

5.11.26 BACC BOD Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Malieswski, Peggy Clay, Karen Kennedy, Burton Hinton, Renee Powers, and Michelle Cleveland

Guest: Doug Clarner, BMC board member

Doug and the chamber board all spoke about the agreement for storage and venue fee for the annual fall festival. Everyone agreed that the Burke chamber would provide an annual contribution of \$1,000 to BMC for the use/year-round storage of bay #4 and venue fee for 5 years. Laura will update the agreement for everyone to sign.

Call to Order: 5:04pm

Approval of March meeting minutes: Karen made the motion to approve minutes from the March meeting, Renee seconded and motioned approved.

Financials: March & April treasurer reports were reviewed and show a balance of \$23,735.51, Karen, made a motion to approve the financials, Renee seconded and motioned approved. Laura noted that the website project was fully paid for and vendor fees and sponsorships are starting to come in for the fall festival. She reported positive results from the new website, including new chamber members, mentioning it as a reason for joining.

Kiosk repairs and cost estimate: Karen will give Ray at Painless Glass a call and get some estimates on the plexiglass and prices to go out and measure and install for the kiosk. Doug mentioned he and others will volunteer to help rebuild the roof. Burton will reach out to Doug about the kiosk refurbishment and payment for materials.

Village WiFi Options: The group discussed the future of Wi-Fi on the green, with concerns about the current \$1,500 annual cost being unsustainable. They agreed to explore options for temporary Wi-Fi setup specifically for the Fall Festival, with Jen planning to investigate NEK Broadband and Laura will check with Phoenix Communications for pricing. The discussion revealed that the current 5-year license for the Cisco Meraki system is already paid through 2028, eliminating the immediate need for a new license renewal. The group acknowledged that while the current system is expensive, it provides necessary coverage for the Fall Festival, and they will gather more information about temporary solutions before making any decisions about discontinuing the permanent Wi-Fi service.

Strawberry Festival Planning: Laura organized plans for the Strawberry Festival scheduled for June 26th at West Burke Park from 4-7 PM. The event will feature food trucks including Runaway Tomato and NEK Catering, along with music from Tritium Well, a bake sale from West Burke Church, and strawberry shortcake sales at \$5 per piece. We talked about potential sponsorship opportunities for the Strawberry Fest. They agreed to pursue a \$300 sponsorship from a couple of banks, which would cover the band costs of \$600. Key logistics were discussed including cutting up the strawberries on June 25th at 2 PM, and setting up for Friday with (tents, tables, chairs), and everyone should arrive by 3:00pm to help. Burton will try and coordinate with Jim ab Sullivan out cleaning the trash barrels in advance of the event.

Fall Festival discussion: Change the raffle time to end at 2:00pm, so winners collect their item before they leave. Email vendors to remind them to bring raffle donations by 9am on the day of the festival. Laura will ask Wheeler sports about the cost of bags with the fall festival logo. Laura will reach out to Chris to schedule the date for the Fall Festival planning meeting, at Burke Mountain Club for June 29th at 5pm.

Next board meeting – July 13, 2026, at 5pm, @ Community Building

Adjourn 6:05pm