

PCBO firming plans for annual Fourth of July celebrations

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The Pekin Community Betterment Organization continues to move forward with plans for the 2014 Fourth of July celebration.

This year's event will be July 3, 4 and 5.

The group met on March 20.

The following was taken from the minutes of that meeting.

Those attending were Lou Ann Kindrick, Steve Burnett, Anita Temple, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Mary Bell, Pam Blair, Darlene Hall, Rhonda Burnett, Lois Greene, Taylor Humphrey, Mike Boling, Susan Boling and Alan Bishop.

Humphrey mad a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, Rhonda Burnett seconded the motion and it carried.

Temple asked for a review of the letter she plans to send to food vendors for this year's celebration, detailing the plan of specific vendor fees, which was adopted during the last PCBO meeting. No corrections were made to the letter. Temple explained that in order to get Derby City Amusements to sign a contract, she had to guarantee them exclusive rights to sell corn dogs, funnel cakes and lemon shake-ups. They have also asked the PCBO to pre-sale bracelets for the rides.

Brian Elmore will be performing on July 3.

Darlene Hall set the deadline for queen contestants for June 23. The entry fee will again be \$60 for each contestant.

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Kenny and Darlene Hall will again be in charge of the 5K walk/run again this year. It was decided that Darlene should order 50 T-shirts for the first 50 entrants. The entry fee will be \$20 until the deadline, which is still to be determined and \$25 after.

Humphrey plans for the babies between 0 and 3 years old wo be eligible for the baby contest. There will be a \$20 entry fee. Participation ribbons will be given to each child entered. Trophies will be given for first and second prizes in each division.

The contest will take place at 11 a.m. on July 5. Entry forms will be mailed to Humphrey. She will get the entry form into the papers. Babies are to be checked in from 10-10:45 am on July 5.

The Artisans and Farmers Marker were invited to set up with the flea market again this year. Temple had a bid to create a gravel pathway from the pavement near the carnival area over to the flea market pavement. It will be given to the town board for their consideration.

Micah Hazelip will not be able to run the 3-on-3 this year. Alan Bishop will try to get someone to do it.

Rhonda Burnett will get judges for the Pekin Idol Contest and put info in the paper about the contest.

Bishop has invited a Civil War reenactment group to come on July 4 for an encampment and perhaps a battle reenactment. Bishop will introduce them during the stage program and give a brief history of the Civil War in Washington County. He also wants to try to get teams for a tough-of-war over the creek near Pekin United Methodist Church.

There have been 25 new United States Flags purchased. Mr. Zenzer has volunteered to make the needed poles for mounting. The flags are being stored at Tele-Media Solutions.

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The logo has been sent to Marvin Clark to be put on the Bicentennial coins the PCBO is purchasing. They will be shown a proof coin before all are minted.

The next PCBO meeting will be held at Pekin Park shelter house on April 17 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.