

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

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
 6:11 pm – 7:00pm

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**Board Members Present:**

Tom Donahue	in person
Mark DuBrey	in person
Forrest Edwards	in person
Russell Fehr	zoom
Vicki Giroux	zoom
Tim Horn	zoom
Diane Kwarta	zoom
Judy Lefebvre	in person
Nicole Martino	zoom
Chris Ransom	in person
Mary Simmers	in person

**Board Members Not Present:**

Sharon Bell  
 Wendy Gilchrist  
 Jim Guinness

**Committee Members, Volunteers, etc. Present:**

Sharon Bandhold	zoom
Mandi Devins	zoom
Tom Metz	zoom
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 6:11pm. Tom welcomed everyone.

**Purpose of the Meeting**

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

## **BOP Updates from 1814 Commemoration Inc.**

### **Save the Date**

Tom Donahue provided a Save the Date “flyer” and asked everyone to help circulate.

### **Theme**

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

### **New Members**

New members of our group include:

- Yvonne Smith
- Mandi Devins

Yvonne is willing to work on fundraising and volunteers.

Mandi Devins is willing to work on hospitality and the parade.

Possible new members might include:

- Tina Welch
- Brooke Dubuque

### **Social Media**

Nicole Martino has agreed to work on our Social Media. Please send Nicole pictures, video clips, and stories that she can use for Social Media.

## **Committee Member Reports**

### **Play**

Rich Frost was not able to be present. No report was made.

### **History Talks**

Rich Frost was not able to be present. Tom Donahue mentioned some additional resources for history talks:

- History Dept of SUNY Plattsburgh
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

### **Souvenir/T-shirts**

Mary Simmers and Tim Horn will work on souvenirs and T-shirts. It was mentioned that women liked the V-neck T-shirts. Tom mentioned that he has some postcards from 2016. Ideas included wooden nickels. Tom mentioned that we have some commemorative coins left from 2023 and we can sell them. Vicki Giroux mentioned that a high-quality canvas bag was popular years ago and might be a possibility to do it again. It sold for about \$20. Other souvenir ideas included knee pads.

### **Buttons**

There was discussion about numbering the buttons again and having a raffle. Sharon Bandhold, who numbered the buttons in 2023, volunteered to number the buttons in 2024.

### **Old Post Cemetery**

Judy reported on the Old Post Cemetery. It will probably be on Saturday, June 15, 2024. Judy has to revive some of the signs that got wet in 2023. Tom Donahue said he knows of waterproof paper that might be worth using.

### **COTV (Children's Old Time Village)**

Kristin was not able to be present. No report made.

### **Events**

#### **Plucky Rooster**

Vicki Giroux will ask her retiree group (United Teachers' group) if they might be interested in taking this on. Involving the City was also mentioned.

#### **Costume Contest**

We need someone to take this on. Sharon Bell has the expertise and knowledge base. We could post things on the Website. We could have a contest. Danielle Criss is an art teacher at Ausable. She might be interested. Someone in the Home Economics Department at SUNY might be interested? Russell Fehr will contact Dexter Criss, get Danielle's contact information, and give it to Tim Horn who will contact Danielle.

#### **Website**

Bruce Carlin updates our website. Bruce is willing to teach someone to take over the website. We pay Bruce a reduced rate for his services.

#### **Golf Tournament**

Forrest Edwards is working on a golf tournament.

#### **Restaurant Fundraisers**

Applebee can do a Flap Jack Breakfast that might be worth looking into. Caution: some restaurant fundraisers are a lot of work with little income Texas Roadhouse netted us only about \$50. in 2023.

#### **Fundraising**

Nicole Martino and Mark DuBrey are working on fundraising. Yvonne Smith has volunteered to help with fundraising.

#### **Entertainment**

Russel Fehr is working on entertainment. He has tried to contact Jerrod Olsen at the Strand, but Jerrod has not gotten back to him yet. Russell will be at a fundraiser in Ticonderoga in February and hopes to get some ideas there. Tim Horn will be making all the initial contacts with military bands like the Navy Band. The Navy Band wants to come but cannot give us their decision for a couple more months. Tim will be contacting the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, 42<sup>nd</sup> Division from Vermont, Green Mountain Boys and Norwood. He will also see about a fly over.

#### **Kids' Games**

Chris and Stan say they are set but are trying to solidify NAMI taking over the Games.

#### **History Education**

Linda Masterson Ward is working on history education. Linda was not able to be present. No report was made.

### **Parade**

Vicki reported on the parade. Mandi may be interested in working on the parade.

### **Kids Poster Contest**

Linda Masterson Ward is working on it. She is trying to get it to be earlier – April? Linda could not be present, so we do not have her full report.

### **Memorial Ceremonies**

Tim Horn recommends that we get **non** padded seats. When padded seats get wet, it is impossible to dry them for the ceremony. We could have padded seats under the tent for special guests.

### **Macomb Ball/Shape Notes**

Wendy Gilchrist was not able to be present. No report was made.

### **Reenactors**

There is a meeting scheduled for Feb 9 with Samantha Williams, Sharon Bell, and Tom Donahue. We need to find out how junior reenactors can get started. Ideas for people to ask include Craig Russell, Gary Vancour, John Rock, newly retired educators. Chris Ransom mentioned that Summer Safari was starting again this summer. In the past we think Kate Besaw was involved in providing 1814 programs for Summer Safari.

### **Food Trucks and Exhibitors**

Mark DuBrey might help.

### **Monument Climb**

Nancy Church and the Kiwanians have volunteered to do. There were comments on the need for the monument to be cleaned. There was a question about a way to cool the inside of the monument as it was very hot. Tom Donahue mentioned that the City oversaw the monument.

### **Alice T. Miner and Chazy**

Ellen, Leni, and Ellen were not able to be present. No report made.

### **Cannonball Run/5K Run.**

We want to revive the run. We might start by contacting Steve Peters to see if he wants to get involved again. We might consider using the Terry Gordon Path which connects to the path to the Battlefield Gateway.

### **Rotary**

No new news. Stan will follow up with Rotary.

### **CCHA**

Geri Favreau was not able to attend. No report was made.

### **KDH Museum**

Sharon Bell was present at the Board meeting but needed to leave. There will be a meeting about reenactments on Feb 9.

### **Firetruck Pull**

No report. Cristi Lawless did a great job in 2023.

### **Hospitality**

We need someone to volunteer to take on hospitality. Mandi Devins is willing to help with hospitality.

### **Volunteers**

We need some volunteers to take on volunteers. Tim Horn said he would continue if we cannot find new volunteers. Diane Kwarta said that she would help Tim if we cannot find new volunteers. Yvonne Smith has volunteered to help with volunteers. Tim Horn said Brooke Dubuque may be willing to help and even take on the role of volunteer coordinator. He will follow up with her.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

We currently have about \$34,353.35 in our account.

At the Board meeting before this meeting the Treasurer, Forrest Edwards presented a break-even, preliminary budget for 2024 which totals about \$68,000. to about \$77,000. The Board approved.

### **The next meeting(s):**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **February 27, 2024**, at 5:45pm, immediately following the Board meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Chris Ransom moved to adjourn the meeting.

Judy Lefebvre seconded.

No discussion.

All present agreed to adjourn.

Tom Donahue adjourned the meeting at **7:00pm**

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Ransom, 1814 Board Secretary

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