

Minutes of Events Committee Meeting

Monday, July 28, 8:30 AM, Village Office Meeting Room

In the Chair: Gary Bikman

Attendees: Trevor Lewington, Shane Still, Sandra Nelson, Karma McClenagan

1. Approval of Agenda - Shane Still
 - a. No Additions
2. Approval of Minutes – There were none – chairman forgot to create & send ‘em

Settler Days Evaluation, questions, recommendations... (without attribution, in no particular order)

- Have one clearly defined person in charge of overseeing all activities and events
 - The “go to” person to get approval (or not) for late changes, additions, adaptations, modifications, etc.
 - Logically this might be the chairman, but given the rotating nature of his/her position, and the excellent job Aimee has done since taking this on, it should be her or someone like her, who has the experience and access to all the lessons learned and procedures followed successfully in previous years.
- Fromal “thanks” to all donors, supporters & suppliers
 - Raymond Merc was mentioned as consistently very helpful and cooperative over the years
- Do we need deadlines for requests to be included/added to events?
 - If so, how far in advance?
- Railway involvement – invite them to share their requests/suggestions at least (?) months in advance
- Bungy activity – very popular, with long lines; need a 2nd one
- Slow Pitch tournament popular, well supported, brings extra people and participants
 - 7th team this year
 - How many can we accommodate? Should there be a limit?
 - Required relocating Movie in the Park to the Soccer Field
 - Should we plan on this being the new venue in future?
- Parade
 - No hard candy; no overhand “pitching” – only soft candy thrown the “slow pitch” way – i.e. underhand
 - Let parade coordinator know of car show participants so they can be invited to be in the parade
 - Ribbons will be ordered early, by written email or text, with a reminder note to verify at least 2 months before parade
 - Horses as late entries were disruptive and turned away
- Car show location should be on the paved lot south of the FCSS building each year
- Beef on a Bun – served 425 people, only a Cole Slaw leftover and donated to Leth Food Bank
 - Cleared \$1,700. thanks to donations and good purchasing decisions
 - Long lines – maybe s/b 2 lines – one for cash and another for debit/credit
 - Power, hot water and gas connection issues
- Hot dogs – market fed about 400 people in 25 minutes – thank you, Nathan
 - Kind of a “last minute” project; didn’t receive the advance notice it deserved...but clearly didn’t need
- Purchasing in general was mentioned; no “corporate” credit card available; had to use own funds and submit receipts for reimbursement (may be problem for some people)
- More temporary, conveniently located garbage bins were added... & only 2 porta potties would be enuf
- Sandwich board type signage to point directions to events & inclusion of map/locations of events on our Village website, etc

- Strongly recommended that Village participation in parades held by other communities be supported, especially, Raymond, Magrath, Coaldale.
 - Mayor & councillor Bikman will suggest that part of the new council orientation include requiring commitments from each councillor to attend 2 parades each summer (i.e. be in up to 10 parades)
 - Suggested getting Historic Site themed stick on signs for personal or village owned vehicle usage
 - And given the critical perspective of some community members regarding the safety vehicle, we might consider permanent signage/designation on it (unless it's against provincial safety regs)

Fall Festival: September 13, 3:00 – 7:00 PM (Sandra will work with 1st ward to purchase pulled pork & other needed food ingredients; will coordinate with Events committee to access paper products, cups, utensils, etc as needed, from existing supplies/leftovers; only buying what's needed in excess of current inventory)

Next meeting: August 11, 2025, @ 8:30 AM

Adjournment at 10:10 AM