

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

**Present:** Howard Romero, Sophia Berard, Tim Mikovitz (via Zoom), Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Joie Lehouillier, Tom Moog

**Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Joie said we have \$138 to put towards meals for bands next year. Howard said he believes our balance was around \$4K but then we spent a lot of that on audio equipment.

Tim said he likes 8 shows in a season rather than 9. Tom agreed. (*Sophia arrived at 7:06.*) Abby asked what was negative about having a 9<sup>th</sup> show. Tom said he barely made it to the last show himself because his kids had started school. He thinks we will always have less attendance after school has started. Tim noted that there will be 5 Tuesdays next August as well. Sophia agreed that once school started going to TNL got a little harder. Joie said she thought the last show was fun and others agreed.

Abby asked if it seemed like we addressed the noise issue. Howard said he didn't hear any complaints. Tom said the neighbor complained once on a night when we hadn't noticed that vendors had shifted their positions so generators were closer to his house. We had people move the generators and he was satisfied.

Tom said he thinks it would be great if we got another outlet so people could plug in and not use generators. Howard said a dream of his would be to really set up Legion Field for TNL, including lights. Tim said we would need more power. Sophie said there has been talk of having a committee that includes representatives from all the different groups that use Legion Field. It is just a theoretical idea so far.

Joie said next year we need to get better commitment from our vendors or get more vendors. Tim said not charging vendors much means they don't feel tied in to attending. Joie suggested next year when the bands are ready to eat we should escort them to the front of the line so they don't have to wait too long for their food. Because we had so few vendors, the wait times were long enough that it was affecting the bands' performance time. Tom said next year he can suggest to the bands that they might want to eat at the start of the evening. He started telling them that this year. Another possibility is that maybe someone from the committee can go get their food for them. The committee agreed to try to get more vendors, encourage bands to eat either before or after their performance and, if necessary, let band members cut the line to get their food.

Howard asked if Tim was happy with the sound. He said he was by the end of the season when we had all the equipment we needed.

Joie said she would like the leftover cash left in the safe so we can have it for the start of next year. Between that and passing the basket around we will have enough to pay vendors.

Sophia mentioned that one band said they would have 7 members and then only 2 showed up. The check we had for them was based on the larger number of members. The committee discussed the difficulty of adjusting payment on the night of the event. A check from the town has already been printed at that point. The only way to adjust the amount would be to pay cash. Abby asked if every musician is paid the same amount. Sophia said not exactly. The amount paid to each band is based on the number of musicians and on other factors. Tom said when paying for talent it is normal to pay different prices for different performers. Tim said if a band shows up with fewer members than they said they would have, that is a breach of contract. Tom said we wouldn't want to upset a band right before they played by telling them we planned to pay them less than they had expected. It is hard to address the issue at that moment. Howard said he thinks we need to either let it go or pay in cash. Tim said he thinks we should let it go. Others agreed.

Tom suggested reviewing the band contract at the first meeting next year to see if there is anything we should add to it. It was agreed to do that, and to review the vendor contract as well.

Tom said if vendors aren't showing up we may have to replace them. Tim suggested we could collect 5% of their gross receipts each night and hold it until the end of the season, when they would get it back if they completed their contract.

Howard said there were a lot of plates that couldn't be recycled or composted. He suggested that the TNL committee could buy the proper type of serviceware for all the vendors and that we could increase the vendor fee to help cover the cost. Tom suggested that he and Howard work on investigating sources and cost.

Committee members commented that the Better Business Bureau gave us \$1000 to be able to have a table and then never came.

Abby said our balance as of September 15 was \$5222.08. She noted that the college contributed \$500 in August. The September 15 balance was after Tim had been reimbursed \$2400 for an equipment purchase. He is still owed some more money.

Howard said he thinks it might be good idea to have an operations manual for future (and current) committee members to refer to. Joie said just a couple of pages with timelines would be helpful.

Tom suggested having a log book with notes on each event. If there is ever an incident such as something requiring an ambulance it is good to have notes because someone could decide to sue a couple of years later.

Joie said for next year she thinks we need to make sure we have an MC for every night. Others agreed.

Joie said she will put together a summary of how to handle the Monopoly money. Sophie suggested that by the start of next year each committee member could write down the timeline and process for what they do. Howard said then he can turn it into a graphic.

Sophia suggested we probably need more people on the committee. Abby asked if we could get someone from the college or a new committee member to help us with Instagram.

Tom asked why we can't pay bands using a method like Venmo. Others said the town may not be willing to set up a Venmo account. Abby said maybe we should meet with the people making the decisions and see if there is another way to do it. Sophia said she thinks we should discuss it with Rosemary and the selectboard. Tom asked, what if a sponsor or vendor wants to send money a different way? Sophia said so far people have paid by sending a check to the town or by giving us cash at the first TNL. She hasn't heard from any vendors or sponsors asking if they can use Venmo.

Howard said he already dismantled the sponsor signs with Peter Hammond's help. He took photos of the setup first.

Howard asked Tim to write up a detailed inventory of the equipment we own. He (Howard) will write up what is in the closet.

Howard said Cal Stanton has the mural and will spruce it up by spring. Howard will photograph the 4 panels and have a scrim made for our backdrop.

Joie said the Historical Society ran out of pies by 7:00 every time. It would be good if we could help them get more people to make pies.

It was agreed to hold the first meeting of the next season in March and to advertise for new committee members in January or February. If current committee members are aware of people who might want to join, they can be added at any time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*

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