

Walk! Bike! Brockport!
Minutes
December 10, 2009

Present: Ray Duncan, Ute Duncan, Pete Randazzo, Dave Ball, Harry Shifton, Mike Schaffer, Joan Fenton, Rich Fenton, Barb Blosenhauer, Joe Blosenhauer, Norm Frisch, Nancy Washer

Meeting called to order: 7 pm

1. Santa Train Report : Ray and Ute Duncan

14 volunteers (9 were non-regular members of W!B!B!)

16 hours of volunteer work on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6: setting up, minding the store, 6 train rides, cleaning up

10 hours in planning and contacting key organizations: Brockport Police Department, Brad and Lance Alexander at Northside Mobil, Brockport Department of Public Works, Wegmans, Tim Hortons, private individuals for coffee urns

Letters written to Wegmans and Tim Hortons requesting donations

7 hours of writing thank you notes and other post-event activities, such as returning coffee urns

We raised \$517.16

We will put photos on the website (more on that later)

Write-up will go in Suburban News

Unfortunately Tim Hortons would not donate donuts

talked to Alicia Fink (treasurer) for how to transfer the money
money has been transferred

Discussion:

Mike: other places we could persuade to donate donuts

Ray: we'll look into a number of other places, Ryans, Walmart

Harry: there are more people who want to volunteer, perhaps instead of one person doing multiple runs, have each person do one or two
heard from Alan Way, for example

Ray: but of course, some drop out, other people bring their kids
second run on Sunday—really crowded
great sales of doritos, potato chips

Barb: we could stock up, we can return it as long as it isn't opened

Ute: we didn't know about that

Ray: people came from as far away as Buffalo and Ontario, CA; we should have brochures

Brad Alexander pointed out that in tourist magazines villages often publicize what is available in town

we should use this event as a way to publicize the village and all it offers

2. Future Use of Walk Bike funds proposal: Ray Duncan

Hands out copies of budget: expenses and revenues over time

Current total \$3068.16

including: \$75 donation from Septemberfest and Santa Train
What do we spend money on?
We should try to get funds outside for some events, like poster contest
For once-a-year activities—help the event organizer to fund raise
We should use our major funds for our major projects

Examples:

gateway at the north end of town
Helen Smagorinsky is amenable to moving her sign
trails

For major projects—also promise to match funds from other sources

Discussion:

Pete: suppose we request funds for a project and they ask how much money you have in the bank, then don't want to fund us

Ray: explain to them that we have multiple projects, offer to match

Rich: service clubs raise money to provide service, so it is reasonable to ask them for support

Mike: that's why I've approached some of them with some success

Joan: now I have to go before the school board to keep the poster contest going

Ray: we are now the default coordinator of the Santa Train, no other village contact

Ute: experienced problems with organizing the Santa Train, handing out flyers in the schools

Rich: who did advertise the Santa Train?

Ute: Medina is supposed to do it, but there was disorganization on their part, for profit for the museum
in the past Scott Winner would set things up with DPW and the Police and so on

we expected Medina to do the ads and they expected us to advertise
Saturday was not very good; then Sunday was great
there were no signs, they didn't know how to get to it
also there were two groups that took entire cars

3. Fund-raising idea: Ray Duncan

The beautiful vests—could we sell them? at Septemberfest?

Discussion:

Pete: We tried to get the group to fundraise using vests, but we voted it down for various reasons

Walk to School people needed a way to identify the greeters
so we bought these vests for every event—60 vests at about \$12 apiece

now we can't sell them because of the original purchase purpose

Rich: is there another way we could identify potential greeters? we haven't been very careful with the vests as it is

Dave: this year there was a certain amount of chaos in handing out the vests;

next year we'll give the vests to the village volunteers and give the teams
(from SUNY Brockport and so on) something else. we lost 2 vests
Mike: we could number them (subtly), then have them sign them out
Pete: problem: early in the morning, dark, lots of people; later in the day people
bring in everyone's vests
Mike: we did this in the military
Ray: should we sell the vests? probably not
Norm: there could be a difference between official ones and commercial ones
more splashy for the public
Harry: we should use them for every official event

4. Trails Development Report: Peter Randazzo

Trail in Sweden Town Park,
last time: trying to arrange a meeting between various park users, especially those
interested in trails
Cross-country club
Disc golf, Town of Sweden approved their structures and gave them
\$15,000 to do it
all in the park now
this time: he and Harry met on December 2, invited Dave Ball and Jack Milner, who
brought Fred Perrine
Bill Andrews' perimeter trail and the grant--\$60,000 matched by the town in labor
not funded
Bill's plan called for a 10-foot wide nearly paved path—crushed stone
meets trail standards, but do we really need all that?
Iceland has many marked hiking trails, but much narrower
discussed the Icelandic trails with the Town of Sweden guys
Fred sent an aerial photo (relatively recent)
need people to start blazing the trail, then if we get the money, we could use it
would be good for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or running, nordic walking

Discussion:

Harry: ultimate goal to connect with Redman Road sidewalk that takes you to Clarkson
and north and south to Bergen Swamp
also talked to disc golf people
Joan: how far would the trail go?
Pete: we don't know right at the moment
we also found out if we need to propose this to the Sweden Town Board
Milner communicated that the Town Board is interested in letting us pursue this
in the spring we could mark out the trail
let's say the trail is a mile, a stake every 100 feet, we'd need 50 stakes or so at \$2
a stake=\$100, plus spray paint to color code them
would we be willing to give Pete the seed money to get the stakes? about \$200
Joan: just what we should be doing
Ray: who is the point person?
Peter Randazzo?

someone who can report back to the committee

Pete: you can see some cross-country running trails in the woods
we could do the same for our trail—a few work days
also the nordic walkers? boy scouts?

Ray: I Motion to acknowledge that Pete Randazzo is the point person for the Town Park Trail; multiple seconds; unanimous
we will call it: The Walk Bike Trail in the Sweden Town Park

Pete: hopes that Bill Andrews will help out with or bless the project
Jack Milner used to head up the Sweden Community Foundation which maybe
could fund things
maybe he could come to one of our meetings

Ray: proposes postponing vote on funding, investigate possible Town funding

Harry: We have to keep in mind that Jack Milner wears two hats: the Town Supervisor versus member of the Sweden Community Foundation

SCF has offered a \$1000 for the dock on the canal, so maybe they would help us

Harry: I move that we authorize the expenditure of \$225 for stakes for the trail

Ray: offers amendment: try to get matching funds

Mike: good sign to have Walk Bike put some funds into it

Pete: buy the stakes to get it going, then seek additional funds, don't want it to be stalled by funding

Seconded and approved Unanimously

5. Web Site Progress: Norm Frisch

web page is up and running

minutes up as well

The secretary will send the minutes to Ray, who will send them out and have them put on webpage

Mostly saved until next time

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Barb: New Brockport School Superintendent doesn't know anything about us and the contest

Joan: I will go before the school board to inform them

Dave: he knows about Walk to School, very cooperative

Meeting ends at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting January 14 at 7 pm

Pete will look into inviting Jack Milner to attend and discuss the trail and funding.