

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MOOG'S JOINT, ROUTE 15, JOHNSON
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

Present: Howard Romero, Sophia Berard, Tim Mikovitz, Abby Gladstone-Strobel (remote), Tom Moog, Charles Flaum, Geoff Hollis

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:06.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Howard for chair. **Howard was elected chair.**

The following assignments were agreed on:

Bands – Sophia and Tom

Sound – Tim

Sponsors – Charles

Vendors – Sophia and Jeff (Sophia to get them lined up and Jeff to deal with them at TNL)

Nonprofits – Abby

Abby said someone has offered to take care of the flower beds at TNL and there is a business that wants to cover the cost.

Geoff said he can help Howard with trash.

Howard said he has been working on a design to build out Legion Field with improvements including a storage shed. This is in conjunction with the oven committee, the ice rink and recreation. The plans include a full porch for the storage building and water and probably sewer going to it. He is thinking of plumbing it for two bathrooms. There would be lighting on the field and electricity and water to the oven. There is a large grant that has been all but promised to Johnson. He thinks the Vermont Community Fund will fund the Legion Field improvements.

The committee would like to have vendors lined up by the end of May. Howard said Lynda Hill wants to be able to start making sponsor signs as early as May 1. The goal is to have all the information for the poster by June 1.

Only one page of the minutes was sent out so it was agreed to postpone minutes approval until the next meeting.

The committee discussed continuing with the policy of charging \$300 for vendors and returning \$100 at the end of the season to any vendor who comes to every show. Last year only two bands got the \$100 refund.

It was discussed that we should find out what other venues are charging vendors. Tom said he thinks Morrisville charges \$300. He will check.

Geoff will be in charge of work that needs to be done at the site on Tuesday nights. He works at the elementary school and he said last year there was a large amount of trash and hazardous items on the playground on Wednesday mornings. He would like to get a school resource officer to spend time on the playground during TNL to prevent problems. He also thinks it would be helpful to have an additional trash receptacle outside the playground gate. He will contact a resource officer.

Tom said he can pick up the checks for the bands from Rosemary.

Abby asked if we will have the same policy for nonprofits – that they can have a donation jar but not sell anything. Others agreed we should continue with that policy.

There was discussion about whether sponsor fees should be raised. Sophia said she thinks we had previously talked about keeping fees the same and trying to get more \$1000 sponsors.

Tom moved to keep sponsor fees the same this year, Sophia seconded and the motion was passed.

Howard said we can get a 16 ft. storage container for two months, delivered, for \$453.68. **Tom moved to approve renting a storage unit, Tim seconded and the motion was passed.** Howard said we will need to clear some brush in the area where the storage container will be placed. Howard is thinking we would buy our own container in the future. It will sit parallel to the stage on the back side.

Abby said the thank you cards were ordered with the TNL logo. They will be delivered March 20.

Sophia will contact Carrie Cook about the poster.

Howard will get a couple of “No dogs allowed” signs for the field.

Howard said when committee members buy something for TNL we should have Rosemary make the purchase with the town credit card. The selectboard feels we should not pay out of our own pockets and get reimbursed.

Howard said he has a check for \$350 made out to Marsala Salsa for the sign painters to use. He will give it to them when Lynda Hill gets back from traveling.

Sophia said she has 3 bands potentially lined up. One is booked. She has reached out to others.

Tom said it would be great to have the MC be someone like Chris Lyon who could step in if the band didn't show up. The committee agreed to offer the opportunity to Chris Lyon first in gratitude for him saving the day this past summer. The committee had previously agreed to pay the MC \$50 per night and provide a free meal.

The next meeting will be April 15 at Moog's Joint.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:31 and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths