

# OHD committee Meeting Minutes

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09 April 2024 / 7:05 PM / Academy Hall

## Roll Call

Chair Jennifer Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

Jennifer Hoyt (Chair)-present, Dave Merwin(SHS) -Present, Nathan Irving  
-Absent, John Herbert (EX-Officio) -Present, Brennen Lorden( Fire Dept)  
-Present

Guests: Celine Fortin- ( on Zoom )

## Old Business:

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approve meeting minutes from March 11,2024
2. Update on Parade Leader
3. Update on Kid's Activities
4. Buttons design
5. Corn Hole update
6. Replacement of Chili Contest?

## New Business

- Citizen of the year Tally for 2024.
- This year's budget ( see attached )
- Election of officers. John Hebert explained that the select board appointed Jennifer Hoyt to the OHD committee as her term expired on

March 12 2024 , so they reappointed her at their last meeting. The OHD committee will need to accept his appointment. Dave motioned to accept the select board's appointment of Jennifer Hoyt to the OHD Committee .Dave Merwin made a motion to nominate Jennifer Hoyt to OHD committee Chair , Brennen Lorden made the second, all voted in favor .

## NOTES

- First order of business was to approve the March 11 meeting minutes . Dave made the motion to approve, John made the second, Jennifer , John and Dave approved and Brennen Abstained due to his absence at the last meeting.
- Dave Merwin asked about food at the car show & fireworks . Many people ask why we don't have that. Jennifer explained that last year there just wasn't anyone who wanted to come and do that, Dave then explained how they used to cook up hot dogs and hamburgers themselves on a grill. Jennifer then asked if he would like to do that again . Dave said no. Brennen Lorden offered to ask the fire department at their meeting this Thursday if they would like to do that the night of the fireworks. Dave and Jen said that would be fantastic. Jennifer said that they may want to just stick with hotdogs because hamburgers have become far too expensive. Jennifer also explained that there is one food vendor who offered to be at the car show fireworks. That vendor would be doing things like cotton candy, pretzels popcorn and drinks.
- Brennen Lorden regarding the Corn hole tournament that he would run again this year. It will be at the same start time as last year, 3:30 pm. Jen asked him if they needed any sponsors for prizes. Brennen answered that they would definitely welcome any sponsors and raffle items. The auxiliary usually makes about \$300-\$600 dollar on this yearly.
- Jennifer asked if anyone came up with any ideas to replace the chili contest. Dave said he really loved the chili last year. Jen explained that the issue is lack of participants. Dave said why can't we move it earlier to go with the Chicken BBQ@ inside the hall? Jennifer asked John Hebert what he thought of this idea. John said it was a great idea as there is usually someone manning the desert table and they could be set

up in the same area. Jen added that maybe we should add a Mac n cheese contest too to this so people have a choice and there are more sides to go with the BBQ. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Everyone voted in agreement that this is something they will try this year but that the contestants will probably have to make at least two crock pots of Chili and two pans of Mac n cheese. The prizes would be \$150 each category. The contest will start at 11:30 am and run with the chicken BBQ which usually wraps up in the late afternoon.

- Jennifer explained that Jim Hoyt was successful in gathering sponsorships for new kid's activities, This year there will be A rock climbing wall, A football challenge, a double ax throw for kids, a photo booth and Marshal the fire dog bounce house. Brennen asked if we could place all these items on our OHD vendor map so when the company comes to set up on Friday evening there won't be any issues as to where they are supposed to go. Jennifer said certainly. She will definitely make sure that this is all mapped out beforehand and that Brennen receives a copy of the map,
- Jennifer stated that Brett Walker will still design the buttons. Dave asked if they could be more colorful. Jen said she would ask him. He also asked what building would be on the buttons this year. Jen said she did not know yet but that Brett usually chooses one.
- Jennifer gave an update on the vendors. She said that there has been a good handful of new vendors that have reached out but she is very sad to report that Helen Binette would not be there with her delicious jams & jellies due to the Andover Exchange being the same day. She also stated that should would have the vendor spreadsheet done by next meeting and she would reach out to vendors she has yet to hear from.
- Jennifer stated Reptiles on the move will be back this year at an earlier time which would be noon to 1:30 pm so there is not a big gap between the parade and activities. Lolli pop the balloon creating clown would be there as well at the same time.
- Jennifer gave an update on the parade . She explained that Molly Bentley has agreed to head up the parade organization and that she would be reaching out to the MV high school band to see if they'd like to participate as well as some other young people in 4H etc.

- Jennifer said that she was unsure if they would have face painting this year unless they can get more volunteers to help. This still remains an issue as she is unsure if any of her daughters would be able to be there this year due to school and work commitments.
- Jennifer presented this year's budget with \$1250 in donations that came in from a number of local businesses. Our budget with the donations is at \$5250. She explained that she does not include the fireworks in this budget because those are funded by the Salisbury Haunted Woods giving \$6000 plus a \$1000 from TDS. She said that our total expenses thus far are \$5,021.85 but she had left some numbers in from last year for line items that we may not need so the expenses could come down.
- Celine Fortin ( on Zoom ) asked if she could look into food truck options for the car show if the fire department decided they could not do it. Jennifer said that that would be great to compile a list just in case.
- Dave Merwin counted the Citizen of the Year ballots. There was some discussion amongst the board on the winner left and it was decided that the committee will not tell the winner until later in the year but before OHD. The final counts will be revealed at the June or July meeting and will stay in a sealed envelope until then.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Jennifer to reach out to vendors and contact leapin leana.
2. Jen Hoyt to finish Vendor Spreadsheet.
3. Molly Bentley is to reach out to 4H groups and the high school band.
4. Jennifer will reach out to her compass Classical PTO for their Mac n cheese & chili contest ballots

With no further business before the board meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

## NEXT Meeting

Tuesday May 14, 2024 7:15 Pm.

Respectfully Submitted by, Jennifer Hoyt

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