

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

Present: Howard Romero, Sophia Berard, Tim Mikovitz, Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Tom Moog

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

The meeting started at about 7:20.

Howard said the committee is down two people now – Mara and Joie have both resigned.

By consensus, Howard was chosen to continue as chair. It was agreed not to elect a treasurer yet, since a new person may join the committee who is interested. The committee does not need a secretary because it pays a professional minute taker.

Sophia and Tom are handling finding bands.

Sophia said she will be having a baby in early June and she doesn't think she will be able to do vendor coordinating during the season. She suggested that she and Abby work together on a vendor agreement for this year and sending out an email to vendors. Abby said she can handle voucher collection and payment and communication with vendors. Sophia said she thinks she can continue to pick up the check for the band every Tuesday. Tom asked why a check needs to be picked up each week. Why can't Rosemary give us multiple checks at the same time? Sophia said she can ask Rosemary if that is possible.

Howard said he can contact some sponsors. He suggested that others could each handle some sponsors as well. Abby said she can do some.

Sophia said she will forward the email from Jen Burton that tells how to check the committee email address so everyone is able to check it.

Howard said he will check to find out how much cash the committee has in the bank and send out the information. *[He reported the next day that the committee has a little over \$5K.]* Tom asked if there is anything we have to buy this year. Tim said he has a whole list of things we can buy if we have enough money. Abby said it would be interesting to see a summary of how much was spent on different things last year.

Sophia said she feels like we talked about trying to raise more money this year in order to pay bands a little more.

Tom asked how the town would feel about a cannabis business sponsoring Tuesday Night Live. Tim said it would be like having Rock Art as a sponsor. Tom said he can get contact information from a couple of companies that are sponsoring music at Oxbow Park. Abby asked if we ask Smuggs to sponsor. Tom suggested asking Smuggs, Stowe, and Jay Peak. Abby asked how many people we think attend TNL. Tom said 500 to 1000 each week. The committee agreed on a general goal of trying to find some bigger sponsors.

Howard said at the next meeting the committee will have to figure out how much money Tim can use to buy gear.

Sophia said there are 5 Tuesdays in August this year. She asked if the committee wants to have an open mike night for the last Tuesday. Tom pointed out that if we have a band that night it is an extra expense but if we do

an open mike night there is no extra expense. Tim said we need a solid MC. Sophia suggested a drag queen MC. Tim said his highest attended shows have been drag shows.

Sophia moved to have an open mike night on August 30, Tim seconded and the motion was passed.

Sophia asked about the amount we will pay bands this year. Tim said he thinks we need to find out how much we have before we decide. Howard suggested telling bands we will pay at least \$100 per person and that we are hoping to be able to offer more.

Tom said he wonders if we can get a grant for this kind of thing. Howard said he doesn't think a one-time grant would make sense.

Howard said he heard from the waffle vendor and told them they are welcome back this year.

Tom noted that with supply chain issues and a lot of people ordering to go items the price of compostable dinnerware may have gone up.

Howard said last year we separated out compost, clean recyclables and trash. The compostable dishes we require can't be composted in our local facility because its piles don't get hot enough. Abby asked, the solid waste district composting facility doesn't take them? Howard said that is right. Howard said before we started separating out recycling the largest amount of trash we had in one night was 10 50-gallon bags. Last year we probably had one 5-gallon bucket of compost each Tuesday and trash was probably down to 3 50-gallon bags. He has suggested that the solid waste district get a shredder for the compostable containers so they can be composted at the Johnson site. If they don't do that he thinks we should go back to putting everything in the trash. Howard said the Department of Health doesn't allow vendors to put their food into containers brought by customers. Sophia said that is because of cross-contamination. The vendor's spoon would touch a customer's bowl and then go back into the vendor's food. Howard said because of that we can't encourage people to bring their own containers. Abby said we don't need to ask vendors to buy expensive compostable dinnerware if we are not composting it.

The committee agreed not to raise the vendor fee this year.

Mara and Joie were the ones who posted to the Facebook page. Abby said she doesn't mind doing it. Tim suggested that could be a good job for new people who join the committee.

Abby said she is willing to deal with the nonprofits who have tables at TNL.

Howard said we need to build a closet off the back of the existing building.

Howard said Brian Raulinaitis, who manages the ice skating rink, wants to have the field leveled. Howard told him we had better make sure there is grass on the field for TNL. Committee members agreed Brian should either do the leveling work early enough that there is time for the grass to regrow or wait until fall. Howard will follow up on that.

It was agreed to schedule the next meeting for April 12 at 7:00.

Tom moved to adjourn at 8:45, Sophia seconded and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths