

## PEPPER FEST GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

- Don, Ryan, Keith, Michelle, Vicki, Holly, Tim, Deb, Bonnie Richert, Carol McConaughey, Katie Ecker, Derek Rasmussen, BZ Germain, Julian Hannack, Sami Miller, Wesley Korum, Diane Zais, Lisa Dornfeld, Bonnie Knutson, Deb Copeland and Eric Anderson attended
- Meeting called to order by Tim around 7:00 – 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting for 2017
  - 149 days left until PF
  - Board Introductions – see sheet for contact information
- Financial Overview – Don
  - \$24,000 in bank(6000 more than last year)
  - \$1000 from rotary, taxes are done, St Croix Storage is paid up, buttons are ordered and paid
  - \$3200 sales tax and use tax paid
- Sub Committee review – see sheet
  - Joe S looking at a different sponsorship site to use
  - Need Friday and Saturday night bands yet
  - Summer schedule for royalty coming soon
  - Format portraits were taken for the current royalty
  - 5/1/17 deadline for candidates
  - Old Carnival coming back
    - Hope to have them sell less food
- Pepsi/Coke? - sell 50/50 fountain and introduce bottles
- Beer – Derek R suggested we get bar owners together and talk about taste preference – need to get quotes and then see what the extra things are
- EMT change happening Hudson - will that change our service during the Festival weekend
- Working Groups – need weather clause throughout the festival – need to pay for performance – that will be revamped – not fixed amt
- Eating contests – cash prizes, cost to enter, have kids competition
- Tents - new quote – might have three
- Too much signage last year
- New Rav – 5 on a plate, decided on a rav to go with – Sysco
  - Food prep all in one weekend?
- Poll was done for race – doesn't really matter what day it is on Sat vs Sun
- Changes
  - Button prices are going to go up at \$3.00 presale and \$4.00 weekend
  - Early Start for school – volunteers could be a problem – family will be around more and not on vacation
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> kick off night – NH businesses
  - Change in ravs
    - Yellow and not white
    - Tried 6 and narrowed it down to 2 and then we are going with one that is .25 a piece instead of .67 last year – add one more to the plate, ravs will be delivered and we are going to go through Sysco Foodservice
    - Mama Maria's will have a rav to introduce to us – next year
- New events
  - Bar games – bring back Hammerschlagen, horse racing(gambling), pull tabs?
  - Photo Booth – Michele and Holly working on – props and then they will print out photos
- Merchandise – boxers/bandannas, baby bibs, lanners, fingerless gloves(logo on them), temporary tattoos, hoodies(bigger sizes) – will not order more
  - Race shirts green for this year – long or short sleeved?
- Insurance will run out in April – being worked on
- Deb Copeland needs 144 labels for her pepper jelly again
- Next Meeting – Thurs, April 27, 2017 at 7 p.m. and then May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.