

CRESTON VALLEY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL  
MINUTES  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

A Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association meeting was held on the 7th day of March, 2022 in Town Hall Council Chamber, Creston, BC at 7:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Andreas Kamp, President  
Joanna Wilson, Vice-President, via teleconference  
Bev Caldwell, Secretary/Treasurer  
Larry Finley  
Allan Clement  
Jennifer Huscroft  
Ingrid Voigt  
Melanie Griffith  
Ron Choquette, CV Cruisers  
Calvin Woodall, CV Cruisers
- REGRETS:** Donna Cassel  
Tia Wayling  
Dennis Materi  
Darlene Wood  
Marlene Nash  
Tammy Bradford
- CALL TO ORDER** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- AGENDA** Moved by Ingrid Voigt, seconded by Jennifer Huscroft  
THAT the agenda for the Blossom Festival Association meeting of March 7th, 2022, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED
- MINUTES** Moved by Larry Finley, seconded by Jennifer Huscroft  
THAT the minutes of the February 7th, 2022 Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED
- SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT** Moved by Jennifer Huscroft, seconded by Larry Finley  
THAT the financial report by the Secretary/Treasurer with respect to the current financial status of the Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association, be received. CARRIED
- SIGNING OFFICERS** Moved by Joanna Wilson, seconded by Jennifer Huscroft  
THAT Donna Cassel, Ingrid Voigt and Bev Caldwell be appointed signing officers for the Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association and are authorized to sign the required documentation with the Creston & District Credit Union as soon as convenient for all parties. CARRIED
- CORRESPONDENCE** Bev Caldwell advised that the Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival has been chosen as the Best of the Best in 2022 for the Creston Valley Advance Readers' Choice Award.
- President Kamp welcomed Mr. Ron Choquette and Mr. Calvin Woodall of the Creston Valley Cruisers to the meeting. Discussion was held regarding the CV Cruisers hosting a Drag Race event at the CV Airport on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. They advised that due to hosting the Drag Races at that time, there would not be a classic car show in downtown Creston during the Blossom Festival weekend; the car show would be held at a later date in Creston.

President Kamp thanked Mr. Choquette and Mr. Woodall for attending the meeting and bringing the Committee up to date. He advised them that the Blossom Festival Committee would promote the Drag Races on the Schedule of Events, on the Facebook Page and the Festival website. The Drag Races event will pair nicely with the Blossom Festival events.

Mr. Choquette and Mr. Woodall left the meeting following their presentation.

**MIDWAY**

Shooting Star Amusements (midway) are interested in coming to Creston during the May long weekend this year. Bev is working with the company to determine where they could be accommodated in Town, etc.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

The Committee reviewed the Schedule of Events from the previous Festival, to determine what events could return this year, or new ones added. A draft Schedule will be presented at the next meeting for review.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Jennifer Huscroft reported that Discover Circus out of Nelson has been booked for the Opening Ceremonies. Bev will work with Jenn to solidify a contract and other details. It was the decision of those present that tickets will be sold at \$30 each, as a ‘come back special’, as tickets have historically been \$40 each over the past few years.

**CITIZENS OF THE YEAR**

Jennifer Huscroft will contact the two Rotary Clubs in Creston to follow up on the organizing of the Citizen of the Year and the Junior Citizen of the Year.

**PARADE**

It was decided to proceed with the Saturday Parade. Bev Caldwell will update the Parade registration form and invitation and send out to former participants, and the form will be uploaded to the Facebook page and website.

**APPRECIATION ‘TREES’**

Donna Cassel will spearhead the organizing of ‘Appreciation Trees’ to be displayed at various locations throughout the Valley, where members of the public can post a note in support of the health care workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Bev will assist Donna. The purchase of a buttons will be coordinated with this project.

**LUNCHEON/BBQ AT REC. CENTRE**

Tia Wayling has booked the Creston Room and kitchen at the Rec. Centre for a Sunday afternoon luncheon/BBQ, which could include chilli (honouring Henry Schoof). This event will be discussed further at the next meeting with respect to who will look after organizing the event and program (menu, games, etc.). Larry Finley will contact Tia to discuss the organization of this event.

**LIONS STREET FAIR**

Ingrid Voigt advised that she will be organizing the Street Fair for 2022. Bev Caldwell will reserve the Spirit Square for that event. Ingrid will update the poster and application forms.

**CHILDREN’S PARADE/PICNIC**

Melanie Griffith and Jennifer Huscroft will approach the 2022 Grad Committee to seek their interest and assistance in organizing the Children’s Parade and Picnic.

**HIGHWAY SIGNAGE**

To be discussed at a later date.

**EXTREME  
COWBOY RACE**

Bev Caldwell reported that Joanne Peters of Creston Flats Stables will again host the Extreme Cowboy Race on May 21 and 22, 2022.

Moved by Ingrid Voigt, seconded by Larry Finley  
THAT the Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association approve payment of \$1,000.00 to Creston Flats Stables, to assist with expenses related to hosting the annual Extreme Cowboy Race on May 21 and 22, 2022. CARRIED

**TEEN DANCE**

Bev Caldwell reported that the C.V. Youth Network are excited that there would be a Festival this year and are looking forward to a Teen Dance. Bev will reserve Millennium Park for the event on Friday evening, reserve the DJ (Robin Elliott, at a cost of \$800) and purchase prizes for the event.

**CONCERT IN THE  
PARK**

It was decided not to proceed with the Concert in the Park this year for Saturday afternoon. Valley Community Services (Success By Six) may be using the park for their Kidapalooza event.

**ROOT BEER  
GARDEN**

It was decided not to host the Root Beer Garden this year due to lack of volunteers and that the midway will be in Town.

**WEBSITE /  
FACEBOOK PAGE**

Andreas Kamp has been updating the Facebook page, as has Dennis with the website. Great job by both, posters, schedule, etc. will be provided to them ASAP.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the CV Blossom Festival Committee will be held on Monday, March 28th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., in Town Hall Council Chambers.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Larry Finley  
THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m. CARRIED

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Andreas Kamp, Chair