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## *Recreation Committee*

MINUTES ~ August 15, 2024

Present: Ruth Hannan, Kathy Hogue, Ginifir Giddinge, Robin Hodsdon-Morin, Heidi Richards, Coren Wheeler, Michael Morin, Kristy Johnson

Absent: Kevin Luey

1. Meeting was called to order, 7:31pm.
2. Oaths were signed.
  - a. Coren Wheeler is leaving the committee for family commitments. We will miss her and all she brought to our discussions and events.
  - b. We welcome Kristy Johnson to this meeting, she is considering joining our committee, which would be great!
3. Minutes of August 15, 2024, were approved as written.
4. Financial Report:
  - a. Kathy reported that we have \$500 in our Town Committee Account and \$3,1650.61 in our General Ledger account. It was noted that \$168 was raised from donations at Open Mic Nights.
  - b. Expenses so far spent for Pumpkin Fest include \$120 for aprons and \$355 for the Pumpkin Moon Bounce House. It was agreed that we would not order as many teeshirts as last year to cut down on costs and extra shirts.
5. Michael and Robin reported on the used sound system they recently purchased for use at Open Mic Nights and other events. It will use the speakers we already have (donated by a resident). It has 6-7 inputs and good amplification. We would like to also use this for Pumpkin Festival. It was discussed as to whether we purchase this from Michael and agreed that we will use it at Pumpkin Fest this year to see how well it projects outside and then decide.
6. Kathy reported that the electronic sign for the town is in progress. Permits have been pulled and the design has been submitted. We can get free granite from the road crew's materials area.
7. PUMPKIN FESTIVAL – October 12, 2024 10am – 2pm
  - a. Food – we still need to find 1 food truck. Heidi has a couple of leads and Robin has a resource she will check on. Other food will include a lunch at the church and a bake sale by IMPACT.
  - b. Music is all arranged – Borderline 207 and Le Bon Truc will both be playing at the festival. Michael will be our stage manager and will arrange other local people to perform as well. We discussed whether to pay these 2 groups an amount to at least say thank you noting that it wouldn't be their full amount. It was agreed we would use the \$500 from our committee account - \$200 to Le Bon Truc and \$300 to Borderline 207 (based on the number of people in their groups).

- c. Exhibit Hall – “Pride of Pownal”. All members of the committee can talk with people asking for arts, crafts, hobbies, garden produce, etc. to display in Mallett Hall. 1-3 items. Items should be dropped off no later than Wednesday, October 9. We will set up on Thursday. We will ask June Lacombe again to help with that. Items should be accompanied with name, phone/email and a one line description.
- d. Pumpkin Pantry will be another contest offered this year. People bring their pumpkin baked goods for judging – we sell at the pantry.
- e. Peculiar Pumpkin Contest – we’ll try it again to see if we get a bit more participation.
- f. Silent Auction – we would like 8-9 items. Kathy and Robin will both donate items. We don’t need to focus only on local businesses – and we can look for services as well as items. Members will work on this.
- g. Kids Games / Activities: IMPACT will participate again this year bringing games and baked goods. We would like to ask Alan Bradstreet if he would like to do some activity that would involve older kids. Heidi will chat with him. Also, we wanted to follow-up with the couple who brought the trampoline last year – they said they might do it again if they are in Maine. Heidi has left a message for them.
- h. Tee Shirts – all loved Ginni’s design and agreed that this years shirts be white with black outline and orange pumpkins! Kathy will take to printer.
- i. Portapotties can be ordered just a couple weeks ahead of time. We don’t need to get a handicapped accessible one since we have that inside Mallett Hall.
- j. EcoMaine will be attending the event this year.
- k. FIRE DEPT AND PUBLIC WORKS – Kathy will reach out to see how they would like to participate this year.
- l. Historical Society – need to check in with them to see what they’re going to do.
- m. It was agreed to put a flyer for this year’s events in the upcoming September town newsletter – the cost to be around \$250.
- n. Parking is a challenge in this particular area. We will check with the school to see if we could have an auxiliary parking area at the school and use a bus to transport people. Heidi will check on this.

Meeting adjourned, 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Hogue