Williams Barn Committee

March 31, 2022

Minutes

Location: Williams Barn

Attending: Bruce Easom, Joe Twomey, May Brackett, Sandra Tobies, Steve Woodin

The meeting was opened at 4:07pm by Bruce.

The committee began by discussing new members. Chris Darling, cousin of Steve Woodin, was in attendance. Bruce moved that Chris Darling should be appointed as a member. This was voted on and approved unanimously. Steve said that Meg Black was unable to make it due to familial circumstances. May said that Matt Novak was also unable to do so for familial circumstances, but he was interested in attending the next meeting. Bruce also made a motion to appoint Steve Woodin as member, as this had not yet happened. The motion was carried unanimously by vote. May will reach out to Dawn Dunbar about adding new members.

Steve updated everyone on barn repair, stating that he would be fixing the rear door through use of a hoist/lift, assisted by Chris, who is certified in using this equipment. It was suggested they talk to the town manager to get further details on funding for this project.

Sandra reviewed the process for funding the Brad Smith memorial scholarship. She stated that she went to the accountant’s office where a check was written for the remaining balance needed for the scholarship, $157.00.

May Brackett brought up that she sent an email to Mary Cain about recruiting an intern, but hasn’t received a reply. She will send another email to inquire about it again. She also brought up Sarah Cote, the previous intern, stating that she would be interested in interning again. Joe suggested finding a new intern to give the chance to someone else.

May introduced new “vendor guidelines'' that would prevent the loss of vendors during the season and fill empty positions with new ones. The conflict between vendors about farmers market coupons was discussed. It was suggested by Bruce to reach out to the state farmers market representative about becoming a coupon certified market, and have the coupons be deposited in the committee’s funds. May will be doing so. Bruce made a motion to increase the payment for musicians to $150.00/day, it was unanimously approved. He also suggested increasing the payment for the intern to $1000.00/season. The committee unanimously approved the decision to apply to the Commissioner of Trust Funds.

May briefly brought up an inquiry about a wedding rehearsal, it was quickly dismissed.

May brought up the overfilling of the parking lot and the need to mark off a spot for the road so cars can still drive through. Bruce suggested using spray paint to mark off the road.

May suggested including a corn hole game in the middle of the market since there’s so much space. It was expanded upon and suggested that each month the farmer’s market host an attraction. A motion was made and carried through unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 5:10pm