



**Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 FSF Committee Meeting held 28th September 2016**

**Attending:**

Stan Broomfield (Chairman)	<b>SB</b>	
Martin Calver (Treasurer)		<b>MC</b>
John Oram	<b>JO</b>	
Adrian Dowding	<b>AD</b>	
Foster Herd	<b>FH</b>	
Stephen Walker	<b>SW</b>	
Kevin Graves		<b>KG</b>
Dennis Wilson	<b>DW</b>	
Paul Hammond (Secretary)	<b>PH</b>	

**Apologies:**

Karl Jung	<b>KJ</b>
Iain Savage	<b>IS</b>
Trevor Halski	<b>TH</b>

This meeting is the first of the 2017 Fordingbridge Summer Festival. Held at Stan's home.

**Chairman's Opening Comments:**

Stan advised that the trailer was now located at Brownsey's premise behind the Garage on the Southampton Road out of Fordingbridge.

The Ducks have been sorted and recounted. They are now in Martin's garage.

Stan has spoken to the Mayor about putting a 20-amp outlet on the Machine store, which will help alleviate the power overload experienced last festival. Checklist is proposed for the power required by the stall holders which could be compiled from the information provided on the web and proforma.

**PH.**

The Ringwood PA has been booked for the date buy Stan.

6 Caterers have committed to provide various refreshment services and the Hyde CC will have their usual marquee. We are looking for an 8<sup>th</sup>. Nuncio the doughnut man already paid.

Caravan clubs are now showing interest and this will be followed up.

Corporate ducks need to have an improved package. This is to be discussed.

Treasurer. 11186 was the net balance for last year. Martin explained the current financial position.

Prices to be set a £5 for adult and £4 concession. Agreed

Pitch charges £150 catering £60 for trade for covered, and £40 uncovered.

### **Sponsorship**

Sandyballs sponsored corporate ducks.

NFWM agreed

Connocks

Edwards

Day nurse

We should try Farm machinery sponsorship

### **Publicity**

Applications via the web system worked well and we have had good feedback on the webpages from other organisations.

2 radio stations involved and Spire FM did a good job on the day plus plenty of photos on their web site.

We are not getting good coverage from the Salisbury Journal.

Michael Thierry has spoken to Stan about using his Ringwood and Fordingbridge news for publicity.

Press coverage needs to be increased.

### **Attractions**

Ringwood pipe band was suggested. Have a high profile.

Adrian had a list of ideas for attractions:

- Marching Bands
- Animal Display
- Motor cycle Display
- Birds of prey
- Terrier Racing

- Dog Show
- Comedy Trampoline act
- Cossack trick Riding
- Cumberland Giants
- Circus Skills Workshop
- Dog Agility
- Dog Team Display
- Drum and Bugle Band
- Medieval Jousting
- Comedy Car Display
- Sheepdog Display with sheep or Ducks/Geese
- Heavy Horses.

There are many ideas to choose from and these will be reviewed at later meetings.

A big modern tractor could be arranged to show comparison with the vintage ones.?

There was a Discussion on use or need for arena vs more stalls. It was felt that we need to retain the arena

### **Children's Entertainments:**

A Sack race was proposed. This is popular with children. It costs about £75 for 8 sacks, which are reusable year on year.

Tractor pull.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang would be a good attraction for children. SB to contact. **SB**

Trigger the Train

Reptiles again.

Jake the trick cyclist.

Punch and Judy.

Face painting

### **Dog Show**

Suggested that we have a show. This was discussed and agreed defer for this year.

Fete Games to be organised by the scouts.

### **Duck Race.**

Public tickets as per last year.

Corporate Tickets. PI said that selling ducks at £25 was hard going.

Discussions have been held with NFWM to see how they can work with us with corporate hospitality. This could be discussed at the Corporate Duck Committee together with the Clubs Membership committee plan to have Friends of Rotary at business level.

Stan has proposed a Corp Duck race package organising committee. This is to be chaired by Stephen Walker and is to determine the structure and approach to implementing an improved Corporate Duck Race package.

### **AOB**

Martin asked us to think about any additional trailers that can be used to transport equipment around the field and town.

### **ALL**

Letter to the Fordingbridge town council to fix the dates and we would like to start set up on the Wednesday.

### **PH**

### **Future Meetings**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> October - Adrian's

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Martin's

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> January - Kevin's

It was agreed to invite Will Peak to next meeting

### **PH**