

Town of Maggie Valley
Regularly Scheduled Parks, Recreation, Festival Advisory Committee
November 10, 2008
MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Brown, Tammy Wight, Carol Burrell, and Sonja Michels
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Chief Scott Sutton, Planning Director Nathan Clark and Town Clerk Vickie Best

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom.

2. Approval or Correction of Minutes: October 6, 2008

MS. WIGHT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

**MS. MICHELS SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Review of proposed signage

Chief Sutton displayed a State Regulatory Sign for committee review. The signs can come in three sizes: 18" x 24", 24" x 24", or 24" x 30". Drivers recognize these shape signs as regulatory signs.

Ms. Wight asked that the wording be friendly more than regulatory.

A motorcycle emblem will not be placed on the sign because it appears that the sign companies do not have the means to put the emblem on a metal sign.

Mr. Clark suggested placing banners at both entrances to town (on the Welcome Signs) during rallies. Ms. Burrell recommended that both permanent signs and banners be used. The permanent signs will be year-round protection for the residents, while the banners will better inform the motorcyclist coming to the rallies. The banners will be removed after each event. It was suggested that a sign be placed at the festival grounds to ensure that riders have many opportunities to see the request.

Chief Sutton will have a sign made for committee review at the next meeting with the wording: TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, MOTORCYCLE FRIENDLY, RIDE SLOWLY, RIDE QUIETLY, and RIDE SAFELY.

The members briefly discussed if installing this type of signage would be taken as the Town targeting a particular event. This is not the case; several towns have mandatory signs that do not have motorcycle rallies. The proposed signage is a request for consideration to other visitors and residents.

4. 2009 Thunder in the Smokies Spring Rally: Approval or Denial

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5. **2009 Thunder in the Smokies Fall Rally: Approve or Denial**
6. **2009 Carolina Harley Davidson Dealers Association Fall Rally: September 18 & 19, 2009: Approval or Denial**

**CHAIRMAN BROWN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL THE RALLIES
 ON THE AGENDA.**

**MS. WIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The PRFAC has not denied any events to date. The members are ever mindful of the need to increase tourism in Maggie Valley.

The rallies are scheduled during the months that families are vacationing (April and September). The complaints from residents have been unsubstantiated due to a failure to document. Any additional complaints deriving from any event held at the festival grounds will be documented.

7. Other Business

☞ Ms. Burrell asked that a discussion on hiring a festival director be placed on the next agenda. The job description for the festival director's position was emailed to each committee member for review.

☞ Due to budget cuts, NCDOT will no longer assist with traffic control for the Moonlight Race.

☞ Ms. Michels informed the committee that her cabin guests are having a problem finding how to get to her business during an event. The guests pull up to the front gate of the festival grounds and cannot find the route to the rental cabins.

In the past, a banner would be located on the fence directing traffic to the rental cabins. The banner went missing and when she implored the Town Council to help her, a small directional sign was placed on the right side of the road right-of-way on Wade Reece Way, where people should already be turning. Chairman Brown questioned if promoters would even allow a banner other than their own.

Ms. Michels will address Town Council with her request.

8. Meeting Adjourned

**ON MOTION OF MS. BURRELL, SECONDED BY MS. WIGHT, WITH ALL IN
 FAVOR, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:25 P.M.**

 Chairman Tammy Brown

 Vickie Best, CMC, Town Clerk