

Minutes of the Fairford Festival 11th December 2008

PRESENT: Paul Skinner, Annabelle Plumridge, Neil Plumridge, Kevin Symons

APOLOGIES: Trevor Hing, Chris Roberts, Heidi Sear-Smith, Louise Hatch, Kevin Smart, Sue Smart.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2008 were agreed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report available this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report available this month.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Nothing has been heard from Graham Young.

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The Ball

For 2009 this will be a masked ball. There was an idea to sell masks at the ball, but it's thought this would cause too many problems when people arrive, and most people will probably buy their own anyway. Suppliers of masks could be advertised on the tickets, and on the Festival website. AP has found a supplier who will make a donation when masks are purchased through a link on the Festival website.

There was a discussion on the merits of limiting the number of tickets to the ball to around 200 or 220, to allow people room to move around without squeezing in as many as possible. May make Ball tickets more desirable, but we could be turning away potential income.

Still awaiting a quote from Mudways. Unsure if this has been received by TH, so AP will contact them.

ACTION: AP

TH has already booked the toilets and paid a £300 deposit.

The band Locomotion have been booked for the ball.

The bar has been put out to tender. Awaiting responses from interested parties.

ACTION: PS

The bar needs to be sorted out by January.

PS to contact caterers for a quotation and if possible to invite them to a festival meeting. The budget is £22.50 per person.

ACTION: PS

Saturday Night

CR reported before the meeting that the Fairford Retained Fire Service want to do an event in the marquee on the Saturday night. They have already booked a band, and it will be a lamb/pig roast as well, similar to 2 years ago.

Festival Queen

This will be held May Bank Holiday, Monday 4th May. Jan Cory is now back in the country.

Diary of Events

KSy suggested that we may be able to get the diary printed more cheaply using an Internet printing company. This may allow us to produce extra copies for other villages, without extra expenditure.

Sponsorship

RB is planning to begin raising sponsorship donations from mid-February/early-March this year. Diary is due for completion around mid-April, so sponsors names need to be in by then.

10K/3K Road Race

KSy will be organising this, but needs advice from Dave Smith, who organised it last year. NP will forward contact details for DS.

ACTION: NP

Zycko have already pledged to sponsor the races.

Dog Show

Eileen and Joan will be organising this.

Logistics

Need to investigate the installation of a proper pipe with Thames Water.

ACTION: NP

Parade

LH has volunteered to take over the role of organising the parade, with the assistance of CR.

Battle of the Bands

The PTA would like to run this event again this year.

Festival Market

We need to approach Penny to ask if she would be willing to organise the Festival Market again.

ACTION: AP

Sunday Afternoon

KSy wondered if the IoW Choir could do anything Sunday lunchtime, possibly combined with some sort of event or competition for local school choirs.

Some other competitive event might be good for Sunday afternoon, such as a tug of war. Also, a beer festival for local brewers, with a "Battle of the Breweries"?

AOB

Work is continuing on the Fairford Festival web site. Could we obtain sponsorship for this? Could the Fairford and Lechlade Business Club sponsor it, or find a sponsor among their members? This could cover the cost of any required software for the site, e.g. calendaring software.

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm

NEXT MEETING – 15th January – 7.30pm, the Bull Hotel, room to be confirmed (ask at the bar). Ball meeting will be at 7pm.