

Old Home Day Committee **Minutes of Meeting July 29, 2015** 7pm at the Library

Present:

Members: Ken Koerber, John Stevens, Nancy Lang

Public: Don Larsen, Mark Lang, Tom Cusano, Tammy Bowne, Heather Luby, Shannon Luby

Called to order at 7:05 pm.

Beer Tastings: The Town Hall and Theatre Restoration Project trustees have decided not to be involved with the beer tent this year. The OHD Committee decided that we would be the sponsoring organization. Don has been in contact with Henniker Brewery Company about supplying the beer for tasting, and with High Street Farmhouse and Number 5 Tavern about sponsoring the tastings. Sponsor(s) would help with costs of the glasses and other supplies. Tasting glasses (5.5 oz.) with a 2 sided logo run about \$450 for 150 glasses. The glasses would have the sponsor's logo on one side and "Dunbarton 250th Celebration" on the other. Discussed buying extra glasses that could be sold in boxed sets of 4 as souvenirs of the 250th celebration. Don will contact Brad Connolly about being a co-chair for the beer tastings. Tom will also help out. Many members of the Garden Club have helped serve in the past. Tom will recruit volunteers among them. Don will need to get the servers' names and basic information soon to get the license done. There will be a training meeting for the volunteers.

If either of the restaurants agrees to sponsor the beer tastings, they may also set up a food booth. Concerns were expressed that this might cut into the food sales for the Garden Club and Church. We will need to make sure that the restaurants aren't serving anything that will duplicate what the town groups are selling. Don noted that last year, the High Street Farmhouse supplied coupons offering free appetizers and/or discounts that were given to patrons of the beer tasting, instead of selling food.

K-9 Demo: Tammy has contacted Bow PD and the State Police about a K-9 demonstration. They will be here during the 1-3 pm time slot on Saturday.

Pancake Breakfast: Lt. Heather Luby of Fire Explorers Post 663 (Dunbarton/Goffstown) reported that they will be holding a pancake breakfast at the Fire Station on Sunday morning, from 8-10:30am. Menu will include Pancakes, bacon, sausage, and eggs. They will be asking for "boot donations". The Post is also working on a float for the parade and a display of historic firefighting equipment.

Tents: Tom is negotiating prices for 2 day tent rentals. Most companies don't want to come on Sunday to take down the tents, so a 2 day rental is essentially the same price as a Saturday rental. Looking to rent a 40 by 60 or 40 by 80 tent to be placed on the Common along School Street between the Library and Robert Rogers Road. Mark seemed to think that the ambulance would still fit on the corner, or they can park on School St, which will be closed to traffic anyway. Tom will also contact Taylor Rental about the bounce houses, tables and chairs. They should have last year's order in their files.

Publicity: John received an email from Line with contact information for the Bow Times. This is a monthly paper, and the deadline for the August 15 issue is August 1. John will send Nancy the list of events we have scheduled so far, and Nancy will write an article and send it in.

Parade: Starting time will be 11:00 am, unless there is a pressing reason to start earlier. This will put the end time closer to noon, when food concessions will start.

Food: The Garden Club will be serving burgers, dogs, and other food on Saturday from 12-5. The Congregational Church will sell desserts and coffee on Saturday. Tom will contact Shelley Westenberg to coordinate what each group is actually doing. May have the Church do all food on Sunday. The PTO will NOT be doing a bake sale this year.

Schedule/Contacts: John will sort the updated spreadsheet by who is responsible for contacting or coordinating each portion of the schedule. This will be sent out in excel and pdf formats.

Music: John has been in contact with Lizz Ferdina, looking for Spireside regulars interested in performing Sunday afternoon. With the Bel-Airs booked for 1-3, we will need to fill 2 one-hour slots: 12-1 and 3-4.

Demonstrations, Vendors, and Sponsors: If we raise funds from sponsorships and vendor fees, could it be used for more fireworks? Could also use to cover expenses for Sunday activities. Also discussed allowing those doing demos to sell items. For example, if we get a blacksmith to do a demo, can he sell some of his wares, without being charged a vendor fee. Application form includes the space fee. Consensus was that those selling items to offset their cost of being here for a demo would not be charged a space fee. This would be noted on the form we give that person.

Next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 5 at 7 pm**. We will most likely be meeting weekly 9on Wednesdays) until Old Home Day.

Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Nancy Lang
Secretary