

Danby Community Council

Date: October 1, 2015

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members present: Alison Christie (Pres.), Gould Colman (VP), Bill Evans (Secr.), Susan Franklin, Katharine Hunter, Ted Crane (ex officio, non-voting)

Board Members absent: Julie Clougherty (Treas.)

Others present: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS & AGENDA REVIEW

No changes to agenda. Bill noted he has had some problems making PDFs of the recent minutes and agendas but hopes to have the problem solved soon so that the DCC website can get up-to-date.

VOTES

- A. Motion to discuss September minutes moved by Bill and seconded by Susan. September minutes were approved as amended.
- B. Motion to discuss March Minutes moved by Katharine and seconded by Susan. March minutes were approved as amended.

DISCUSSION

Event follow-up

Hot Biscuit concert September 20: Alison made biscuits (!) and brought apple butter and grapes. But the concert had a small turnout. It was a beautiful day, which tends to limit attendance and some questioned whether perhaps the sign at the Fire Station may not have been clear that it was a music event. Discussion followed on the possibility of having a dedicated sign announcing events that could be temporarily placed near the road on the Fire Station grounds a few days before. Ted noted several things to consider: cost, time involved, and movability. Bill volunteered to create such a sign.

The consensus was that the volume of the Hot Biscuits concert was too loud. This was not noticeable in the pre-concert sound check. It was decided that whoever is on duty for music events should discuss volume with the performers before they play, noting that it is a small space.

Events scheduled

Paris, TX, 10/4

Harvest Fest, Sat. 10/11:

Tom has agreed to do the trebuchet. Julie has volunteered to assist. Alison will pick up cheap pumpkins at Eddydale. Gould will do the tractor rides. Alison noted there was a request to have an adult on the tractor ride to help keep kids from potentially falling off. Katharine noted we need a bigger fire this year. Travis is coming and will help build the fire. Plan is to have s'mores, hot dogs, and hot and cold cider for food & drink. Set-up will take roughly 1.5 hours. Julie will bring tables and we will have the DCC tent. The event had about 70 last year even though it was cold. Katharine mentioned that Tom D'Ambrose might be available to play guitar, but he would need power. Bill has a deep cycle battery and inverter that could be used.

Grassanova, 11/1:

Ted will come up with a blurb for the newsletter and for his pre-event Email notice.

Lynn Craver, 11/8:

Bob Strichartz has a bio for Lynn.

UFO, 11/15:

Gould is writing an article for the *Danby Area News*. Alison will make soup and Bill will make cornbread.

Bird count warm-up, 12/6

Long John and the Tights, 12/13

Event planning

Ted suggested Alison contact the Grady Girls

Also, Jeff Claus and Judy Hyman are a possibility

Augusto & Christine

Driftwood

FINANCE

2016 budget

Ted took last year's budget, made an estimate for the *DAN*, estimated what Dave Sanders gave us for the youth program cost and, assuming other costs would be the same, came up with a draft budget. Ted noted that Dave gave us different numbers from what we had, and he wonders why we didn't get a budget from Cooperative Extension?

Alison noted, and Ted clarified, that two years ago the County money for youth employment was \$2500, last year they gave us \$2k extra, and this year they reverted back to the two year amount – this year the difference is actually about \$1200 because their program costs are up \$800. Do we want to ask the Town to make up the difference so we can continue the same youth hours?

Alison asked Ted for clarification on the \$500 DCC gives to Camp Coddington. \$700ish, not earmarked for anything, is included in the money received from the Town that comes from the State through the County. DCC gives \$500 of that (in a separate transaction) to Camp Coddington.

Seniors haven't invoiced us yet. Alison will contact Margery Vandemark (sp?).

Ted reiterated that it would be great if the Town pays CCE directly rather than using DCC as a conduit. This would give DCC ample breathing room from having to fill out a full 1090 tax form (i.e., it would reduce potential paperwork).

Alison noted that we have a bird education initiative in Danby (i.e., Fun Day booth and New Year's bird count) and it would be great to have a citizen science project in Danby (e.g., Trout in the Town Hall ☺). She mentioned the idea of coordinating with the Park and the youth program to create a Bluebird nest box trail in the Park.

Alison initiated a discussion about the DCC sponsoring swimming lessons at Jennings Pond. Due to the late hour, the discussion was incomplete and never got to logistics and cost.

CAP grant

Cut from \$900 to \$700.

Report

Julie gave us a report previously and Alison initiated discussion and comparison with the proposed 2016 budget.

PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Cathleen Banford wants to run a permaculture certificate program in Danby. She's inquiring whether the DCC will sponsor the program so it can be covered under DCC insurance. She would also like to use the Town Hall for a portion of the program. The consensus is that this would be okay as long as the costs are negligible. [Does this need a formal vote?]

This topic led to discussion on the cost of insurance riders and Alison said she would look into it.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 10:10 PM

LINE OF THE NIGHT

Gould: "When I say he's getting closer, I only refer to how far off he was earlier"

(re: Ted's latest guess that Gould's mystery object "is a can opener for a 55-gallon drum" in the context that we already know it has something to do with horses.)

NEXT MEETING: NOV 5 AT 7PM

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Bill Evans