

Battle of Plattsburgh (BOP) Committee
Meeting via ZOOM

Thursday, March 18, 2021
4:00 pm-5:14 pm

Board Members Present:

Tom Donahue
Richard Frost
Wendy Gilchrist
Judy Lefebvre
Charles Loscalzo
Emily Moosmann
Lana Putnam
Chris Ransom
Mary Simmers
Linda Masterson Ward

Board Members Not Present:

Forrest Edwards
Vicki Giroux
Jim Guinness
Tim Horn
PJ Miller
Samantha Williams

Committee Members Present:

Geri Favreau
Bruce Moore
Stan Ransom

Committee Members Not Present:

Julie Baughn
Diane Kwarta
Kris Portal
Vince Puliafico
Mark Sand

Advisors Present:

Bruce Carlin
Gary Vancour

Advisors Not Present:

Kit Booth

Craig Russell

Welcome and Agenda

President, Tom Donahue called the meeting of the Battle of Plattsburgh to order at 4:00pm and welcomed everyone.

Tom mentioned that the agenda for the meeting will be updates and the proposed schedule for the 2021 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration.

Meeting with the Mayor of Plattsburgh

Tom reported that the Mayor approves our Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration. Skippy will be our representative for now. Skippy has contacts for entertainment. Please give your requests for information from Skippy to Tom. Tom will be our contact to Skippy. Skippy said that old information from his office was discarded.

Sponsorship and Need for Help

Tom reported that letters and packages of information must be delivered to possible sponsors of the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration. Needed are people to make follow up phone calls over the next week or so. Please let Tom know if you can help.

Quilts

Tom mentioned the gift of a quilt to raffle for the Battle of Plattsburgh. The money raised will be split with Battle of Plattsburgh and the quilt donor. The quilters guild has quilts that can be displayed during the Commemoration.

Commemoration Booklet, Schedule, Map

Tom said a decision will need to be made soon about a Commemoration Booklet, schedule, and map. Tom will contact Studley to see what our options are. We need a committee and volunteers for this.

Kent Delord House

A soft opening will be June 22, 2021.

1814 Commemoration Float

Tom mentioned the idea of an 1814 Commemoration Float. The float could include Thank Yours to the sponsors. Let Tom Donahue or Linda Ward know if you are interested.

Valcour Brewing Company

Tom will be meeting with staff at Valcour Brewing tomorrow, March 19 to review what our options are and costs.

Downtown Merchants

Lana will be targeting downtown merchants to sponsor or help in some way? Gift cards, discounts?

Village Café

Bruce Moore will speak with Leslie and the Vestry about activities Trinity Church might like to provide. Bruce asked about the possibilities of past wenches helping with the café. Linda Ward mentioned that many of the Trinity Church women were involved in the past. Also, we could ask Tim Horn and Diane Kwarta who are our volunteer people this year. Sharon Schenkel was involved in the past. Ambassador Club might be an idea to investigate.

Guest Dinner

A dinner for visiting guests is tentatively planned for Thursday evening around 6:30pm. Tom Donahue will find out if Valcour Brewing could provide and if not, ask Bruce Moore about Trinity Church providing.

Entertainment for Thursday Night

Maybe Emily Moosmann and Lana Putnam can work on entertainment for Thursday night? or maybe Meghan and the Adirondack Young Professionals could?

Fort Brown Marker

Geri will set up a meeting with people who are involved.

Schedule (Proposed)

Tom mentioned that there is a plan for a virtual commemoration in place. The proposed schedule was discussed.

Thursday, Sept 9, 2021

The proposed schedule was considered reasonable.

Gary Vancour said a good, powerful public address system is needed for Culver Hill Memorial Ceremony. Tom will take the public address system we have and try it out at the Culver Hill site.

Geri Favreau reported that Oval Brewing Company will do a special beer. Maybe we can get Valcour Brewing to do a beer? Geri will check back with Jesse at Oval Brewing.

Change Old Base Barracks to Old Stone Barracks.

Rich Frost said that he would provide a cluster of history talks during the Commemoration, times to be decided.

The time between the Riverside Cemetery Ceremony (5pm-6pm) and the Welcome at Valcour Brewing (6:15pm) is insufficient. In addition to the City Mayor and Town Supervisor, might invite Mark Henry, the Chair of Clinton County Legislature?

The tour of the Old Post Ceremony should be before the Ceremony which may be on Sunday, not Thursday.

Otherwise, the needs for Thursday are volunteers to help with the activities.

Friday, Sept 10, 2021

The proposed schedule for Friday was considered reasonable.

4:30pm-6:30pm Entertainment in Trinity Park. Gary Vancour said that Towne Meeting might be interested in providing this entertainment.

The needs for Friday are volunteers to help with the activities.

Saturday, Sept 11, 2021

The schedule for Saturday was considered reasonable.

11am-1pm Crab Island Memorial Ceremony is organized by John Rock. Gary Vancour mentioned that although John Rock prefers this ceremony to be held on Sept 11, he might be persuaded to move the ceremony to another day...maybe Friday? This would mean the people at the Crab Island Ceremony would be able to take part in other activities of the Battle of Plattsburgh and people enjoying the activities in downtown Plattsburgh, including visiting dignitaries might be able to take part in the Crab Island activities.

Concerts are still under consideration. Wendy Gilchrist will work on small group, period music.

There is need for volunteers to help.

Sunday, Sept 12, 2021

Sunday's schedule is considered reasonable.

9:30am – 11am Races: Jim Guinness is looking into.

10am-noon Worship Services and Shape Note Singers: Wendy Gilchrist will take care of both.

11am Julie Baughn and the Farmers Market people may be involved with the Old Time Village Market near the Macdonough Monument.

4pm Gary Vancour: A tentative time of 4pm will be included for a possible dedication of the 7 interpretative panels that are related to the Base. These are connected to the Old Stone Barracks. The one connected with the Old Post Cemetery could be done last and then followed by the Old Post

Cemetery Memorial Ceremony at 5pm. Rich Frost is also involved with the interpretative panels. No one wants to conflict with Fort Brown marker dedication.

A tour of the Old Post Cemetery is also being considered before the Old Post Cemetery Memorial Ceremony. The tour should probably be on only one day, before the ceremony. Geri Favreau will connect Helen with Judy Lefebvre and Judy and Helene will work on together.

The need for Sunday is for volunteers for the activities.

Board and Committee Meetings

This Board and Committee will meet **together** twice a month by ZOOM.

The next meeting of the 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh Committee and Board will be Thursday, April 1 at 4pm.

Action Items

Bruce Moore

- Attend Vestry meeting on April 12 to see if church is willing to host events during Commemoration and what types of events they would like to host.

Gary Vancour

- Dedications of Interpretative Panels related to Old Stone Barracks.

Geri Favreau

- Fort Brown Marker
- Connect Judy and Helene about Old Stone Cemetery tour and ceremony.
- Check with Jesse at Oval Brewing for possible activities.

Lana Putman

- Work with downtown merchants

Rich Frost

- Arrange history talks.

Tom Donahue

- Meet with Valcour Brewing staff to see what they can do, and costs involved.
- Ask Valcour Brewing if they can do a special beer.
- Find out if Valcour Brewing could provide a dinner for guests on Thursday evening and if not, ask Bruce about Trinity Church providing.
- Ask Meghan Weeden to see if the Adirondack Young Professionals will take on the Valcour Brewing activities.
- Obtain information on entertainment contacts from Skippy including bands, military bands, small groups.
- Monitor school and college openings regarding volunteer opportunities.
- Test the PA system we have to see if it will work on Culver Hill.

- Ask John Rock if they would consider having the Crab Island Memorial on Friday instead of Saturday.
- Meet with Skippy.

Wendy Gilchrist

- Worship Services and Shape Note Singers on Sunday morning.

All Members

- Let Tom Donahue know if you can assist with follow up phone calls to potential sponsors.
- Give Tom Donahue any request for information on entertainment or any information that you think Skippy might have. Tom will be our contact to Skippy.
- Let Tom or Linda know if you are interested in working on a float.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Ransom, Secretary

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