

MINUTES OF THE LEE FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
3:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erick Sawtelle, Chairman; Ken Brisson; Paul Tuck; Tom Dronsfield; Laura Gund; Chuck Cox; Gloria Quigley; Denise Duval & Caren Rossi

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherri Griffith

Chairman Sawtelle opened the meeting at 3:00PM.

Caren Rossi explained that since Dale Doller is not a member of the fair committee and he can't attend the meetings, nights or days, she removed him from the email list. Was this ok with the committee?

All others agreed.

Caren Rossi read the bills for the 2022 into the record for approval:

Fireworks	\$9,000
Emi's Porta Pots	550
Chris Salemme	500
John Webb/Petty Thieves	500
Aubuchon	374.10
Caren Rossi	41.42
AMI Graphics	264
Beth Booth Balloon Animals	400
Maddie/ Face Painting	400
Sherry Griffith	112. 72
Tricky Dicks	285
Gloria Quigley	57
Kristen Cisenaros	130.35
San Wal Farm	100

Caren Rossi explained that San Wal Farm didn't want the money, they want the money donated to the children in need fund which is held in the police association account. All committee members agreed with the \$100 for pumpkins gourds etc. and to go to the Police Association account to be used on the kids in need in town.

Lee Circle Grocery	125.73
Postage	35
Staples- Thank you Cards for sponsors	18.49

Ken Brisson made a motion to pay the bills as presented.

Tom Dronsfield second.

Vote: all, motion carried.

Caren Rossi will submit them for payment.

Caren Rossi explained that she and Tom have collected to date \$7,800 for this years event and after the June event money etc. it will leave a balance of about \$16,178. Caren received a \$100 donation just yesterday that has not yet been deposited. The recreation commission encumbered \$3,500 dollars towards the fire works as well as the Agricultural Commission contributed \$1,000. Leaving the fireworks to only cost the fair committee \$4,500.

The group discussed the fireworks. Caren Rossi read the letter from the fireworks company about the class c (in file) the committee determined that next year they will request the Select Board to contribute half but anticipate having to pay for them all. They didn't feel it was good to go from this years 30 min show to a 12 minutes show for only a savings of \$3,000.

Caren Rossi explained that ORYA is exploring getting a concession trailer to be able to sell concessions as a fund raiser. She thought next year they should sell hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks at the fair. This was a complaint she got from several people. Needed more food and drinks.

Others agreed. Then also discussed starting at noon to give more time for food sales and events. The events seemed cramped.

Bingo

Caren Rossi explained that Scott Bugbee expressed that it was a lot of work for a little bit of money. Not sure if they would do it next year.

The committee asked Caren Rossi to reach out to Mary's Dogs to see if they would be interested in doing it again.

Car Show

Erick Sawtelle asked if parking the cars out-front by the sign was an option for next year.

Tom Dronsfield said that there is not enough room and having them out front would cause a traffic problem with people driving by and stopping along the road to see them. Perhaps it should be a separate event.

Others agreed. No decision made.

Caren Rossi commented that in years past the fire department puts there trucks out there.

Farm Games

Chuck Cox said that farm games were very successful. About 30 people participated. It would be nice to have a board to put the results so people can see how they compare to others. Need more people to help run the event.

Tom Dronsfield said it would be nice to be able to do some type of awards ceremony at the end of the day.

Others agreed.

Dinner

Erick Sawtelle said it went well, over 400 people served. Hard to say exact as a mix up with the tickets. Ran out of food. Next year need more chicken and mac and cheese, which was a big hit. Need more people to help serve and prepare etc.

Games

Sherry Griffith said her games were a huge hit. Frying pan toss had about 16 people. She too needs more people to help. She is in support of stating earlier too.

Children's Parade

Sherry Griffith said next year Nellie Telling and her friend are taking it over.

Tractor Parade

Laura Gund said it was great. Others agreed. She said that she had heard complaints from committees members for having to lug stuff and not be able to drive their cars in.

The committee agreed but said that they were all told ahead of time. This is for safety.

Ice Cream

Gloria Quigley stated that it went well and they netted \$917 they had a container and a half of ice cream left.

Pie Eating Contest

Caren Rossi explained that Chris Moreau would like to run the pie eating contest next year.

Layout

Erick Sawtelle stated we should move the committees and commission on the other side of the courts. And move the serving tent across to the other side of the driveway.

Others agreed.

Next year it was determined that we would start at 12:00pm and sell more food and drinks.

Minutes

Denise Duval made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 7/21/22; 8/16/22 and 9/1/22
Tom Dronsfield seconded the motion.
Vote: all, motion carried.

Erick Sawtelle stated we should resume meetings for the 2023 event in May.

Other members agreed.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES BY: Caren Rossi