

May 13th, 2015 FAC BOD Agenda & Minutes

May 13, 2015, 7:30 pm. Meeting adjourned 9:42 pm.

Present (9/13): Sadiya, Forest, Dan, Ike, Kendra, Chuck, Drew, Doug, Blake

Absent (4/13): Jered, Heather, Jesse, Liz

Guests: (1): Masha

Minutes recorded by: Ike

Agenda

1. Pizza
2. Approve Old Minutes
3. Review Old Actions
4. Communication Committee
5. Review Committee Membership
6. Update from Conduct Committee
7. Steam Bath
8. Bug Slide
9. Insurance Update from Chuck
10. Other Updates from Chuck (Our Dear Treasurer)
11. Gallery Interest Update
12. Discuss possible charitable contributions in the Bethel area
13. Possible Art contributions for Boston-area events/projects
14. Other
15. Next Meeting Date

Old Actions

- Year-round Steam Bath @ Laurelin Farm -- Doug/Tarn
 - It may only be usable in the Summer, we may need to find someone else to deal with the work to winterize it. DPW should investigate the costs of the options.
 - 1. Status Quo – The only thing we need to solve, and maybe it has an answer, is where we store the dome in the off-season. No need to build anything onsite.
 - 2. Build a platform and roof as we were thinking. This seems a little redundant and unnecessary if we can't leave the steambath up and useable for the landowners.
 - 3. Build an actual full steambath onsite, buy an engine. This is probably the best long-term solution, but would be both an expense and a lot of work this year, but certainly doable. It wouldn't be that much more than building a platform to house it on, just add walls! Would need to get plans, budget, and get 'er done on WW. This may also require that we look at starting a Steambath Core or the like as it would shift responsibility from the Steambath Project (Theme Camp) to FF Org.
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- Jered: Make open call for activities, communications, and technology committees
 - Done

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- Jered: Follow up with Jeff on the volunteer signup Google forms.
 - Underway with Jeff and Jered.
- Doug: Meet with gate and greeters about bus arrivals.
 - Meeting happened, decision-making among Gate/Greeters/Parking, other parties is ongoing.
- Doug: Contact local/state police before the event as a courtesy.
 - Trying to make appointments to talk to Fire Chief, Town Constable, and State police.
 - Planning to visit on the 22nd of May
- Doug: Ask John (landowner) how he would like to take care of the tree management issues on the new land.
 - Done
- Tarn: Email SteveK about being art cluster lead.
 - Doug will be Art Cluster lead, but work with Steve K.
- Tarn: Try contacting Doug and/or John about land improvements.
 - John may want some more sand/other work for his drive/parking lot/dressage field.
- Sadiya: Ask Emile Daigle to edit the photo policy again and add the no-photo wristbands.
 - Done, Emile is empowered to do stuff on this.
- Tarn: Ask Kirk about having porta-potties on site for the work weekends.
 - There's been discussion, next step is [for someone from DPW] to talk to portapottie company.
 - Kirk has approved us renting porta-potties for work weekends
- Chuck: Buy 3-burner stove for Basecamp.
 - Done
- Chuck: Ask Deanna for mass evacuation plan and make publicly available.
 - Chuck has spoken to Deanna about it. There is a plan.

New Actions

- DPW Tarn/Ozx to talk to Portapottie providers about work weekend portapottie solutions
- Sadiya: Chat with Deanna about publicizing evacuation plan.
- Masha: Check with Sandy about contacting local businesses (in person) about event so that they can stock supplies.
 - and updating list of local businesses on the website
- Liz: update Board on status of Communications Committee
- Kendra: reach out to Terry and Jeremy about the possibility of curating art for the Velir space.
- Doug: Look at what sort of contributions could be helpful to Boston area Art things like Figment, Harbor Arts, Incineration Congregation, etc.

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Decisions Made

- Business As Usual for the Steambath this year
- Someone from the Board or DPW figures out where to store (or sell) the existing Board-Owned Steambath Dome
- For 2016, someone can build a new permanent steambath. A call for designs may be made.
- Population cap for work weekends is 80 people/50 cars.
- Allocate \$2500 for charitable donations to Bethel and Bethel-area chapters
- The discretionary ticket spreadsheet due dates:
 - End of May (May 31) for Core, Cluster Leads, Rangers, Medical, etc.
 - Board Member personal Discretionary Tickets mid June (June 15th)
 - Vote nomination tickets open up until the event itself.

Pizza

- 1x Jumbo Bob Marley
- 1x Jumbo Vegged Out
- 6 piece Hot Buffalo tenders
- 6 piece Jamaican Jerk tenders

Approve Old Minutes

Minutes Approved by consensus!

Communication Committee Update

Three members of the committee have started discussing this committee's activity

Review Committee Membership

Festival committee membership has been reviewed over email.

Ala and Abby have expressed interest in the Activities Committee. They'll be members. Other members include: Forest, Kendra, Terry, Jeremy, Sadiya.

Communications Committee members are Ian, Jester, and Liz.

Update from Activities Committee

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Firefly SOS went great, engaged with office manager of Velir, go for things like Conduct Committee meetings, Ranger Training, Art Grant Dinner, and possibly meet and greets?

Update from Conduct Committee

Investigations have begun. There's a meeting scheduled for next Thursday, May 21st. We hope there will be some recommendations coming out of that meeting, and rolling recommendations to the Board after that. New Investigator training will be planned to add new conduct committee members.

Steam Bath

Options discussed:

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Bug Features

Discussion about possible features of the Bug for Firefly 2015

Insurance Update from Chuck

General Liability insurance for Velir is renewed for the current year.

Chuck emailed stuff about event Insurance for this year to the Board, and this year's application for Insurance. So we have a quotation for Event Insurance for this year, one major change is including Liability Insurance for work weekends too.

Other updates from Chuck (our Dear Treasurer)

Paid for Ricky Rides

Paying landowners, but would like to add a sort of general boilerplate rental form to make it slightly less of a handshake agreement for use of the land.

Paying for Arm Bands, design finalized for this year.

Gallery Interest Update

SOS went great!

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Need to talk about window displays with Office Manager

The Board generally also sort of hopes that there will be other art shows or open gallery hours at Velir at some point.

Activity Committee at least has plans to do a variety of other things at Velir.

Discuss possible charitable contributions in the Bethel area

I (Doug) have been thinking that it would be a good thing for us to give a little something back to our host community. In the past Fireflies have gone up after the severe flooding of 2011 and shoveled out the homes and businesses of residents. For the past 2 years, Gearhead Liz has collected up excess food at the end of Firefly the event and has delivered these supplies to the Bethel Food Shelf. Below are the places that I found that we could potentially give to. In particular, I think that we should definitely support the non-profit ambulance company. Here is some info if this is something that we want to do.

Bethel Food Shelf:

<http://bethelfoodshelf.org/>

Church St., Bethel, 802.234.9988

Mon.: 12-2:00PM, Wed." 4-6:00PM

This is where Gearhead Liz has been bring post-event food leftovers for the past two years, and will be doing it again this year.

White River Valley Ambulance Inc.

<http://www.wrva.net>

They are a non-profit ambulance service that is partially donation supported. They also provide CPR & First-Aid training, perhaps we could partner with them on some basic medical training.. From their website:

"We are always looking for ways to participate in our member communities. Let us know if we can speak to your organization, offer a CPR or First Aid class, or participate in a community event. "

Since they seem to show up to our event every year, I think that we should really support them with an annual contribution.

Bethel Council on the Arts:

http://townofbethelvt.com/index.asp?SEC=6B35C35D-F1C7-4739-B75F-37C847DE9DB4&Type=B_BASIC

Chair: John Duddie

Looks to be a donation supported weekly music event at the Bethel Bandshell. I do not know if they support any other sart initiatives

Bethel Fire Department:

http://townofbethelvt.com/index.asp?SEC=06FBCAC4-1A11-4F15-B3E7-8718F686D05A&Type=B_BASIC

Chief: David Aldrighetti

I did not find any reference to a Benevolent fund for the Fire Department, the Bethel Constable, or the State Police.

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Some other local charities to consider include the following:

Bethel Historical Society:

<http://bethelvermont.com/>

PO Box 25, Bethel, VT 05032

Bethel Public Library:

<https://www.facebook.com/BethelPublicLibrary>

Cathy Day, 802-234-9107

106 Main Street

Mail: PO Box 354

[Bethel](#), Vermont

05032-0354

Bethel University:

<https://betheluniversityvt.wordpress.com/>

A one month a year, community pop-up university.

Bethel After School Program:

PO Box 296, Bethel, VT 05032

Look like there WAS a pretty successful program in place, but I could find no mention of it currently being in operation.

Decision: Allocate \$2500 for charitable donations to Bethel and Bethel-area chapters

Possible Art contributions for Boston-area events/projects

Figment, other Boston arts organizations: Harbor Arts, Boston Fire Conclave, etc?

Doug to look at what sort of contributions these sorts of Boston area things would want.

Other

When does the discretionary ticket spreadsheet close?

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Board Member personal Discretionary Tickets mid June (June 15th)

Vote nomination tickets open up until the event itself.

Next Meeting Date

(Furious consultation of calendars ensues)

Sadiya has added lots of dates to the FAC Board Calendar.

Sunday the 31st of May, 6-8PM Location TBA.