

**Old Home Week 2020 Committee
Telephone Conference Call
Wilmington, Vermont**

April 2, 2020

Present: Nicki Steel, DJ Boyd, Carol Bogard, Deb Boyd, Stacie Brooks, Mary Genella and Julie Moore
Also Present: Cliff Duncan and Meg Streeter

The meeting was called to order by Nicki at 7:04 P.M.

Secretary's Report: Julie sent me an email after the March minutes were published. On Page 2 under Other Business she wanted it clarified that when she stopped to talk to Charlie Foster at the Wilmington Inn it would be made clear to him that although we didn't object to his having a silent auction in May with the proceeds going to OHW, he would need to find his own volunteers, since the committee felt maxed out with other things to do.

A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Stacie to accept the minutes of the March 5 meeting with this addition. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that there is \$23,027.36 in our savings account and \$997.69 in our checking account. She paid one bill for \$1,713.80 to Cronin Co. after the March meeting. She had received \$92 which was deposited and included in the checking account total.

A motion was made by Deb and seconded by DJ to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Other money matters: Monique White had reported to Nicki that she felt it was not a good time to ask businesses in the valley for sponsorships. All agreed.

In view of the current situation in our country, Nicki suggested that we might want to review our budget sometime soon.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

Tent Rentals: Cliff reported that he has come to an agreement with Green Mountain Tents for rental of 1 tent, 20 tables and 250 chairs at a cost of \$2,195.00 with a 10% discount if we allow them to advertise. All agreed that a sign in the ground beside the entrance to the tent with the company's info would be perfectly fine.

Nicki said that since the Rotary doesn't give grants to businesses, she will write the grant to Rotary on behalf of OHW with money to be used for tent rental, etc.

Cliff has not made any final arrangements with All Out Septic Management. In the February minutes, it was decided that we needed 3 handicapped and 4 regular porta-potties (1 reg. and 1 handicapped for the beginning of the parade and 3 reg. and 2 handicapped for the field). Plus 3 wash stands for the field. Following some discussion, it was decided to add another wash stand for the field making 4 in total.

Cliff also reported on the progress he has made with the Old Red Mill. Jerry Osler will let us use the building and deck. Since they no longer have a liquor license, Cliff is looking for someone with an off-premise liquor license that could run a cash bar. After some discussion it was decided that OHW would be supportive of the event but not financially. Cliff will decide whether there will be an admission charge or by donation.

A motion was made by Stacie and seconded by Mary to add this to our schedule for July 31 as "Village Night After Party" with music by Peter Miles from 8-11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Catamount Glass – Nicki reported that they are still planning to make good on the glasses. She has collected the unsold glasses and is just waiting to hear back from them.

Balloons – No report. Julie will follow -up.

Parade – Nicki spoke with Jim Dassatti and he has agreed to change his "Letter to the Editor" to reflect that it is his point of view. He was hoping to do another mailing to solicit additional bands for the parade. He was encouraged to cut back on his mailings.

Being an election year, Jim wondered about sending invitations to the VT governor and VT State Representatives. After some discussion it was decided not to issue any formal invitations.

Memorabilia

Possible vote on cost of volunteer shirts – There was some discussion about charging volunteers for t-shirts, further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

New Business:

House Tour – Meg Streeter reported that she has 6 families that are willing to open their homes for the house tour (3 farm houses and 3 village houses). Ticket prices were discussed. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by DJ to charge \$10 per ticket. Meg also said that she needs signs for each house and a brochure telling about each house. She will ask Mary Towne for help on the brochure as she did 10 years ago. She also said that in 2010 the volunteers were each given a t-shirt. (3 volunteers at each house = 18 shirts).

Any other business

Deb mentioned that Zoom is free for 40 minutes at a time for up to 100 people. Nicki didn't think we could hold our meetings to 40 minutes. There is an enhanced Zoom for \$14.99 a month. Stacie said that she uses Google Hangouts with some of her customers.

Deb volunteered to talk to Jessica at the Town Hall to see if they might be using any of these for other town meetings.

Press Release: Nicki will put a notice in the Valley News, the Brattleboro Reformer, OHW web site and on Facebook that the committee is still moving forward with plans to hold OHW as scheduled in 2020. After some discussion it was decided that we could probably hold off making a decision to cancel until late May or early June.

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by DJ to move into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. Motion passed. The committee came out of Executive Session at 8:34.

A motion was made by Nicki and seconded by Julie that together they contact the two people discussed to serve as Grand Marshalls in the parade.

Julie will also contact the parents of the 4 children she has identified as Junior Attendants as they will be the same whether the parade is held in 2020 or 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2020

Tasks to be done:

Nicki will write the grant to the Rotary for the tent, tables and chairs.

Cliff will add an additional wash station (4 instead of 3) on the field.

Cliff will continue to look for someone with an off-site liquor license to operate the bar at the Old Red Mill on Friday, July 31 from 8-11 p.m.

Julie will follow-up on balloons

Meg will ask Mary Towne to help with the House Tour brochure

Deb will talk to Jessica at the Town Hall regarding their use of tele-conferencing

Nicki will put out a news release regarding our intentions to move forward with our plans for OHW in 2020

Julie and Nicki will contact those selected by the committee to serve as Grand Marshalls

Julie will contact the parents of the 4 children she has identified as Junior Attendants

Being there no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bogard, Secretary