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The board of the Christmas Cruise Thru met Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 at the offices of Alliance Tax Services.

Those in attendance were Dreama Eby, Jeanne Evans, Dave Fine, Burton Rodman, Angie Caryer, Ed Caryer, Ethan Wirick, Mary Wann, Lavon Wiles, Lloyd Eby, Melissa Rodman, David and Loretta Schroeder.

The minutes of the October meeting were read. Dave Fine moved to accept the minutes as read. Dave Schroeder seconded and the motion carried.

Melissa presented the financial report. We currently have \$5387 in the bank. Great year but lost money. Everyone is paid up except KFG. There are no payables. Burton Rodman moved to accept the financial report as read. Jeanne Evans seconded.

Discussion of retaining Bobbi Sinn on the board. She is concerned that suppliers of services are also board members. Burton moves to nominate Bobbi Sinn back to the board, but table the vote until she can accept or decline. Dave Fine seconded. After further discussion, it was determined that no nomination or vote is required and Denise will ask if she wants to continue as a board member.

Board member expectations. Be there as much as you can to help.

Burton moved to add to the by-laws language that board members supplying services will be under contract and that board member will abstain from votes concerning that contract. Loretta seconded. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Loretta moved that all officers be renewed. Lavonne seconded and motion carried. Denise Sutter, president; Dave Fine, vice president; Melissa Rodman, treasurer; Burton Rodman, secretary.

CCT 2016 Pros & Cons

Ethan / Dave radios not working. Be understanding that if people aren't responding that they either can't hear or respond. Each person should mark their radio with duct tape. Might consider using FRS radios for parking lot and/or Ethan.

Discussion of feedback about board attitudes. Need to make sure radio traffic is clean and professional.

Need rules for performer gate entry. Needs to be an adult at the gate. Need to communicate all expectations (including parking and time of arrival) to all performers. Get a list of all performers to Burton to contact for their needs. Discussed moving the reindeer times to 6:30-9:30.

Ethan Wirick resigns from the board and will not be doing carriage anymore. We will discuss other carriage options in the future.

Snow Removal: went well. Haven't had a change to talk to Al Lucas.

Entrance traffic flow, good feedback. Donated stone and hauling from Butler Mill (200+ tons of stone), John Birkhold (truck), John Brown of Hot Shot Trucking (truck).

Dave suggests we make a proper parking lot behind the MPB. Bruce Stevens has resigned from KFG, getting another contact. Need to start prepping the campground for next year. Need a tractor to start working on this.

Fireworks. Continue parking in and releasing by rows as we did this year.

Tents. Reindeer want an open tent and no food sold near them.

S'mores. Definitely do it again, but need to have sponsored or take out expenses.

No issues with continuing to use the Sheriff's building for trees again.

Need sponsorships for reindeer to avoid taking money out of our budget.

Purse Bingo. Board should let Mary be in charge and ask us for what she needs. Fewer baskets. Have a break. Intention is to do it again. Should we look into a different venue. Possibly have 2 – one in Hicksville, one in Defiance? Loretta to contact Defiance Eagles to see if they would be interested, potentially in April.

Parades. Should we continue? Focus on night parades. Do Napoleon Christmas parade. Bryan Jubilee parade? Do the night parades and Auburn day parade. Dreama to look into Bryan jubilee.

CCT Focus Items

Move cards to campground. Dave Schroeder bought large (9' x 40') train display that we could use in place of cards.

Got new C7 LED lights to replace all milk jugs. Dave Schroeder and Davon to make 1200 rebar stakes.

Dave Fine to fix board in the end of historical building so door won't come open.

Need to put sheriff's locks back on Sheriff's building.

Dave and Lloyd working on a trailer with wire spools to improve wire management.

Draft contract for Santa, carriage, tractors, snow removal, lift truck. Already have reindeer and fireworks contract. Consider renting lift truck from Roger Bennett for months of November and January. Would be willing to let us use it with proper notice.

Feedback on drone was great.

Contract with Fairboard. Lavon didn't think they would change for 2017. Going to propose 50/50 to start out. Payment this year was \$11,544.33. Lloyd to go to fairboard meeting.

Schroeders purchased LED lights of \$2,729.10. Dave Fine moves to reimburse them back now. Burton seconds. Motion carries.

Loretta suggests we add message about needing volunteers on back of flyers.

David Fine wrote letter to thank Sheriff's involvement.

Reminder that membership money due to Melissa.

Boyscouts donated \$110.

Next meeting April 23rd, 6:00pm.

Denise, David Fine moved to adjourn.

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