

**Special Events Committee of EDC**  
**January 17, 2018 Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the scavenger hunt and was pleased with the attendance of about 50 participants on a very cold day. Just Bob and Marla and interactive music and puppetry was a new event for Last Night in Wolfeboro with about 122 individuals. Another new event was Tricky Dick, a magician, with about 200 in attendance. Balloon man was a great success both at the Town Hall and at All Saints church with a combined attendance of 80. Bingo attracted about 68. The committee felt the fireworks were excellent. In the evening the contra dance attracted about 46 dances. Both the Abenaki Ski team snacks at the Town Hall and All Saints Church dinner were well attended with both groups making money.

The Committee felt that not having the same performance went over well. In order to expand next year, the Committee discussed starting the events earlier with a number of options going on at the same time. Starting at 10:00 the scavenger hunt could be by the front stairs, balloon man in a corner and children's activities around the Great Hall to address having a large number of children waiting in line for balloon man. A number system could allow the children to keep their place while taking part in activities center. There was some thought given to moving Just Bob and Marla interactive music and puppetry to the Congregational Church.

One suggestion on the survey was to open Brewster Academy up for teenagers. Maria Found of Brewster volunteered to head that possible additional event. Christine will contact Maria.

Alan Harding agreed to contact Mo the Balloon Man and have him pencil Last Night in Wolfeboro 2018 for next year. The committee wondered if The Friends of Music might be interested in having a performance next year so Alan agreed to contact the group. Alan was not sure if All Saints Church will want to do a dinner next year.

The three donation jars brought in \$611.63. The group discussed whether different non-profits would create and cover events such as the Boys Scouts. The Abenaki Ski team and contra dancing was handled that way this year.

The questionnaire was filled out by 60 participants. Fifty participants wanted to continue the scavenger hunt along with 47 participants for contra dancing. Under comments there were a number of request for Animal Encounters to return. The survey has provided the committee with 10 names of individuals who either want to be on the committee or volunteer at next year's event. Linda will contact those individuals. Christine will compare BJ Magician who will perform for Parks and Rec. winter carnival with Tricky Dick. Based on the questionnaire most individuals heard about the Last Night either from the paper or social media.

Linda will thank Just Bob and Marla and Tricky Dick while Alan will thank the Balloon Man and All Saints Church.

The next meeting will be on April 11 at 8:00am at the Town Hall Annex Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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