**Blackberry Jam Festival Committee**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday March 12, 2024, at 6 P.M.**

Call to order at 6:06 pm

**Present:** Meesa Anders, Darryl Skelton, Dennis Sucamele, George Wild, Jeninne Zimmerman, Tina Moreci, Tony Moreci

**We are unable to record this meeting because there were problems with the laptop**.

Meesa has spoken to :

* Brad Anderson will oversee the corn hole and horseshoes.
* Tim Stratis will oversee the grease pole and coins in the hay. Tim plans to be at the next meeting to talk about a pie baking contest.
* Lon will oversee the crawl, drag and squirt.
* Darryl discussed the car show.
  + The first 25 car registrations will get a tee shirt and a piece of pie.
  + Darryl will work on making posters and registration cards,
  + Contact Cindy Neet at the high school for permission to use the football field and bathrooms for the car show.
  + Ask the City Clerk to look up old registration forms and send them to Darryl as a guideline.
  + Reminder Do not throw candy from the car, a person must be walking close to the curb to hand out candy.
* Lonna has no update on the parade or information booth.
* Lonna will be taking charge of the kid’s corner.
  + Saturday will be covered by Lynn Alexander
  + Sunday will be covered by Jessica McCart.
  + Tony said he has a person willing to donate stuffed animals for the kids.
* Tina has a rough draft layout for the food vendors.
  + Spots with power and the information booth will be highlighted.
* Tina will have the map done by the end of the month.
* Vendor spots are $40.00 and with power $55.00.
* A nonprofit “Toolbox project” would like to have a spot.
* Nonprofit will be moved throughout the Jam this year.
* George had sent an email about the K9 show.
* Security will be overseen by George and Ben. We will use the same person as last year.
* George will talk to the committee at the grange about having a miniature train show.
* George to get quotes for Porta Potty.
* Jeremy will oversee getting the trash bins from Sanita Pac.
* Dennis talked with Steve at Star Rentals and Sales; Steve was unable to explain what happened last year with our boxes.
  + We have a reservation filled out by Justin Shoemaker for 8 spider boxes and 10 power cords.
  + Steve has requested a few jars of Blackberry Jam when we return the boxes.
  + All generators will be held to an 80-decibel level for the safety of others.
* Sponsors:
  + The Bridge Market $500,
  + Brothers Plumbing $500
  + Lane Electric $500.
* Letters to sponsors are being returned with an unknown address.
  + Some sponsors are not able to give this year.
* Jeninne has food trucks Chicken Bonz, Kona Ice, Cascade Café, Dream Rolled Ice Cream, McKenzie Crest Wine both.
  + Unsure about the school football team or the volleyball team.
  + The park will be open for set up at 10am on Friday July 26.
  + All food vendors will need to be in place to be inspected by Fire Chief before the opening of the BBJ at 4pm.
* A BBJ announcement will be in the April Bridge.
* The blackberry jam sold out last year, the plan is to double to order for this year.
* Meesa will talk with the football coach to find out if they are interested in making blackberry cobbler and or pies for the car show registers and to sale.
* Volunteers will wear the same tee shirt design as last year.
* Tee shirt sales: All are in favor of using the historic Lowell fire truck on the front of the shirt this year.
* Meesa will request from the BBJ budget.

1. Sun wings for the front of the stage
2. For the city to buy their own spider box and cords, which can also be used for movies in the park.
3. To rent a tent to cover the kid’s corner.
4. Button maker.
5. Walkie talkies for the volunteers.

Adjourned 7:35pm