

**VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES**  
**Celtic Fest Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

*4 pm – Regan Room – Village Hall*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jenn at approximately 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

**Present**

Jenn Djordjevic  
Joane McLeod  
Ben Gibbs  
Linda Scheck  
Craig Kuehne  
Mayor McLeod

**Absent**

Mayor Chris Nelson  
Doris Harner

**Staff Liaison**

Patrick Seger

**Guest**

Michaela Souronis  
Alicia Guerrero

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion to approve January 7, 2025, minutes was made by Linda and seconded by Ben and all commission members were in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT-

No comments from the public.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Ben and Mckala shared a new event layout with the major changes moving the Corgi event to the south side of the large tents and the sword play and Tea party on the north side of the large tents. Within the large tent it was proposed to move the Whiskey tasting space to be in the large west tent and move the other vendors to the large east tent.

Tea party vendor program to be further researched by Ben. Linda suggested Mr. Bubble and Bubble Ology to be in the middle of the tea party tent. Ben spoke to the sword play vendor and they enjoyed the event last year and are open to joining us again, however, will need to confirm by Ben.

Ben suggested moving the dancers to stage A as he wants to remove some of the chairs from stage B area. Ken would like to have some of the dance groups perform at the A stage. Ben also suggested the reptile road show or reptile zoo. It was suggested that we have a Dinosaur space including the reptile. Or exotic Zoo. Linda also suggested an Alpaca. Also, Fluffy Feather farms who have mini-Scottish highland cows. Discussion was held about

bringing back the same inflatables along with doubling up the face painters and ballon artists. Ben said PW will need to provide power to the Corgi tent.

Ben is still working on adding new stadium seating at the event.

Linda also discussed bringing in other farm animals including a burro and pig. Craig would market the event to adults regarding the entertainment and drinking as well to families regarding the other animal and kid activities.

Linda requested that Craig work up a save the date marketing piece to provide to vendors and entertainers. Ben suggested hats be provided for the participants. Jenn suggested that we discuss hats, T-shirts and other branded articles at the next meeting.

Ben also indicated that for next meeting we produce better signage for the event. Linda suggested a welcome station for participants.

Patrick shared that all the entertainers from last year responded that they will be back except the academy Irish Music and Baal Tinne. Ben said that Mike and Joe band will follow the last entertainers on Patrick's list of entertainers at stage A.

V. NEW BUSINESS  
No new business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda and seconded by Ben, all commission members in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the Village Hall.