

Citizens Meeting  
August 7, 2018



**Present:** Larry Knutson, Mike Hittner, Jim Nickel, Don Matthews, Rhonnie Saylor, Kathy Albert, Skip Johnson, Diane Nickel, Dan Hustedt, Ryan Hustedt, Paula Klevene, Dawn Baker, Doreen Hartje.

**Who Dunit? Recap:** Seven people guessed Andrew Crystal and seven people guessed Andrew Crystal in combination with someone else. Everyone thought the event went well. Beverages were a new addition this year and will be done again next year. Don suggested that characters get their script a week in advance and to develop a biography. There were twenty nine beverages sold and one Historical Book. Gate receipt was two hundred forty seven dollars. This year there were portrayals from Wittenberg 4-H, Community Theater and Historic Point Basse members.

**Harvest Fair:** Diane said that the house is ready. They will be making two desserts. One on the stove and one in the stove. Marshall Buehler may be coming if he is able. Don asked about Miss Wisconsin. Jim said that he has not heard back from her and Mike mentioned that the Miss America event is just prior to Harvest Fair. Doreen will be contacting people for the school house. Club 51 Homemakers will be selling hot dogs this year. Chicken did not go over well last year. Larry suggested Barbecue but the homemakers get their food donated so they have no overhead and hamburger would add overhead. Paula has some vegetables for the house. Mike mentioned that there are very few apples on the trees and we will have to look elsewhere for apple. It was suggested to ask Appalonia again. Diane suggested Sue Mitchell in Port Edwards for apples. Mike mentioned there were some apple trees by Moccasin and perhaps we could get those but he does not know who to contact. It was suggested to have only about four bushels of apples to be pressed and purchase apple cider for events.

**Mike:** Mike requested a dedicated list for gate people.

**Cooking Class:** Everyone thought that the one day idea is great. Larry suggested dropping the fifteen volunteer hours as a requisite. Discussion followed and Mike will check with Tom.

**Spirit Walk:** Mike asked for volunteers to be spirits. The following people volunteered: Larry - bunk house, Ryan (he will check with Shania Lancour about doing a spirit), Don and Bev will do a routine, the Kitowski sisters will be there, Jim will do the stage coach routine, Mike and Steve will be back, Doreen and someone else will do something in the school house, Ken will be in the blacksmith shop (this is tentative). Tom will be in the barn with the seven wonders of the world (this is tentative). Janet and Kathy will serve apple cider. Diane suggested Jackie for a story teller. Scripts should be written and submitted to Mike and Don by October 1, 2018 to be reviewed and must be between three and five minutes. That gives them a week to revise the scripts if necessary. Discussion followed concerning inappropriate language or references in scripts. Diane has a book about old time stories that may be appropriate for Spirit Walk. All guides need to be updated on any potential politically correct subjects so they can give the guests a heads-up. Larry's granddaughters will be guides. As groups are walking down the road, they could have a story about the bridge. It was also suggested to get a barricade with flashing lights on it from Saratoga to be put on the road to warn drivers. We need six guides and tail guides. If there are not enough tail guides,, the guide needs to select a group member to be the tail guide. Trail guides are: Dawn Baker, Skip Johnson, Dan Hustedt. Tail guides: Rhonnie Saylor.

**Mowing:** There needs to be more communication between the Monday workers and Skip about lawn mowing. Mike would like the lawn mowed on September 5 or 6 because of wedding on September 8. Skip will mow for events and Don will mow in-between events.

**Trail:** Any suggestions concerning the trail should also include Ron Harris. He has the GPS co-ordinates for post locations. A committee will look at the revitalization of the trail and trail summit. Don suggested we stress the positives about the trail and not the negatives. The trail is basically in good shape except for the low area by post 18. There is debris on the trail but should be able to be cleared fairly easily when the weather gets cooler.

Paula wanted to know when and why the timber harvest was done. Don said the main reason was to clear out the area for the new parking area. Mike said they could only get pulp prices for the pine and they then added in the hardwood option. The original plan called for a different pulper but Ron said that they had ruined some signs on the Glacier Trail so Historic Point Basse went with a local pulper.

**Schedule of Events:** Mike asked if there were any conflicting dates for events for 2019 because the media committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 8 to set the dates for 2019. Nobody had conflicts and it was agreed to stay with the current way dates are selected.

**Site Events:** Diane asked with more groups requesting to use the site do we promote their events on our schedule and web site. The groups are not part of Historic Point Basse. Larry mentioned that other groups were quoted a price to use the site and if that is going to be the policy then "The Encampment" may be grandfathered. Mike mentioned that Billy Parker has also requested the use of the site for the Civil War group and the Renaissance group also is looking into using the site. This is something that will be looked into. Larry suggested only time relevant groups be advertised if the groups so wish.

**Board Meeting:** Don asked for a board meeting to be scheduled for August 29, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Columbia School House. Joe should be invited as to what his long range plans are.

**MOMCC:** MOMCC is November 8, 9 and 10 2018.

**Homecoming Parade:** Diane asked about the Homecoming Parade. She will put out an e-mail to see who would like to be in the parade. If there is not enough interest then we will not participate.

**Paula:** Paul has a bill from a lawyer and does not know what it is for and should it be paid. Mike said to get an itemized list. She also wanted to know if we are advertising in the Wisconsin Rapids Area Visitors Guide, and we are not because we are only open for so few days that it is cost prohibitive. We do advertise in the Nekoosa Visitors Guide.

**Wood Sales:** Don mentioned that we received about \$4000 to \$4500 from the sale of the wood harvest.

**Land Conservancy:** Don would like to invest the wood harvest money to be used for investing into the land conservancy which runs about \$5000. Mike said we should wait until we hear what will happen with the Domtar land that we are trying to acquire thus making one payment versus two payments.

**Corporate Sponsorship:** Larry would like to see the board pursue local companies for corporate sponsorship to be used for hiring some of the heavier work that needs to be done. The Monday work group is getting older and smaller.

**School Desks:** Don said that he has received a donation of some school desks and a school teachers chair. Some are larger than what we currently have. He has also received a donation of a 3 foot high pot bellied stove.

Citizens Meeting Secretary - Diane Nickel