

NECTR Board Meeting

2018-11-06 8:30pm (Via Zoom)

Board Members Present:

- Seth - President, Event Lead
- Jill - Treasurer, Center Camp Lead
- Thomas - Secretary
- Jon - Vice-Secretary, Rangers Lead
- Mindy - Vice-Treasurer, FAST Lead

Others Present:

- Charlie - Effigy Artist
- Amy - Trail Signs Lead
- Matt - DPW Lead
- Lia - Co-Event Lead

Agenda:

- Effigy Burn Retrospective
- Open Forum (Held earlier since we have additional individuals joining the call)
- Trailer Registration
- Art Grants & Feedback
- Survey Results

Effigy Burn Retrospective

- What Happened:
 - Immediately prior to the event an individual working on the fire aspects of the Effigy contacted the Board at the suggestion of the main Effigy Artist who had concerns around the pyrotechnic plans from a safety and liability perspective. Plans included: Fountain fireworks, fireworks not legal in the state of Connecticut, a homemade fuel air bomb construction.
 - Friday of the event, the Board met on-site at NECTR to discuss the request and voted that only the fountain fireworks would be allowed.
 - Board members Seth and Thomas talked to the individual planning the fireworks that only the fountains could be used. The landowners had also specified the same restrictions. The individual confirmed that they understood.
 - While setting up the pyrotechnics for the Effigy burn, the Effigy artist observed that some of the fireworks were not well positioned by the individual placing them and were just placed in a ring around the Effigy and needed to be propped up better.

- Once the Effigy burn started, it immediately became apparent that some of the fireworks going off were those the Board had specifically stated could not be used. Some fireworks were shooting into the crowd and we had at least two minor injuries.
- It is unknown if the individual responsible for placing the fireworks knew what they were doing and intentionally or mistakenly positioned the prohibited fireworks.
- Following the Effigy burn, the individual was observed throwing more fireworks into fires, removing some believability in mistakenly using the wrong fireworks.
- What Will Be Done Going Forward:
 - Only colored fire & sparklers - no propellants or projectiles.
 - Bill of sale required to evidence what was purchased.
 - Any Art Submissions involving fire will need additional details provided as part of the submission and must be received well in advance of the event. It will be the responsibility of the Fire Art Safety Team Lead (FAST) to ensure that the proposal is reviewed and approved prior to the event.
 - Burn Day Inspection by FAST Lead or their delegate to ensure what has been placed meets the proposal.
 - The individual responsible for placing the fireworks at the Effigy burn will be banned from the event for one year and prohibited from involvement in fire projects indefinitely (both in setting up the projects as well as safety and safety perimeters).
 - Board of Directors voted on this and unanimously agreed to the ban and prohibition.
- Communication:
 - Before sending out a community message regarding what will be done to ensure a safe event going forward, the ban and prohibition will be communicated to the individual responsible.
 - Seth will draft communication to the individual and circulate with the Board prior to sending.
 - Lia will draft communication to the community and circulate with the Board prior to sending AFTER notifying the responsible individual.
 - Community message to include details regarding:
 - Non-Judgmental description of what happened
 - Working on ensuring a safe event and some of the things that we are doing to ensure it will be safe.
 - Provide an avenue for the community to provide feedback without having an open/public discussion.
 - Following approval of the community message, we will send out to NECTR email list, facebook and possibly our website. (Goal to send this out by 11/13 as we have been radio silent to date)

Open Forum

- Street Signs
 - Amy would like to invest in more permanent and reusable street signs which may require x3 the budget initially. Put together an Infrastructure Art Grant Proposal
- Land Improvements
 - May approach the landowners about grading the field.
 - We could provide some funds towards this.
 - Muddy trails: ˘_(`Ÿ)_/˘
 - Additional stash of pallets as a backup. Worst case they just get chucked in the temple burn.
 - If necessary rent a trench tiler to help re-route water drainage on the trails.
 - Leading up to event DPW Lead evaluates need for additional hardware/supplies to deal with weather. (Pallets, plywood, boards, rental equipment). Funds can be made available for reasonable expenditures.
- LNT Post Event: Maybe break down bridge Monday noon at the end of the event.

Trailer Registration

- Trailer is registered to Seth and needs to be re-titled.
- Needs to transfer to the 501-3c
- Jill will validate that the 501-3c is registered in CT
- Seth will do the title transfer next time he can get to CT DMV

Art Grants & Feedback

- We had a lot of great art this year.
- We still need to finish collecting receipts from artists and ensure that all grant awardees have been reimbursed (Jill will take the lead on this).
- This needs to be completed prior to completing the financials for the after burn report.

Survey Results

- Did not get to this topic

Next Board Meeting

When: December 4 at 8:00pm

Tentative Topics:

- Review Draft After Burn Report
- Review Compiled Survey Results

Action Items

- Lia: Draft Community message regarding fire safety and circulate to the Board + Matt/Amy
- Seth: Draft message to respond to individual responsible for fireworks and circulate to the Board
- Amy: Draft Infrastructure Art Proposal for Trail Signs
- Matt: Add to DPW Lead notes that Bridge Break down is Monday at the end of the event.
- Seth: Go to Connecticut DMV and re-title the trailer.
- Jill: Check on name confirmation for the 501-3C to verify it's registered in CT
- Jill: Will follow up to collect receipts from artists/art grants.
- Thomas: Make pretty charts from survey
- Jon: Draft After Burn Report
- Jill: Finalize budget going into after burn report.
- Board: Schedule a Core Lead Meeting