be more to Logistics this year because of the Triathlon. Katie will organize the Parade. (Candy has some "no date" ribbons to hand over to her.) Although Candy won't be at Fun Day, she will participate in all planning meetings for the day. Bryce will coordinate the Games. Linda will handle Entertainment.

Although we had initially decided to move the Children's Games to the area where the tent is currently, in the last meeting it was voted that the Children's Games stay where they are for various reasons.

Jason notes that we need to keep recruiting members for the committee.

Darla noted that she'd like to keep meetings to 1 ½ hours each time, if possible.

ACTION ITEMS:

Everyone: Send your ideas re: theme for Fun Day 2010 to Darla by next Wednesday.

Jim will work up a Google Map with routes for the triathlon

Everyone: Please be on the lookout for any acts/groups, especially musical ones, which might be part of the parade for low or no cost. Send ideas to Katie.

Candy to ask her cousin about demonstrating/leading line dancing for Fun Day.

Katie to ask Kelly Newell if she'll do Zumba again for Fun Day.

Everyone: keep recruiting members for the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Murphy