

**Village of Hales Corners
5635 S. New Berlin Road
Hales Corners, WI 53130**

**JULY 4TH COMMITTEE
Minutes
February 9, 2023-6:30pm**

- 1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call-** Called to order at 6:30pm. Present:
I. Thomson, D. Besson, N. Wilkes, K. Habacz, A. Henner, J. Bahr, M. Eternicka
(E. Valaitis joined 7pm)
- 2.0 Minutes- May 12,2022, May 31,2022, June 14, 2022, June 28, 2022 and July 14,2022**
Minutes approved
- 3.0 Office Elections-President, Secretary and Treasurer**
 - N. Wilkes nominated for President by K. Habacz and moved by M. Eternicka
(N. Wilkes approved for President)
 - E. Valaitis nominated for Secretary by N. Wilkes and moved by K. Habacz
(E. Valaitis approved for Secretary)
 - M. Eternicka nominated for Treasurer by K. Habacz and moved by N. Wilkes
(M. Eternicka approved for Treasurer)
- 4.0 Treasure's Report**
 - 4.1 2022 Budget Report and 2023 Budgets were presented**
- 5.0 Review of 2022 4th of July Events Meeting-Hotwash**
 - M. Eternicka to explore alternative for Review Stand
 - Fundraising options discussed
 - Contact Chamber of Commerce about sponsoring a parade unit
 - E. Valaitis will contact Festival Foods & Sendiks about Available Brat House Dates
 - E. Valaitis will explore private label coffee to sell at the HC Farmer's Market
 - Contact Consumer Beverage who has been a previous sponsor
 - I. Thomson will research some other event weather policies and review the committee's current weather policy
 - I. Thomson and N. Wilkes will pre-draft messages for weather or other cancellations
 - Children's Parade Judges requested more guidance on how to judge.
 - Committee needs a coordinator for the Bed Races. E. Valaitis will contact a possible new coordinator. Discussed need to tighten up bed race rules. Suggested to use text messages at event to update announcer should PA system not be located at start/finish line. PA system should be louder with additional speakers (fewer speakers were actually brought to the event in 2022 due to the impending rain.) Also, was suggested that the announcer make periodic reminders to keep spectators back for safety. Bed is need of repair so N. Wilkes offered to explore options with Wheel&Sprocket for the wooden beds in storage.
 - Request pool lights to be off during the fireworks.
 - Each committee head to provide key dates and check list and volunteer contact list for a master binder.

-N. Wilkes commented that the library has expressed interest in hosting a children's book sale to correspond during the children's games. N. Wilkes will confirm that this would be an event hosted by Friends of the Library or staff volunteers.

6.0 Events

6.1 Park Permit & Contracts (Timetable for Deliverables)

- Park Application was due 2/1- Village has submitted the application
- Wolverine has been contacted in January for Firework's contract
- D. Besson/I. Thomson working on securing pool house key for Friday 6/30 so freezer can be turned on 7/2 and Ice Cream Bars can be delivered evening of Mon. 7/3.
- I. Thomson has ordered ATVs and Portable Restrooms

6.2 Food & Drink Donations

- I. Thomson will contact through the on-line donation request Festival Foods for 750 ice cream sandwiches for the Children's parade/games for pick up Mon. 7/3 6pm.
- Will need water bottles
- N. Wilkes will check into food truck vendors for along New Berlin Road. Food trucks need a peddler license from the village and sanitary license.
- D. Besson with check into Craft Beer vendor regulations and interest.

6.3 Firecracker Four

- J. Bahr presented the committee with a \$500 donation from the Badgerland Striders Donation will be presented to the Village Board
- Striders have their 2023 Park Permit approved for the 2023 Firecracker Four
- J. Baher will be reaching out to Festival Foods for water, frozen pops and chocolate milk.

6.4 Car Show

Car Show details will be worked out between Holz and Lions.

6.5 Children's Parade

- I. Thomson will check flag inventory and confirm if additional flags will need to be ordered
- (6 divisions: Bikes 9+, Bikes 7&8, Bikes under 6, Trikes, Wagons/Stroller and Specialty Units.) Judging will be based on the child's work. More details about judging criteria have been requested by judges.
- E. Valaitis will contact new Whitnall Middle School Band director about playing prior to start of the children's parade.
- Karen again requests that a few trustees to help with registration and judging.
- Medals will need to be ordered.

6.6 Children's Games

- E. Valaitis will set up ice cream table in the morning
- E. Valaitis inquired if Children's Parade Judges could also be available to pass out ice cream
- Will need 3 judges for Field Games

6.7 Patriotic Pet Costume Contest

- N. Wilkes will coordinate

6.8 Pie Baking Contest

- I. Thomson will coordinate

6.9 Bed Races

- New Coordinator is needed
- Additional discussion was had under hot wash

6.10 Big Parade

- I. Thomson reported
- Committee will work on securing contracts and looking for new units and unit sponsorships from the community

6.10.1 Parade Review Stand

As discussed under hot wash M. Eternicka will explore alternative options but for now plan is for the new crew to construct the current review stand and use N&S towing truck.

6.11 Fireworks

- D. Besson reported Wolverine has been contacted to submit their contract
- Need to find out who coordinates National Night Out and confirm that this can still be the reschedule date,

6.12 Publicity

6.12.1 Flyer

N. Wilkes will be updating flyer

6.12.2 Website

N. Wilkes will speak with Lexi at Village about setting up 4th of July website where all flyer and all rules and regulation forms can be posted.

6.13 Parade Review Stand

Committee members have shadowed Carl Reiner on how to build current stand; however, further discussion will be held on an alternative option.

7.0 Safety update

Officer Henner reported the increased safety patrols and safety measures discussed in 2022 will be in place for 2023.

8.0 Set Next Meeting Date for Thursday, March 9th, 6:30 pm

9.0 Adjournment- Motion by K. Habacz and moved by M. Eternicka to adjourn 7:57pm