

Fordingbridge Summer Festival Committee **Meeting 4th April**

21 Bridge Street 7.30 p.m. (minutes MC)

Present:- S. Broomfield, S. Walker, J. Oram, M. Calver, K Graves, D. Wilson, F. Herd, A. Dowding, K. Jung.

Apologies:- Paul Hammond, Trevor Halski, Iain Savage.

Minutes agreed.

S.B advised the tea tent would now be run by A. Rust and not Poulner scout with 20% of profits coming to Festival income.

M.C. reported £200 income from charity stands, £740 from catering , £730 from Trade and £6 in advance ticket sales. £752 spent on Marquee deposit,£20 on lottery license and £80 deposit to Juggling Jake.

M.C. requested bank details be added to all booking forms to encourage payment by bank transfer.

S.B. reported that **I.S.** is in discussion with Edwards Ford re sponsorship.

S.B gave a report from **I.S** on cake competition. It is to be called Fordingbridge Cake-Of Poster and entry forms have been designed. Sue Willcocks has been involved as a judge and W.I. are showing an interest P.H. is drafting publicity.

All local schools will be contacted along with youth groups. Application forms will be available in local shops. A set of rules is being drawn up. Prizes will be available as well as rosettes. Decisions still to be made on how delivery on the day takes place and despatch of tickets for entrants. Amazon vouchers are being considered for best supporting school.

D.W. advised 16 traders confirmed to date with 1 in pipeline and 4 enquiries outstanding. Hants and IOW Air ambulance confirmed.

S.B. confirmed 13 charity entries to date with 1 in pipeline.

S.B. advised all Caterers committed with 2 payments still awaited.

F.H. advised all forms had gone to possible craft entries and 6 had been returned to date. Reptiles and Trigger The train had also confirmed.

J.O. advised 3 counties had committed at least 30 cars. He was in discussion with jaguar car club and Austin7 car club.19 private entries had committed. 5 tractors, 2 Landrovers, 1 Steam Engine and an old Scammell lorry from the Heavy horse centre had also committed to coming.

K.G. requested that the website be updates as soon as possible. **S.B will speak and meet with Chris Dennis.**

K.G. advised that we are now on a number of websites. Articles also going in Breamore Magazine. **K.G to send editorial to F.H and MC.for inclusion in local mags. K.J.** asked that Road signs include where the Festival site was i.e. Recreation Ground Fordingbridge.

D.W. to pursue Radio Solent “ whats on “ spot to ensure we get on it

All Arena events are finalised and confirmed, there will be a tractor pull, 6 pairs of heavy horses with carts in competition, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. It was agreed peddle car racing was not viable and would not be included.

Judges were required for classic cars. **A.D. to investigate 2 local contacts**

J.O is to search out suitable prizes for classic cars.

S.W. advised that corporate ducks were being rebadged as Business Ducks. package would include 2 entry tickets , banner space if required and hospitality on the day and an opportunity to talk to the club about their business, all for £25. 100 was the target sales. A meal for 2 has been donated by the 3 Lions and will be used as 1st prize. **S.W to investigate Salisbury races and the BIC as possible 2nd and 3rd prizes.**

Standard duck tickets will go on sale from 13th may. They will not be on sale at the Cuckoo fair as it will conflict with their duck race. New Forest wealth will be on tickets as sponsor.

Other issues.

David Sanders is quoting to install electrical sockets at the elephant house.

M.C will source pot roses as last year for main sponsor.

M.C. and A.D. to search out new source for straw .

Security booked.

Rotary gazebo to be in front of main marquee this year.

Ringwood and Verwood clubs informed of date and asked for support.

S.B. to talk to P.H. re BBC south and progress to date

K.G. asked for approval to buy a better table for duck sales .- agreed

A.D. suggested the main road signs need upgrading with new overlays. Agreed.

K.G. was asked to update P.H. with latest position on all ads and editorial

Bookings List: Full check completed with errors and additions amended

Art Club would not be coming this year.

Dog show would not take place this year.

Archery is confirmed

Dressage will not take place this year.

Cresswood band is confirmed.

S.B agreed to go through booking list with P.H. and remove all entries that are now known not to be happening or have any recorded requirement.

Club Briefing will be on Tuesday 4th July 2017.

Meeting closed @ 9. 15 pm

Next meetings Wed 26th April at Trevor Halski's

Wed 31st May at Kevin Graves's

Wed 28th June at Stan Broomfields'