

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

Held in the Community Meeting Room on the First Floor of the Government Center on Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

4:08 pm-5:15pm

Board Members Present:

Tom Donahue	in person
Wendy Gilchrist	in person
Tim Horn	zoom
Judy Lefebvre	in person
Chris Ransom	in person
Mary Simmers	zoom

Guest Present:

Mark Dubrey	in person
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Committee Members Present:

Diane Kwarta	zoom
Stan Ransom	in person

Board Members Not Present:

Forrest Edwards
Richard Frost
Vicki Giroux
Jim Guinness
Charles Loscalzo
PJ Miller
Lana Putnam

Committee Members Not Present:

Geri Favreau
Keith Herkalo
Shirley Kilkeary
Emily Moosmann
Kris Portal
Vince Puliafico
Bruce Moore
Mark Sand
Linda Masterson Ward
Samantha Williams

Advisors Not Present:

Kit Booth

Bruce Carlin
 Craig Russell
 Gary VanCour

Welcome and Agenda

President, Tom Donahue called the meeting of the Battle of Plattsburgh to order at 4:08 pm and welcomed and introduced everyone including our guest, Mark Dubrey.

Tom reviewed the purpose of this meeting which is as follows:

Review planned events for 2022 BOP

- events thumbnail based on last year
- new addition to BOP

Additional events

- May 16th fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse
- June 18-19 Museum weekend
- Old post Cemetery
- July 4th City Parade

Review needs leading up to event

- volunteers still needed
- (refer to “Work to be completed Prior to BOP” (handout)

Review needs for event weekend

- Committee member assignments
- refer to “Thumbnail of 2022 BOP Schedule” (handout)verify participants

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

This will be on May 16. Encourage as many as possible to attend.

Museum Weekend

After discussion we agreed to hold an event on Saturday, June 18 on the “Base” in conjunction with Museum Weekend (June 18 & June 19). Judy will arrange for an Old Post Cemetery event. In addition, we may have Kids Games and a table advertising Battle of Plattsburgh. Judy will let us know when everything is confirmed with the museums. A 50-50 raffle might work well.

July 4th Parade

The hope is to have a truck or two in the 4th of July Parade. Tom is working on having the replica of the Saratoga in the Parade. Maybe we can collaborate with SAR (Sons of the American Revolution)? Anyone who wants to help or be in the Parade on July 4th let Tom Donahue know.

Needs Prior to BOP Commemoration & Needs for the BOP Commemoration Weekend

The documents listing what needs to be done prior to the BOP Commemoration & for the Commemoration Weekend were reviewed.

Music

Wendy is checking on:

- Baltimore Consort
- Woods Tea Company

Other ideas:

- Bear Tracks
- Celtic group: Glengarry Boys
- Zydeco group
- Glass Onion (popular music)

If events are held inside, a button can be required for entrance.

The Strand is now working with Higher Ground to book events. If Higher Grounds brings a big event to Burlington, we might be able to have in Plattsburgh. Tom will work with Vicki to talk with the Strand about how we might collaborate.

Israel's Green Tavern

One idea is to have in the parking lot (60 feet by 100 feet space) behind Koffee Kate. Could fit have a 40 by 60 tent in the parking lot and decorate as the Tavern. We might find a restaurant to run the Tavern for the weekend. Valcour Brewing and the Oval Brewing on Base might be interested. Mark Dubrey volunteered to check with some downtown businesses. Ideas: Akela's, Irises, The Pepper to see if there is any interest. There could be entertainment such as juggling, music in Trinity Park, etc.

Sunrise Rotary might be interested in taking on another activity?

People to get involved:

It would be great to get Joe Ferris involved in the BOP Commemoration.

SUNY Involvement: Charles L is working with SUNY Plattsburgh to increase involvement in BOP.

Retired Teachers: Mary Simmers is hoping to have Tom and Chris give a presentation at the meeting of the Retired Teachers group on April 11 at lunch time at MHAB.

I Survived the Climb

There are 156 Steps in the monument. Advertise taking the challenge to climb the 156 steps. Those who success would get a special button. Contact the American Heart Association for sponsorship. Maybe American Heart Association would provide a \$200. sponsorship to cover the cost of the buttons. Stan will speak with Faith Long for ideas on contacting the American Heart Association. Mark Dubrey belongs to the Adirondack Mountain Club. Maybe the Adirondack Mountain Club would organize the event.

Drone recording of inside the Monument could be shown for those who cannot climb the 156 steps. Mark knows someone does drone work. We also have some drone recordings that could be displayed.

Mailing

Mark suggested putting the square code (QR code) on our mailing so people could donate using the QR code. Tom said he would talk with Bruce Carlin to add the QR code to mailings and to the web site. Also talk with Forrest.

Raffles

A 50-50 raffle might be good to have on June 18.

Veterans/VFWs, American Legion, DAV

Judy volunteered to contact the VFWs to find out how will can be involved in the BOP Commemoration.

Commemoration Booklet

Mary S. is working on the Commemoration Booklet. She is looking for a Navy Veteran. Judy L. will check with Scott Johnston and Gary Hamel for Navy contacts for Mary. Mary is in contact with Shelburne Museum about a painting of the Eagle that might be nice on the cover of the booklet.

Mary is in contact with Naval Academy, US Navy Museum in Washington, DC,

Mary is obtaining a digital copy of the signals and orders that Macdonough gave to Stowagon.

Mary has permission to use one of the stories in the book on the Eagle.

Fire Truck Pull

Scott Lawliss and Crissy are willing to help with fire truck pull. Mary will follow up to see if they can take on this event.

5K Run

Mary S. is also looking for someone to run the 5K.

Surgeon on the Saratoga

Tom asked Vince Puliafico (John Adams) to reach out to the family of Dr. Briggs who was the surgeon on the Saratoga. There were related artifacts displayed last year in Maine. We might be able to do a display or talk at BOP.

Eliza Moore Tours

Tim contacted Melissa Bistor-Cross and she is interested in doing tours in 2022. She received \$300. for both tours and Community Bank sponsored her tours.

Commemoration Information Booth

There is a need for volunteers to cover the Information Booth all the hours it is open during the BOP Commemoration.

Ghost Tours

Tom has spoken with Matt Boire about including two BOP ghost tours at the BOP Commemoration.

Thunderhawk

Tom will be setting up a meeting with Thunderhawk soon.

4H Involvement

Last year we had Malone 4H children at Children's Village Fair. Chris will contact Kristin Collins first about Plattsburgh 4H and then contact Plattsburgh 4H. Hug a Pony was an idea suggested.

Admiral Hiram Paulding

Stan gave a summary of the life of Admiral Hiram Paulding who played key role in the Battle of Plattsburgh. Stan will be doing a talk on Hiram Paulding for Rich Frost. An invitation could be extended to the family of Hiram Paulding to attend BOP. Mary wants a picture of Hiram Paulding.

Tents, Port a Potties

Ask sponsors to fund the tents, portable toilets, etc. Last year we had to use 3 tent companies. Get a bid for the same thing as last year.

Artists' Involvement

Have a contest for artists to design a poster or something. There would be an entry fee for an artist to enter her or his design. The posters could be sold. Tom will talk with the Strand.

Storage at City Public Works

Tom will follow up with Forrest about insurance coverage for BOP property stored in City Public Works garages.

Children's Old Time Village

Kristin is considering having the Children's Old Time Village one day in 2022.

Distribution of Mailings

Judy made a mailing list with labels for about 500 possible sponsors from last year's sponsors and from the 2022 Chamber Directory. Tom and Chris will review the list.

Companies that may provide mailing services include:

- Pennysaver
- Northeast Printing

Members

Mary Simmers will be in Plattsburgh, Tuesday night, March 22, maybe for a week.

Judy Lefebvre will be doing some traveling and she will not be at our April Board meeting on Wednesday, April 6.

The next meeting(s):

Adjournment

Motion by Wendy to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Judy.
All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Ransom, 1814 Board Secretary

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