

1814 Commemoration Inc.
 Battle of Plattsburgh (BOP) **Committee**
 Hybrid Meeting

Held in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Plattsburgh Public Library (PPL), Oak Street,
 Plattsburgh, NY
 and
 Via ZOOM

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
 5:45pm pm –6:40 pm

Notes

Board Members Present:

Tom Donahue	in person
Mark Dubrey	in person
Forrest Edwards	in person
Russell Feher	in person
Wendy Gilchrist	in person
Tim Horn	zoom
Judy Lefebvre	in person
Nicole Martino	in person
Chris Ransom	in person
Mary Simmers	in person

Board Members Not Present:

Sharon Bell
 Vicki Giroux
 Jim Guinness
 Diane Kwarta

Guests Present:

Iris Cain

Committee Members, Volunteers, etc. Present:

Stan Ransom	in person
Yvonne Smith	in person

Welcome

President, Tom Donahue called the meeting of the 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration to order immediately following the 1814 Commemoration Board at 5:45pm. Tom welcomed everyone including our guest, Iris Cain.

Purpose of the Meeting

Tom Donahue reported that the purpose of this meeting is a review and update of planned events for the 2024 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration (BOPC).

Dates

The dates of the 2024 Commemoration are:
Thursday, September 12 – Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Theme

The theme of this year's commemoration is **Ships, Boats, and Buggies**.

Events

Entertainment

Russell Fehr is working on entertainment.

He will contact Jerrod Olsen at the Strand. Russell has a number of possible bands for Saturday and Sunday. He will also talk with Jerrod about a fundraiser for BOP at The Strand – maybe June or July? He is considering a Tom Petty Tribute band for Saturday night for about \$2,500. Frankie and the Moonlighters might do Saturday night (~4pm to 5:30pm) in Trinity Park. They have 7 in their band and their price could be \$700. to \$1,500. They will bring their own sound system. Wendy Gilchrist will need to start setting up the Macomb Ball at 6pm. Wendy has the musicians she needs. Russell talked about the possibility of the Gibson Brothers. Tim Horn suggested the Glass Onion. Noah Kahn from Vermont was suggested...maybe for Sunday? Russell talked about a Billy Joel Tribute band – River of Dreams Billy Joel Tribute Band.

Tim Horn is making contacts with military bands.

Navy Band:

The Navy Band has a conflict due to a ship christening that they must participate in during the BOP Commemoration. Tim will tell the Navy Band that the Army Band will be performing.

Army Band:

The Army Band can come. They could perform an evening concert at the Strand; a salute on Friday prior to the fireworks; on Saturday they can march and play in the parade; and a concert in Trinity Park on Sunday. They want to go to the schools and assisted living facilities. They might be able to perform Thursday night. Tim will book the Army Band. They are free.

Norwich Band:

The Norwich Band can come on Thursday. They need to get a bus. They might perform at The Strand on Thursday night?

We (BOPC/1814) pay The Strand \$1,000. for each performance done at The Strand.

Vicki Giroux is arranging for the marching bands for the parade.

Magazine

Mary is working on the magazine. She has received two quotes for the cost of printing the magazine. The third company did not want to provide a quote. The cost ran from about \$4,494 to about \$7,200.

For instance,

Northeast Printing can make 600 copies of a 52-page magazine for \$4,494.

Studley can do 600 copies of a 48-page magazine for \$4,545.

Mary will make a comparison of all the quotes she received.

We will do the final schedule as an insert. Maybe the county or Pennysaver could do the insert?

Content Mary is considering for the magazine includes:

- Ancestors in the War of 1812 - She has been in contact with George Hubbell at Champlain Pool. She discovered that Liv Tyler did research in Plattsburgh on her ancestor who was a drummer in the Siege of Plattsburgh.
- White Rooster

Junior Reenactors

Mary Simmers is chairing this. She now has about 17 children who want to be junior reenactors. She has confirmed permission from the Y to use their meeting room at the Y on the Oval for meetings. She is in the process of setting up a meeting for the reenactors and their parents. Tom Donahue obtained a donation of 15 buckets from Lowes to be used as drums. We need to send a Thank you to the manager, Chris. Find out the value of the buckets (\$5. each?) so we can send a tax deduction receipt. We need to contact maybe John Rock about the uniforms used by children at the Morrisonville Living History event we did last year at the Fairgrounds.

Cannonball Run

Mary Simmers has been in contact with Krista at the Y about the run, which is now proposed to be on Saturday, September 14 beginning at 8am.

Macomb Ball/Shape Notes

Wendy Gilchrist reported that she had confirmed the 2 people and one caller she needs. She thinks the cost will be about the same as last year. Wendy needs to set up for the Ball at 6pm.

Social Media

Nicole Martino has been working on Social Media. She has been including as much as she can for the Golf Tournament. Chris Ransom gave her photos from Diane Kwarta.

Fundraising

Nicole Martino and Mark Dubrey have been working on fundraising. They have canvassed Tom Miller Road and the Industrial Park. Nicole shared her spread sheet of organizations that they have approached for sponsorships. Mark is planning on contacting businesses on the Base next week.

Tom Donahue has been following up on the money Billy Jones requested for us. He also mentioned that Pomeroy is not currently accepting grant applications that are history related.

In November 2023, Judy Lefebvre and Tom Donahue sent a letter requesting funds from those who gave \$500. or more last year.

A question was raised as to whether Jim Snook from Community Bank contacted other banks for support. Knottingham Capital (an arm of Community Bank) was talking with Forrest to see if they could help us find a benefactor.

Guest:

Tom Donahue introduced our guest, Iris Cain, and thanked him for coming to our meeting. Iris would like to help with the 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration. He is working on getting SUNY students involved and he is working with the downtown business association and the Plattsburgh Street Group. He thinks the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration is very important, a core piece of our community.

Play & History Talks

No report from Rich Frost

Old Post Cemetery

The Old Post Cemetery event will be on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 10am to 1pm.

Golf Tournament

We need to promote the golf tournament. Right now, we do not have enough golfers. Nicole Martino will ask Alyssa at the Chamber to promote.

Meetings

Meetings will now be on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month.

The next meeting(s):

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 21**.

Adjournment

Mark Dubrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Tim Horn seconded.

No discussion.

All present agreed to adjourn.

Tom Donahue adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Ransom, 1814 Board Secretary

Revised 5-3-24.

Emailed to all on 5-11-24.