

# Homer Community Festival Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
February 1, 2023

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Village Community Room**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Fialko.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and invocation.**

**3. Roll Call**

Members present at 5:30 pm were Chairman Fialko, Mike Carlson, Tony Drabik, Carmen Maurella, Paul McGary, Jay Roti, Debbie Stevens, John Walters and Ethan Fialko (via phone at 5:54 pm).

Members absent were Mike Bonomo (excused), Mark Gawron (excused), and Sara Rudnik (no call/no show)

Also present: Alana Charboneau, Jen Vittori, Jackie Huff, Vicki Bozen, Bill Frossard, Ron Kus, and Dan Mulka.

**4. Amendments to the Agenda - None**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

a. January 4, 2023

Member Tony Drabik made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mike Carlson. All voted in favor unanimously, zero (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**6. Public Comment – None**

**7. Announcements**

Chairman Fialko stated we are twenty weeks out from Homer Fest. He announced the entertainment schedule has been released online. A local band Schtillrokken is playing on Thursday from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, and two of the band members are from Homer Glen. Next, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm is 4 Cast, with members from Orland Park. Libido Funk Circus who is very popular on the south side is playing from 9:00 pm – 11:30 pm. They are an upbeat band who will go very nicely with the fireworks. Someone (surprise person) is going to come in at 9:15 pm and sing the national anthem, followed by fireworks at 9:30 pm. On Friday, June 23, the first band is Starlight City who brings in a large crowd from the south side. Elton Rohn is a tribute band to Elton John plays from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Dan said when Elton Rohn sells tickets to his shows, he always sells out. Elton Rohn is coming down from Ontario Canada. LP Vinyl plays from 9:30 pm – 11:30 pm. Dan said he tries to build his lineups to have local talent first, a show, followed by drink/dance music at the end of night. Moving onto Saturday. Local talent is S & M, which is Mike Carlson's band. He did a great job last year, and agreed to come back this year. After that is another tribute band Simply Queen, who are also coming down from Canada. If you go to the Homer Fest website, there are links to all the bands websites. The lead singer of Simply Queens looks like Freddy Mercury, and attracts large crowds. At the end of the night is Hi Infidelity from 9:30 pm – 11:30 pm who draws a huge crowd. The last night of fest Sunday, June 25 the first band playing is Nick at Knight from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. This will parallel with the Senior night on Sunday. A Bob Segar tribute

band Silver Bullet STL plays from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The close out band is 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven. They had the biggest draw last year at Fest. The hours have been extended for Sunday, from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm. 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven will play until 10:00 pm. No other announcements.

## **8. Old Business**

### **a. Pet Fest**

Vicki Bozen from Homer Township was present to talk about Pet Fest. Tents will be delivered Thursday so they can be utilized for pet fest. Dan told Vicki that the tent size has changed, from 40X80 to 40X60. Dan would like a count of how many vendors will be under the tent. Vicki was not sure how the tables and chairs were going to be delivered. Jacquelyn spoke with Carmen about using tables the Village already has for Pet Fest since only 30 are needed. Dan responded by saying to have Marquee deliver the tables since they are needed for Homer Fest. Homer township has volunteers to set up tables and chairs. Vicki inquired about getting an extra tent to put a stage under. She would have pet contests up there and entertainment. Dan suggested to put the stage at the west end of the tent, there should be more than enough room there. Ask marquee what size stage they have. Dan requested the size of the stage once obtained. Vicki let the committee know Pet Fest is from 12-3 on Saturday June 17. 4-6 garbage cans will be set up by Jennifer for usage. Vicki is working on giveaways with Jacquelyn. Vicki asked if any type of security would be needed for the day. Dan said if police are needed, Township would have to set that up and pay for the expense. Vicki wants to invite K9 from Will County. Dan brought up when there is a stage, you need to have a hold harmless agreement. This protects the Village and Township in case of a fall. Dan also advised Vicki to talk to insurance about dog bites, in which Vicki replied that she and Carmen are already in that process. Vicki wants to have 2 food trucks for pet fest. They would go by the baseball fields. Chairman Fialko wanted to put to the board a vote if everyone is on board with what is planned. He asked all those in favor of moving forward, to give a verbal aye all at once. No one opposed. Motion to bring in pet fest on June 17 passed unanimously. Chairman Fialko moved on to other old business news. He asked about special events insurance, for rain and other weather-related incidents. Lt. Taylor was not present, but need to start security operation plans. Dan wants the big beam lights that shoot in the sky when the bands are playing. They would only be on Friday and Saturday for 2 hours. He is going to contact the company on Thursday. Dan asked where we were in the grant process. Carmen confirmed we are still waiting to hear back from the State.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Wine/beer Vendor**

Chairman Fialko asked Tony for an update on wine. We would still get wine through the alcohol vendor, and sangria from Papa Joes. Margaritas are going to be an in-kind donations from Rubi Agave. Tony has been in contact with vendor Kozol Brothers, and is meeting with them next Tuesday. Kozol does not sell

Stella as a premium beer, which has been at Fest for the past few years. Tony is looking into what the popular beers are. He is also looking for wider variety of wine. Dan asked what sells more, red or white wine. Tony said red sells more. Tony plans on keeping both. Lake shore and Kozol both supply wine. Tony said hot items that sell are hard seltzers. Kozol sells White Claws and Truly. High Noon is a choice. Dan asked if both vendors wanted to be at Homer Fest. He was told no, that each alcohol vendor wanted to be the only one. One vendor is offering a \$5,000 sponsorship, and the other \$3,500. Dan wants to know what is more important, beer choices or sponsorship. Blue moon is a choice to replace Stella. Kozol does not have bar backs, Lakeshore does, that is something to look into. Tony will have a report back on that next month. Dan took a vote, and all voting members thought that brand was more important than sponsorship. Tony is going to bring a fuel hose for Jennifer to see if it works.

b. Organizations/Vendors

Chairman Fialko said it has been the same organizations that help out each year. Dan wants to know how to get other ones to help out. These organizations are working for tip money to support their cause. Must be basset trained and have some sort of structure of how they are going to operate. Homer Fest had 5 or 6 different organizations last year. Dan suggested the Boy Scouts parents can help. They may not want to since it involves alcohol. Tony stated that the Homer Glen Junior Womens club is great help. We should see if they are interested in doing it for two nights. They can do Thursday and a weekend night. Homer stallions, Lockport Junior Porters, Ability Awareness and Homer Cares also volunteer. Vicki can ask the seniors if they want a slot on Sunday. Vicki will contact Mike Bonomo to work with him on that. On the volunteer list, it says how many volunteers are needed for each shift. They do not need to be basset trained to serve. Jennifer mentioned the Royals Soccer club was there. Tony will reach out and report back. Debbie has the volunteer list from last year, and will send to Jacquelyn. Dan advised that the food vendors list have went from 10 to 15. He asked about the applications. Carmen said that they are now available on the website. Jacquelyn stated she has received 4 applications so far. Dan said for the food vendors, we need to know who has a truck, and who will need a tent. We need to know how many tents will be needed. Public Works will park the trailers, and parks assists with the tents. Chairman Fialko said bicycle fencing will be put in between vendors and information booth. Food vendor applications must be submitted by March 1, but date can be extended if needed. Dan stated that there is a mandatory vendor meeting that all applicants must attend. Jacquelyn let Dan know that in the application it is stated that if the vendors do not show it, their spot at the Fest will be forfeited. Debbie brought up that some of the vendors had a hard time showing up early in the morning for the meeting. Carmen suggested to change meeting time to 10:30 and Dan agreed.

c. Parade

Vicki wanted to find out about changing the parade route. Carmen was adamant that Will county will not let it happen either will the Insurance. The parade is Saturday, June 24. at 9:30 am. Rain date will be on Sunday, June 25 at the same time. The parade will start on 151<sup>st</sup> street by Bengtson. Vicki left at 623pm.

d. **Webpage**

Alana talked about the webpage redesign. Alana is going to make a QR code to go out at fest that residents can scan. It will show them the entertainment schedule and parking. The website is being updated daily with new information. Dan told Alana she was doing a great job at promoting new open concept design. Dan stated he wants to encourage people to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

**Round Table.**

Jay Roti – He wants to reach out to vendor to make a 6X6 Homer Glen blanket that residents can purchase at fest. Dan suggested the HCBA have it at there booth. Dan Mulka will look into that.

Debbie Stevens – She told everyone to look up century Ferris wheel, it is 60 feet. Put on the website and Facebook. Debbie will send pictures.

Dave – working with Mark on layout. Very well organized. Going to pick up marquee signs

Dan Mulka – with HCBA. If we need help with anything, he is willing to help.

Paul McGary– He is worried about ground loading for the large Ferris wheel. We need to make sure the asphalt can handle it. He has safety concerns. Debbie will get more information about the Ferris wheel. Dan stated Paul is in charge of ice, not Tony. Paul would like to see 11x17 of layouts. Dan will ask Mark to bring in finalized design.

Bill Frossard – He has the same concerns about Ferris wheel.

Ron Kus – Nothing to add at this time

Jennifer Vittori – Placing generator on the corner. She asked if the water line has to go across the road. It does not. Ada ramp is needed on the south end of parking lot. Dan asked if some tree trunks and posts can be cleaned up over there. He will walk the area with Carmen. Jen asked that Marquee not set up the tables and chairs under the tent right away. They will be in the way when they have to put up the lights. Jacquelyn will check with Marquee to see if they have up lights they can put on the poles.

John Walters – John asked if there was there an issue with liquor license times last year. Carmen said no. Dan stated that Carmen and himself are the only people that can shut the Fest down. If weather turns, they will work with EMA. No one else can end it. Dan asked about new radios. Ron suggested a phone app that acts as a radio. It is secure and only people that are invited can access the channel. Dan said we will give them try this year, but to have the yellow radios on standby in case they are needed.

Alana Charboneau – Nothing to add at this time.

Jacquelyn Huff – Nothing to add at this time.

Mike Carlson –Thanked everyone for all the time and effort that is put into the Fest. Mike said this is going to be the best Fest we have ever had.

Carmen – The hotels are booked for bands coming in. Events department is working on sponsorship packet. He is excited for new group. Carmen said to email any questions before meeting.

Dan – The next Homer Fest meeting is March 1. Dan would like senior time; porta john; and sponsorships on the agenda for next month.

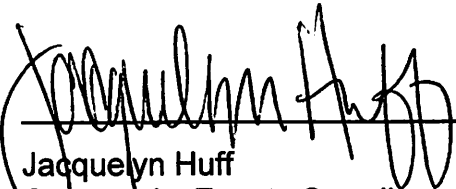
**10. Next Meeting**

March 1st at 5:30 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

Chairman Fialko asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Roti moved, seconded by Member McGary. A voice vote was called, all were in favor, zero (0) opposed. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Jacquelyn Huff  
Community Events Coordinator  
Village of Homer Glen