

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019

Present: Sophia Berard, Tim Mikovitz, Howard Romero, Joie Lehouillier, Lois Frey

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:14.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes approval was postponed as not all committee members had read the minutes.

3. Directors' Orders

Howard had not brought the director's orders so approval of director's orders was postponed.

4. Season Recap / Matters for TNL Policy Document / Membership / Meeting Frequency

Howard said a lot of money was collected last Tuesday so he guesses we are probably in good shape for next season. He said Mara picks up the donations and delivers the money to Rosemary the next day.

Joie asked if all vendors have paid their fees. Sophie said she is pretty sure all have paid. Mara will know if anyone didn't.

Tim said he thinks we should raise the vendor fee.

Howard said the pizza vendor doesn't use wax paper in the pizza boxes so the boxes can't be recycled. It was agreed that the committee will request that he use paper in the boxes in the future.

Howard said he talked to the person in charge of the Lamoille Soil composting facility, who said that they can take paper products for composting as long as they don't have any plastic in the fiber. There are a couple of testing or regulatory agencies that the products have to be certified by. The ones we got are certified. We may need to make sure that all vendors know about appropriate products. Sophie said the Nepali vendor stopped using styrofoam. The plates we got lasted all season. She will contact the Nepali vendor and suggest that he get some of those plates.

Lois said she heard positive feedback about the vendors compared to the vendors at Morrisville. Committee members said none of them had been to the Morrisville event. Howard said someone should probably check it out next year.

Sophie said Maple Kettle Corn and Green Mountain Kettle Corn want to be contacted regarding possible sponsorship next year.

Sophie said she thinks we should get water bottles for the bands and get a big cooler to put water in rather than waiting for the town to tell us if we can use the spigot at Legion Field. She suggested that next year someone could be in charge of band hospitality. Maybe she could do that.

Sophie suggested that each band member get a \$10 voucher for food. If they order something that costs more than \$10, that will be a vendor contribution. Tim said he thinks vendors should eat the

whole cost. Maybe we can ask vendors to honor meal vouchers but not increase the fee for vendors. Another series he knows of gives a laminated card to band members and they can eat what they want. That festival gets a percentage of vendor profits. Sophie said she thinks if we don't raise their fee and they don't have to deal with trash we could ask them to honor meal vouchers. Tim said he thinks vendors should give us 10% of their profits if we continue to handle trash. Joie said she pays a percentage of her profits at the farmers market. Tim said that is a standard practice. If we charge a percentage maybe we should pay for the bands to eat. Sophie suggested that we not increase fees, take a percentage of profits and ask vendors to feed the bands all at once. It was agreed that the committee doesn't need to decide now what to charge vendors next year. Howard said we may have to hire a market manager who can collect from and manage vendors.

It was agreed that next year the committee will provide a big container of water and water bottles for bands and will offer vouchers to feed band members.

Sophie suggested that next year maybe Jay could be in charge of band hospitality – providing water, making sure the area behind the bandstand looks nice, etc. Tim said that job could be called band hospitality or stage manager. Howard said he thinks we should ask Jay to ensure that he will have Tuesday nights available if he is going to do this. Sophie said she could also be the person in charge of band hospitality. Joie suggested that committee members could take turns.

Joie said she doesn't mind taking the trash because she has a truck but it could be difficult if she wasn't there if no one else has a truck. She doesn't think having a dumpster on site would work. Howard said he ran into a stone wall trying to get a dumpster there. Haulers said they would not make enough money providing one.

Howard said during the winter the committee needs to work on policy. He thinks the committee should meet monthly for a while. We could take December off.

Joie asked if we should find more people. Sophie suggested that Howard send an email asking current committee members to let him know if they want to continue to be on the committee next year.

Howard said the committee needs to develop policies on all aspects of Tuesday Night Live, basically creating an operating manual.

The committee agreed that Tuesday Night Live should be just for food, music and nonprofits.

Howard said the porta-potties need to be cleaned out before each Tuesday Night Live. Joie agreed. Tim said he feels they were mostly clean on Tuesdays. We could lock them in between shows. But committee members noted that they are helpful for the Monday night pizza bakes. Tim said it seems that probably they were cleaned at the end of each week and used to some extent on Mondays. Lois said maybe they should be open only on Mondays and Tuesdays. Tim said we should ask for more next year.

Joie asked if there is an estimate of how many people attended TNL. Tim said last time he would estimate there were seven hundred to a thousand. At many shows he thinks there were 700 to 800 people. He thinks the average is close to 500.

Howard said many people ride their bikes there from Jeffersonville. Sophie asked if we should have a bike rack. Howard said we can look into that. Lois suggested asking the Rec Committee to help with that. Tim said we should ask the Studio Center to design something cool.

Howard said he thinks we ought to have a single greening area with a canopy over it and a big sign. Sophie said Elly Ventura recommended having just one station. Howard said someone can be there to check that people are disposing of items correctly. It should be lit for the last 3 nights of the season. It was agreed that near the Historical Society would be a good spot for it.

Tim asked when the yellow signs will be removed. Howard said he can start working on that this weekend. He asked about the state of the closet. Tim said town-owned equipment is still there. He can store it at Dibden or it can be stored in the municipal building. Howard said he thinks it would be good to store it at the municipal building. For now he can put the yellow signs on the stage. He and Tim can coordinate on removing and storing the signs.

Howard suggested that at some point we will want to think about our needs for sound equipment. He asked if Tim could make a wish list. Tim said he will start by listing what he donated this year.

Howard said he can look at the board that is not working and see if he can get it working. Tim suggested maybe that board could be sold. If it is not working it probably has little value. He suggested that selling some unneeded equipment would be a good idea. That would pay for a few cables.

Howard said we ended the season with around \$3,000. We collected \$700 the first two times donations were collected and we collected a good additional amount the last two times. He suggested maybe we can offer the bands more money in the future. Tim said he does not think we should. He thinks we should use the money for equipment.

Howard said he thinks it would be good to have lights at the trash station, the committee headquarters and maybe in some trees along the road. Tim said battery-powered lights have a lifespan. They may last about two seasons. There are at least two circuit slots open. Howard said he will get hold of Dana Jourdan about adding circuits.

It was agreed to plan to meet on fourth Thursdays. The next meeting will be September 26. Howard will try to put dates of future meetings on the next agenda.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths