

## Meeting Notes 8-18-09

Meeting held at Shenanigans. Attendees: Forest Hilyer, Tom Lamb, Kelly and Basil Bonner, LayLa and Josh Burgess, Larry Winslett, Sally Sorohan, Bob Quigley, Bob and Sue Billings, Donna Shearer, Ginger Clark, Tim Herrin, and Kristen Jordan. Minutes recorded by Donna Shearer.

Nominated Board members were confirmed to serve the remainder of this term (through December 31): Forest Hilyer, Chairman; Kristen Jordan, Treasurer; Bob Billings, Basil and Kelly Bonner, Larry Winslett, and Darcie Holcomb if she will be available. Future minutes will be recorded by Ginger Clark, who graciously volunteered to serve as LC Secretary for the remainder of this term.

SO MUCH has been accomplished in preparation for HemlockFest, and there's still SO MUCH to do! So let's all get excited, energetic, and busy.

- ✳ Sally Sorohan gave a report on Bryan Sorohan's HemlockFest publicity efforts, such as outreach to area colleges, preparations/printing of posters, and development of a new rack card that should be available for distribution by next meeting (Sept. 3). New info to be listed on publicity materials will include GPS coordinates of Starbridge (festival venue), request that glass not be brought in, encouragement for festival goers to bring their own dishes and use the wash stations, and introduction of Treesound Studios that will run the sound systems on solar and wind power.
- ✳ Tom Lamb presented the t-shirt color finalists for a vote. The winner was a muted honey shirt with military green image and lettering. There will be long-sleeve and short-sleeve designs as well as hoodies.
- ✳ The Board voted to designate \$2000 for Brian and Donna Sullivan as thanks for their kind permission to use Starbridge again this year as the site for HemlockFest.
- ✳ Forest reported that the band line-up is now full, and it looks like another great one. Click to go to the [Bands](#) page to see the line-up, photos, and MySpace page links.
- ✳ Forest also reported that Judy Toppins has a lot of great ideas for the Kiddie Village. Among them is a request for a couple hundred tiny hemlock saplings from the Shearers' meadow for the kids to plant in eco-friendly newspaper pots. She also is hoping to get some large dead hemlocks to use for an activity area of jumping stumps, walking logs, etc. A new feature of Kiddie Village this year will be story-telling. Several reliable helpers are needed to prepare for and staff this creative family-fun area at the festival. If you can help, please contact Judy directly at 770 654-3395 or [toppins@live.com](mailto:toppins@live.com).
- ✳ Bob Billings reported that the puppet party was a great success. 25 volunteers made 65 puppet heads (beetles and adelgids) that will be part of a grand puppet parade several times during the festival to call attention to the epic HWA struggle. He needs several

helpers to stage the puppets, choreograph the parade, and play special roles. Please contact Bob directly at (706) 878-8722 or [rcbillings2@windstream.net](mailto:rcbillings2@windstream.net).

- ✳️ Tim Herrin has the county permits and other permissions for festival signage well in hand and will be delivering last year's signs to the printer for updating in the next week or so.
- ✳️ Kelly Bonner has sent letters requesting the needed parking permissions and should have responses back soon. Kelly and Carolyn Fletcher will be the band tent "hostesses with the mostest" this year. Basil Bonner will again be the firewood chief.
- ✳️ Jack Rogers will be volunteer coordinator before and during the festival. Major activities the week before the festival include mowing field and parking areas, general tidying, knocking out anthills, and inspecting/correcting potential safety issues. The week of the festival, volunteers are needed to set up tents, deploy trash cans and signs, painting new signs that are needed, filling tiki torches, and lots more. Murray Lamb is updating the volunteer sign-up page and will provide the link to be posted on the web site so volunteers can get on board as soon as possible.
- ✳️ Kristen Jordan said she would try to enlist some student volunteers to videotape the stage performances this year.
- ✳️ Bob Billings agreed to organize and manage the post-festival take-down and put-away efforts.
- ✳️ Neville Harris, who got married last month (congratulations, Neville and Michael!) will be coordinating not only the [Vendor Village](#) and [Silent Auction](#), as she did last year, but also the food vendors this year. She can be reached at (540) 921 3444 or [Neville@lumpkincoalition.org](mailto:Neville@lumpkincoalition.org).
- ✳️ At next meeting there will be an update about new items to be added to the festival merchandise menu, number of new/replacement tents needed, plans for ticket sales, the 3-day program schedule, and more.