

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the Blackberry Jam Festival Committee Meeting
October 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair George Wild

Members Present: George Wild, Gerry Burr, Warren & Maureen Weathers, Mike and Virginia Galvin, Pam Baumann

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 11, 2017 Maureen Weathers moved to approve, second by Gerry Burr. Approved by consensus.

Old Business:

Financial: CA Cobb is working on the draft report.

Public Relations: Went well; plans are to use Facebook more next year.

Poster: Needing idea's for next year's poster.

Programs: Will need to find another distributor for next year.

Advertising: Raising the price of a full page ad was brought forward, item will be brought back at next meeting for more discussion. The new businesses need to be contacted for next year.

Sponsorship: Went well this year.

Crafts: Overall was a huge success, park was full and Pam provided a Vendor Comment summary.

Food Vendors: It was suggested to acquire a vendor for the Car Show venue, more discussion to come.

Entertainment: Good reviews, and Paula has begun working on the line up for next year already.

Quilt Show: The quilt was won by a local resident, Gerry showed a picture of the quilt in progress for next year. A total of \$2,100 was donated to local entities; Lowell Food Pantry, Lowell Fire District, Lowell School Clothes Closet, and Lowell/ Fall Creek Education Foundation. BBJ T-Shirt Quilt did not sell.

Car Show: 91 cars were present at the show. Nate Anderson, Coordinator plans to remain on board for next year.

5KRun: The need for a better finish line area was discussed, for next year.

Parade: Comments of a fragmented parade were voiced, thoughts were to have a walking group lead the parade to help with the pace. Changing parade route to incorporate the sight of the vendors, and the end of parade congestion was discussed.

Fishing Derby: It net \$700, had approx. 75 participants, no youth group assisted with the event. Thanks to Alvin Riggs, James Erlic and Warren Weathers for running the derby.

KidzKorner: Difficult start, finish ok. Mr. Wild will meet with coordinator to review activity.

Kids Activities: Tim Stratis has agreed to supervise the Grease Pole Climb, Lowell PTO has taken on the Pie Eating Contest, and Savannah will do Coins in the Hay for next year.

RCAirplanes: Event at State Park went well, club enjoyed their location. City continues to work on having Orchard Park as a venue in the future.

HorseShoe Event: Brad Anderson is onboard for next year, all went well.

K9 Event: The team was excited to come again, and depending on budget, will be here again

next year. Event was well received by community.

Garbage: In need of a new coordinator.

Layout/set-up/Grounds: In need of a new Information Booth sign, will do a sign up roster to cover shifts at the Information Booth next year, a suggestion was to provide a list of event coordinators at the information booth, work on recruiting new volunteers, and Public Works Dept. would like to set up canopies starting on Thursday next year.

Toilets: No concerns, no bill received from Honey Bucket.

City: Will work with the Dexter Lake Farmers Market in organizing stage access for Jam.

Security: No concerns.

New Business: None

Adjourn: 8:10 PM