# MooseMan Afterburn Report 2014



We are pleased to announce that Mooseman 2014 has come and gone with great success. We plounged in the huge BBQ effigy "Aporkalypse", danced, sang, gifted and renewed old friendships and made new ones. This year we had a record number of theme camps (13) and 280 attendees; surrounded by art and enriched with participatory events. As with the previous 2 years, MooseMan 2014 was held on Doug and Lynn's beautiful property in Minden Ontario during the Civic Long weekend in August.

### Pre-Event

In January, the BurnT Board of Directors decided to have a early call out for a Lead/Co-lead for this event. Unfortunately, review of the submitted proposal was delayed due to multiple priorities occurring at the same time (the AGM, filing of taxes and elections for new directors). While the proposal was excellent, the changing the event date was of concern for the Board. After much deliberation, the Board of Directors opted to keep the date the same as the previous years and seek another Lead/Co-lead. Franklin Call stepped up as Lead, with Clarinda Koh as Co-lead, A new proposal and budget was submitted to the BoD and accepted. At the beginning of April, a request to have MooseMan 2014 sanctioned was sent to the Regional Contacts (RC).



Our talented and enthusiastic volunteers began to fill Lead positions before the request went online. Finding enough certified first aid / CPR volunteers to fill the undocumented sanctioned requirements was very difficult. It is our recommendation we raise ticket prices next year and hire a certified Health and Safety team.

Eventbrite ticket page was created with emphasis on donations to BRAF and discounts for leads. We are pleased to announce that we received donations of \$175 towards BRAF. Ticket launch was very successful; and for the first time we sold out of early bird tickets.

We had multiple emails and phone conversations with the Reeve of Minden Hill Township and the by-law officer regarding sound complaints in past years. This year we adopted the Lakes of Fire sound policy that limits decibels (dB) and made sure sub-woofers are turned off at specified times during the event.

Long crew did an outstanding job in preparing the property that included mowing the lawn, parking lot preparation, camp site preparation and treating the ponds with mosquito pucks. With a week to go, an unfortunate misunderstanding between the property owner and a volunteer preparing the site resulted in the keystone rock being severely damaged. The BoD voted quickly to replace / repair the stone to property owners satisfaction using the events contingency fund. About 12 volunteers arrived a day early to setup the infrastructure. (effigy, temple, health and safety, HQ, port-potties, stage, gate, lighting and Art).



## Event – July 31- August 4th

This year, a new question was posed on the Eventbrite page asking "Approximately when you will arrive?". This information was forwarded to the Gate Lead, who was able to schedule the volunteers more effectively and minimize wait times at the gate.

Tickets were available for sale at the Gate to neighbours and/or family of the property owners; as well as last minute attendees from our community. Complications rose with the different pricing levels. The recording of these transactions needs improvement. Some neighbours did not want to pay until they received a "tour". Security and Rangers stepped in and stopped the practice due to liability issues.

We had one inebriated neighbour guest Kelly G, known to the property owners, who was belligerent and physically violent within minutes of arriving. The first mistake was that the assault was not reported to rangers or security. She alternated from being disruptive to being subdued. Later in the evening, given her inebriated state, prudent measures were taken, her friend John agreed that she spend a night on site. Kelly's truck keys were removed from her possession. She was asked to behave, however Kelly ran off down the driveway into the forest barefoot. When it was apparent that she was a danger to herself; the LEO's were called in. She returned to the property in the early hours and "took without permission" the property owner's truck and drove home. She is now banned from attending any future events.

Health and Safety did a great job in mending many little cuts. We had no major medical issues this year, with the exception of a young man who was very intoxicated and needed to be monitored. While he was inebriated, he inappropriately touched a ranger, and has consequently been banned from all future events.

We implementing The 11<sup>th</sup> Principle: nurturing a healthy culture around consent. This was our first year of having a more holistic approach to handling the issue. We have opened discussions at the gate, posted posters in the Port-Potties and at various gathering locations around the event. Chriz North is trying to promote the awareness through demonstration, education and interaction within our community, understanding that our culture as a whole needs to have conversations to find a healthier place. Feedback was largely positive with the sense that we are moving in the right direction. We had an opportunity to go further particularly around dealing with nudity in

general and around the pond. We will continue to work with the community leaders on these issues (B.E.D., The Consent Crew from Vancouver) to help change the culture and do our best to create a safe environment in our community.

Financially, we closed the books as follows:

Attendance	280
Revenue	\$17,815.71
Art Grants	\$3,203.05
Donations to BRAF	\$175.00
Expenses	\$14,776.55
Surplus	\$3,039.16

## Post-Event

As lead organizers for Mooseman, we would like to reflect on this year's amazing event. Below are some observations from the leads that we can improve upon.

- First and foremost is communications between RC's and Event Leads. The defined sanctioning requirements as written by BMORG were followed to the letter of the contract. However the RC's interpretations and additional requirements of this contract was given in bits and pieces over 3 months. A critical piece was supplied when the sanctioning request was withdrawn. This is not first time this has happened. The written criteria list as presented needs to be rewritten. If the sanctioning criteria is to have a certified health and safety personnel available 24 hours a day, we suggest it be written into the BMORG contract.
- The second issue is sound complaints. Even though we implemented the LoF sound policy. We found the DJ's plugged in the sub woofers later on into the night. Policing the sound proved more difficult then expected. We need to work together with the sound camps to limit the sound pollutions and adhering to the local by-laws. One recommend is to pass the fines off to the offending sound camp. The Township of Minden Hills has created a new sound pollution by-laws that are in effect 24/7 and are "subjective based" not sound level based (dB). Adhering to those by-laws at the best of times is challenge.
- Use of the DPW truck for theme camp infrastructure has put a huge burden on the organizers. Organizing the pickup and drop off was a very time consuming and required many volunteers to be on time and ready to load / unload. The pickup worked relatively smoothly, unfortunately the returning of theme camp infrastructure was problematic. One of the theme camps was not available to load and unload the articles from the DPW truck. To compound the issue, many items did not have labels and got dropped off at the wrong locations. We propose that all theme camps take care of their transportation in the future and not be the duty of the organizers. Organizers can help out financially but not be responsible for the transportation since majority of the truck load was theme camp infrastructure.

- We made great progress in the education of *Leave No Trace* as we struggled to fill a small garbage bag at the end of the event. Kudos to the porta-potty Leads and their volunteers for an outstanding job in theme decorations and cleanliness of the bathrooms. A suggestion for next year is that each theme camp or participants "Adopt a Porta-Potty".
- Our fire perimeter security was tighten, with more emphasis on the fire safety. This was a wise decision since this year's effigy burned very hot and the crowd did not have to move back to escape the heat. However we did have a sound system shade structure damaged from falling hot ash. We recommend we expand the perimeter to include structures and equipment to at least 150 meters from the fire circle to prevent future damage. A detail checklist should also be created to ensure that co-ordination between Fire Safety team, Fire Performance Leads takes place as well as adequate fire suppression equipment is in place before the show starts. The teams did a great job and where very flexible working with the new fire perimeter and to the spectators it was a fabulous show.

### <u>Summary</u>

Mooseman 2014 was a great success. With a record number of participants we; plounged in an unconventional BBQ effigy, shot fire into the sky with Riskeeball, ate KD while singing rock and roll, preformed Aporkalypse the opera, spinning fire and Pink Floyd, gifted at the baconODD potluck, hung out at Hammock Camp, danced under the stars, visits from the tequila fairy, Margarita in the generator, a water fight in Kidsville, played Ginger Games, wrote your true office story romances on a vintage type writer in a cubical in a field, drank too many pickle-backs, playing The Touchnsqueal Organ, enjoying the Port-Potties decorations and don't forget those workshops......

Many Many Thanks to all YOU who made MooseMan2014 happen.

Franklin Call -Lead Clarinda Koh -Co-lead

Special thanks to our Volunteer Leads / Co-Leads

Cheryl Sheppard – Art Curator and Art Grant Lead Priva Pepper - Art Curator and Art Grant Co-Lead Rob Sandberg – Effiqy Lead Amanda Thibeault - Kids / Family Camp Lead Andrew Mentalfloss - DJ Lead / Staging Draw Carmichael – DJ / Staging Co-Lead Jory Bice -DJ Co-Lead Pat Ford - Fire and Fire Safety Lead Seth Hardy - Fire and Fire Safety Co-Lead Clarinda Koh – Signs Lead ; Health and Safety Lead ; Volunteer Coordinator Nicki Nicole – Health and Safety Co-Lead ; Moose Manual Lisa Fosco - Gate/ Greeters Lead Rudy Neumann - Gate/ Greeters Co-Lead Daniel Girard - Long Crew Lead Lee Swayze - Lamp Lighters Lead ; Long Crew Co-Lead; Performance Co-Lead Derek D-Rock Birch - Lamp Lighters Co-Lead Jo Lopez – LNT / Sanitation Lead Pawl Giel - LNT / Sanitation Co-Lead; Transportation Co-Lead MooseMan - Communication Lead Sergio Lopez - Transportation Lead

Hillary Thomson – Placement Aaron Oretsky - Law Enforcement Liaison Lindsay Millard - Ranger Lead Martin Sneath - Ranger Co-Lead Becky Belton - Performance Lead Rob Lindley - Fire Performance Lead Mel Thailand Ravergirl - Workshops Lead Chris North - Workshops Co-Lead

# **Detail Financial Report**

Revenues				
Ticket Sales	Participants	Ticket price		
Cash Hardship Lead	2	\$30.00	\$60.00	
Cash Hardship	11	\$40.00	\$440.00	
Cash Early Bird Lead	6	\$50.00	\$300.00	
Cash Early Bird Lead	20	\$60.00	\$1,200.00	
Cash Regular	20	\$80.00	\$1,200.00	
Online Early Bird - Lead	5	\$50.00	\$100.00	
	57	\$50.00		
Online Early Bird		,	\$3,420.00	
Online Early Bird + Donation	10	\$70.00	\$700.00	
Online Regular- Lead	1	\$70.00	\$70.00	
Online Regular	107	\$80.00	\$8,560.00	
Online Regular + Donation	5	\$95.00	\$475.00	
Online Early bird fee mistake	1	-\$4.29	-\$4.29	
Online Child ticket	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	
other Child Ticket	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Security	4	0	0	
Gate sales	35		\$2,185.00	
Revenue Totals	280	\$63.63	\$17,815.71	
Expenses			Actual	Budget
Land Rental	++		\$2,631.00	\$2,500.00
Insurance	++		\$937.01	\$898.13
Fire Performance Materials			\$150.00	\$150.00
Shelters for Common Areas			\$287.12	\$250.00
Workshop Materials			\$45.38	\$150.00
Security Costs			\$400.00	\$350.00
Signs, Greeters First Aid & Misc Infrastructure			\$153.68	\$150.00
Motorola Radios	+ + +		\$466.53	\$344.65
Sound System	1		\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Generators & Equipment Rental			\$475.73	\$800.00
Long Crew supplies	1 1		\$280.34	\$250.00
Generator Fuel	1 1		\$111.60	\$175.00
Art Grants				
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	Brad Spacinsky	\$250.00		

Net			\$3,039.16	
Expense Total			\$14,776.55	
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Bank Charges			\$35.50	
Donations to BRAF			\$175.00	
Contingency fund			\$931.05	
Mosquito pucks		1	\$137.73	
Toilet Paper			\$84.63	
Porta-Potties			\$1,960.00	\$2,080.00
Printing costs			\$189.02	\$150.00
DPW / transportation fuel			\$478.14	\$350.00
Truck			\$800.00	\$750.00
Lights			\$44.04	\$50.00
	totals	\$3,203.05	\$3,203.05	\$3,150.00
	Temple	\$500.00		
	Stage	\$200.00		
	Effigy	\$500.00		
	David Braun	\$130.00		
	Martin Sneath	\$130.00		
	Lee/Derek	\$31.62		
	Carrie Smith	\$550.00		
	Jo Lopez	\$201.43		
	Chriz North	\$385.00		
	Franklin Call	\$200.00		
	Matt / Brad	\$125.00		