

Wellesley Apple Butter & Cheese Festival

Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Bill Gies Recreation Complex

Voting Members Present: Ronald Bisch, Theresa Bisch, Dave Zyta, Katie Reid, Jamie Reid, Cathy Koch, Mike Moser, George Poole, Alecia Henderson, Derek Brick

Voting Members Absent:

Auxiliary Members Present: Pauline Bevers, MaryAnne Perry, Sean Bond, Tim Leis, John Jacobs, Bob Reid, Louise Zyta, Mike Fritz

Staff:

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The delay was caused by the booked room being locked and once inside, additional chairs being locked up.

2. **Disclosures of Pecuniary interest:** None

3. **Adoption of Minutes: Motion** to adopt the minutes of the February 13th, 2024 meeting as printed: Mike Moser, seconded by Cathy Koch. Carried.

4. **Presentations/Delegations/Communications:** None

5. **Unfinished Business:**

Deep Fryers: Mike Fritz obtained pricing of approximately \$1295 for a new double basket deep fryer.

Motion to purchase one deep fryer to be used in the Sausage on a Bun Booth, run by the Lions Club: Katie Reid, seconded by Dave Zyta. Carried

Mike Fritz will handle this purchase.

O/S: Transition to new Rec Complex for 2025. We still need site plans and to do a walkaround of the new facility. More discussion on this at a future meeting.

Coolers in the C.C. – After speaking with the Township, they promised to move the old coolers from the Community Centre kitchen and bar into the old arena and the Festival can use them for 2024.

Sausage from Pym's: still waiting for pricing.

6. **New Business:**

Motion: that the ABC Festival pays the base cost of a cell phone to Katie Reid, plus any festival long distance charges: Alecia Henderson, seconded by Ron Bisch. Carried

Motion: that the ABC Festival pays \$200 to the member caring for the swans to cover board for the winter months: Katie Reid, seconded by Mike Moser. Carried

Round-table reports:

Jamie Reid reported that ENTANDEM has informed the festival that we owe \$100 plus tax for our entertainment fees for 2022 to 2023. An invoice will be sent.

Katie Reid reported that lots of applications for booth space have been received and more are coming in.

Alecia Henderson asked Jamie Reid to book the stage for the entertainment for 2024.

The band, Turning Corners has already been booked for Festival day.

Bob Reid reported that he is involved with the "Together for Mental Health" that will be hosted by the Woolwich Counselling Centre on May 25, 2024. On behalf of the Festival, he donated 2 of our toy trucks to the silent auction. They are still looking for more donations.

The Apple Butter and Cheese Festival also donated a toy truck to the Szabo fundraiser that was held on March 2nd.

Tim Leis reported that the featured antique tractor display for 2024 will be Allis-Chalmers. It will be announced on the Festival website.

Cathy Koch reported that she has spoken with Wellesley Apple Products and they will provide the applesauce for the Breakfast booth in smaller pails.

MaryAnne Perry reported on the sponsorship committee. Carrie Siewert has indicated that she is too busy to help with the sponsorship committee, but will continue in her current role for the festival. The committee will contact our current advertisers for sponsorships.

Ron Bisch told the group that Linda Kennedy is at Freeport Hospital. On behalf of the Festival committee, flowers or a fruit basket will be sent to her.

Jamie Reid discussed the banners. He will obtain pricing before we decide if we will purchase new banners this year.

7. **Financial Report:** Theresa Bisch reported that 2024 Budget was approved by Council at the February 27th Committee meeting. The township reserve currently has a balance of approximately \$63,700 as of March 12, 2024. Interest income for January and February has not yet been applied to this account.

8. **Next Meeting:** April 9th, 2024 – 7 p.m. at the Bill Gies Recreation complex.

9. **Adjournment:** Bob Reid made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Bisch. Carried.