



Timeline Festival Committee Minutes.

Saturday November 12th 2016.

The meeting convened at 2.10 pm.

Present were Keith Day, Chase Day, Mark Haviland, Mark Pountney, Rob Powell, Sandy Sempel, Sharon Sempel, Jarrah Stinchcombe-Wighton, Chris Tosh

Apologies were received from Carlyle Coulson.

Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There were no action points. Rob voted that they be accepted and Sandy seconded.

Action Points from Previous Meeting outstanding

- No outstanding action points

Correspondence

- Included in general points of the 2016 Event Wrap-Up

Financial / Account Status

- As at October 24th, the finances stood at \$2124.48.
- This year's event did not have the income of previous years from the raffle and auction.

New Member Applications

- No new membership applications were received.

2016 Event Wrap Up

2016 Survey results:

There were 160 responses, of which 54% were from re-enactors, 25 % from merchants and the balance from members of the public / others.

- Overview: 94% rated the event good or very good.
- The venue: 94% rated the venue good or very good.
- The facilities: 75% rated the facilities good or very good. 17% were neutral.

- The organisation: 85% rated the organisation good or very good.
- The encampments: 85% said the encampments were good or very good.
- The merchants: 75% said the merchants were good or very good.
- The arena: 80% said the arena was good or very good.
- The combat: 90% said the combat was good or very good.
- The equine events: 70% said the equine events were good or very good.
- The trebuchet: 77% said the trebuchet was good or very good.
- The meals: 45% said the meals were good or very good. The Saturday evening meal was considered lacklustre.
- Timeline committee: 85% rated the committee as good or very good.
- 92% said they would attend future events.
- 18 out of 121 participants didn't rate the committee, but the question was asked, where is the demarcation of the committee? Parking, etc. was out of Timeline's jurisdiction.
- Feedback was generally very positive, Bannockburn being considered a better location. There was a good deal of input from the merchants.
- Criticisms related to the archery competition, the lack of seating, and a food court was thought to be a good idea for next time.

Non survey feedback

- An email from Chase was read to the meeting. She referred to issues with gunfire out of the scheduled hours, and safety relating to uncapped pickets on the fence lines.
- Another issue was the failure of the skill-at-arms equipment, which he had to have professionally welded on the Saturday.
- A number of reports were received from groups that attended the event regarding a loud explosion and pyrotechnics being let off late on the Friday night, gunfire late on Saturday night, machine gun fire during the equine skill at arms event and the riding of a motorcycle through the living history encampments. Keith said he was aware that a formal complaint had been made by a number of groups to the ALHF regarding one group in particular (who had been engaged directly by the Lion's Club) and this group appeared responsible for all of the above incidents. Keith gave the Lions Club a heads up in case clubs complained directly to them.
- Keith read to the meeting an eight-page reply from the safety officer of the group concerned who acknowledged that he set off pyrotechnics late on Friday night because they were

not labelled and he didn't know what they were going to do. He also acknowledged gunfire during the equine event and the riding of the motorcycle in the encampments.

- Keith said there had been correspondence from Alex Barnes at ALHF regarding the activity between the ALHF and the group in question. The ALHF committee was conducting a fact-finding operation to look into the case. The group had been invited to make comment. A report would be submitted to the ALHF committee to decide if any follow up action is required.
- Keith also discussed an email that he sent to the President of the group clarifying that Timeline did not have an issue with their group as a whole as the incidents in questions he believed were the responsibility of just one or two of their members.
- Keith mentioned at this stage, no formal complaint about the matter has been lodged by the Timeline with the Lions Club or ALHF as the issues were already being investigated, although Keith did discuss the matter with the ALHF president and confirmed that the incidents, as far as he was aware, did occur as noted in the complaints that had been made.
- Keith also noted there was a further incident that occurred on Facebook shortly after the event where the group in question's safety officer started to cause trouble and openly taunt Timeline committee members which resulted in the post having to be removed.
- Keith asked Chris to present a report on the first aid incidents during the event.
- Complaints regarding unacceptable comments and behaviour by a committee member were discussed. Keith committed to raising the issue with the committee member concerned.
- Chris raised the matter of the cutting demonstration on an animal, asking whether this was appropriate for the event. Children were upset by it. It was considered preferable to have it done in an encampment rather than in the main arena. It was suggested that a disclaimer announcement be made prior to the display, if this kind of demonstration were to be done in the future.
- Chris suggested that at future events, the locations of the food vendors and the encampments be reversed.
- Rob mentioned the large empty space in front of the Birds of Prey encampment, where the LARPs were supposed to be.
- It was suggested that there be a food court within the encampments, which might be used as a communal space by the re-enactors in the evening.
- Chris suggested that the archery be fenced off. Keith suggested that next time the archery competition could be held on the trebuchet arena. It was also felt that the archery tournament could be arranged better.

- Chris said there was a need for bigger signage. Bannockburn didn't provide any. He also thought the merchants could be better managed.
- Chris repeated the difficulty of communicating with the committee, and said it might be possible to organise some better radios for next time. It was suggested that we simply hire a PA system. Sandy agreed, saying it would cost around \$800 for the weekend.
- Keith raised the question of what to do if Bannockburn is not available for next year.

Next Meeting

Next meeting and AGM will be held on December 10th at 12.00 at Gordon

Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.