

**Old Home Week 2020 Committee
Old School Community Room
Wilmington, Vermont**

October 3, 2019

Present: Nicki Steel, Carol Bogard, Mary Towne, Deb Boyd, Denise Childs, Julie Moore and Carl Swanson
Also present: Stacie Brooks, Spencer Crispe and Jim Dassatti

The meeting was called to order by Nicki at 7 P.M.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Deb and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 7-0

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that there was no activity this past month on either the checking or savings accounts. Nicki asked if we had gotten the prize money from the fair. Mary said she had not seen it yet. She will follow up on this matter.

Public Comments: Spencer Crispe said he was attending the meeting as a representative of the Trails Committee to find out how his group could get involved with the OHW 2020 activities. Nicki explained the activities that have been planned to date and mentioned some times where his group might fit in with a "trail walk." Spencer mentioned several trails, the Beaver Brook Trail, Hoot, Toot and Whistle Trail and the Reardon Bridge Trail, where they might do a "trail walk." It was thought that the Beaver Brook Trail might be best since it is a loop.

Julie mentioned that we had also thought that along the trail they might put luminaries and if his group wanted to undertake this, they could sell the luminaries as a fund raiser.

Deb suggested that they have a display at registration on Thursday and Friday at Memorial Hall and sell the luminaries then. It could also be mentioned on our web site. Nicki suggested having maps. Spencer said that they are due to publish a new map in 2020 and also thought it would be a good idea to have them available during registration.

Upon further discussion Spencer thought that a trail walk would work best for his group if it was on Saturday since members are mainly volunteers. Other ideas were that the proceeds from the luminaries be dedicated for use to build or replace a bridge along one of the trails.

Spencer will go to his committee to discuss this project and will plan on coming back to one of our meetings in the new year with a report, perhaps in February.

Old Business:

Mailing List – Denise checked the mailbox today and it was empty. She gave Deb returns she had picked up earlier in the month. Deb reported that things were pretty quiet.

Memorabilia – Water bottles – Stacie reported on the research she had done on water bottles. After some discussion it was decided NOT to sell water bottles.

Totes – Stacie had gotten a tote bag from Jessica that cost \$5.50. After some discussion a motion was made by Mary and seconded by Carl to order from Cronin Creations 200 totes size 15 x 12 (landscape) with the OHW logo in black and sell them for \$8. Motion passed 7-0. Stacie will get a tote with the OHW logo for promotional purposes.

T-shirts – After some discussion it was decided to stay with the 4 colors already chosen for the adults (Carolina Blue, Sport Grey, Heather Seafoam and Heather Coral Silk). For the kids the colors will be Carolina Blue, Sport Grey, Mint and Regular Coral Silk.

Nicki said that the volunteer t-shirt will have volunteer added at no extra cost.

Minimum orders: Nicki wondered if there should be a minimum on group orders of 25. Stacie will check with Jessica to see if she would like a minimum and if so, how many.

Stacie said that if we want to start selling memorabilia items over the Memorial Day Weekend, we would need to get our order in by May 1 and our second order cut-off date would be the third week of June. The committee expressed some concerns as to Jessica's business plan for the coming year. Stacie will speak with her regarding her future plans.

Glasses: Nicki has been back in touch with Catamount Glass. They felt that the logo would show up better if they put it on a white oval. They will also put something on the back side of the glass. It was suggested that be "A town celebration every 10 years since 1850".

A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Denise to order 2 gross of the glasses from Catamount Glass (1 gross of the clear stemless wine glasses and 1 gross of the Willi Becher glasses).

Motion passed 7-0.

Seth at Catamount will ship glasses in sets of 4. People would contact him directly and then he would reimburse us for the glasses.

It was decided to sell glasses and totes starting in November if possible. While we will take orders for t-shirts they would not be available until the end of May 2020.

Discussion followed about getting pictures of items on the web site and how people would go about ordering and paying for them. Nicki said that we need to get with Fran Cunningham to update our site and to decide if we want to set up a "pay-pal" account or how we want orders to be handled.

Deb and Stacie volunteered to either develop an order form that would be printed out and sent in or work with Fran on the details of the order form and how to obtain payment.

Budget: A brief discussion followed. It was thought that we looked "pretty good" so far but that we should continue to update these figures as time goes along and we get additional information.

New Business:

Jim Dassatti presented a proposal from Readsboro Hometown Redevelopment, Inc. to provide food for participants in the OHW Parade on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Nick said that we will not be making any decisions on this matter until the new year and we see if there are any additional bids. Jim will convey this to them.

Nicki will meet with the Rotary on Oct. 24 at the Rescue Barn to see if they are interested in doing anything toward OHW 2020.

She will also meet with the Old School Community Center group on Nov. 5 to see if they are interested in participating in some way.

Other Committee members are welcome to come.

Nicki reported that "Bash the Trash" is interested in participating in OHW. They are a musical group using instruments made from recycled materials. They could do a concert or they could get together with a group and make instruments and then march in the parade.

More volunteers needed.

Nicki encouraged everyone to personally speak to friends to encourage them to get involved. Some places they might help are as follows:

Silent Auction – Need someone to gather items and display them for web site and during registration

Co-Ordinator for Saturday afternoon field activities (layout of field, etc.)

Publicity Person to help market and sell memorabilia

Superintendent of Grounds, tent, tables, chairs and toilets

Next Meeting: November 7, 2019

Tasks to be done:

Mary will follow up on the prize money from the Fair

Stacie will check with Jessica regarding minimum order on group t-shirts, she will also get a tote bag with the OHW logo to picture on web site

Stacie will ask Jessica about her business plan for the future

Deb and Stacie will meet with Fran Cunningham to decide on what needs to be done to sell memorabilia thru our web site

Nicki will meet with Rotary on Oct. 24

Nicki will meet with Old School on Nov. 5

Being there no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bogard, Secretary