

Mooseman 2016 After Burn Report

Overall event

The overall event was very successful. We had a lot of fun and many new friends were made. The weather was warm but very dry, we had to restrict burning on the property.

Expenses

Each year we have variances from our budget. The following explains how some items were cheaper or more expensive.

Cheaper

Fire Performance Fuel

Alex held on to the remaining fuel from the past year so we did not have to expend any extra money.

Generators and equipment rental

One of our generators flamed out during the cabaret show. I explained to the rental place how this kind of put some stress on our plans for electrical grid and added some stress to the show staff. We got a rental discount. Also we did not need to rent any grass clearing equipment..

Sound System

Long & McQuade gave us a powered subwoofer that did not work and missed giving us the cables for the CDJs. We had to run to town to pick up replacement cables. We explained to them how this was a bad thing to do to a four day festival up north and they gave us the rental for free.

Art Grants

Some of the art projects cancelled.

Printing

Through miscommunication people thought that all the waivers had been printed by someone already. Also we did not print out moosemanuals..

Porta Potties

Don On The Job failed to get us an accessible porta-pottie like they said in their quote. We got the rental cheaper but we could have used the accessibility for a participant in a cast.

More expensive

Contingency

We bought some pop-up tents to replace broken ones from the wind in 2015. One to replace the gate and one for first aid as requested by the first aid team.

Revenue

The majority of ticket sales were online. We encouraged people to buy online instead of at the door. There were \$60 advance tickets, \$80 regular and \$100 at the door. Advance and regular were \$10 cheaper than 2015.

Picatic	12,375.58
In person	1,180.00
Door	540.00
Revenue Total	14,095.58

Attendance

Total paid attendance was around 210. This was close to 2015.

Eventbrite	183
Advance	19
Door	8
Comps	10
Total	220

Theme Camps

AnonyMoose, Big Rig Robin's Truck Stop and Jamboree, Clown Town, Hammock Camp, Neverland Surf Camp, Powder Monkeys, Kids Funny Farm, Temple Guardians Rest Home, Moosemail Express, Earworm Thump Thump, Mooselfie Grooves, The Dancing Forest.

Parking

Parking was late to get setup but once it was up and running we got all of the vehicles in. We do need to consider having large vehicles like RVs register ahead of time so that we can make sure there is consolidated space for them when they arrive.

Health and Safety

We bought a new health and safety pop-up and first aid kits. One or two bandages were used. No medical emergencies.

Security & Rangers

Security was a huge improvement from last year. Dan was an extremely useful security person and handled all situations calmly, coolly and professionally.

The rangers were a huge help this year. We had more rangers than ever before and they had enough on shifts so that they could respond to events as they happened. The rangers mediated on placement, a possible predator issue, an ejection, dealing with crashers and people trying to have their own fires.

Radios

We purchased extra radios for the event. We had some problems with some of the units. Some were fixed by Martin and some were fixed by Seth. We had to borrow some of Seth's units. We also had issues with recharging. The recharging station could only work when the generator was on. We suggest that for next year the radios are kept near the house and charged off of their power. We will have to negotiate payment for power from Doug and Lynn..

Workshops & Events

We had a huge response to our call for workshops and events. We had more workshops and better attendance than ever before..

Sound

This was the second year of having the DJs run their own sound camp. The board had looked at buying a system as an investment instead of renting. When the system we looked at purchasing did not work out we were left with a confusion and we had to rent a system for the DJs instead of having them deal with it. Next year we will unload that responsibility to the DJs.

Transportation

We combined the rental truck and Rob Sandberg's van to move all of the gear. This seems to be enough space for the size of festival we currently have.

Landowner and community relationship

Doug and Lynn were again very happy with the festival and are looking forward to our return next year.

Art Grants

What Time Is It?, Transformus Temple, Compasses, Moosemail Express, Puff The Dragon, and Ranger Costumes were all accepted and funded art contributions. There were four accepted projects that did not become eligible for funding.

Issues of note

Placement of Powder Monkeys

In the past years Hillary has done the theme camp placement. She was on a road trip so we introduced a new Theme Camp Lead. Jesse, Paula and Dave were not aware of previous agreements between Hillary and the Powder Monkeys on placement. The Powder Monkeys were understandable upset that they had been moved back to a location that they did not like. They made the best of it and have been promised the location that IT2SP had for next year.

Stalking

On Friday night we had a problem where a male was following a female from camp to camp. Finally at Clown Town Dave was alerted to this situation. Dave tried talking to the male about why this was causing a problem and the male left. Dave alerted the rangers and security and they looked for the male but could not find him. It was assumed that this person was not an attendee and would not return.

Attendee Ejection

The next day Dave spotted the male who was looked for the night before. The female who had made the complaint did not feel safe having this male in attendance. An assessment was made and the male did have issues with socializing that could not be addressed at the event. The decision was made to eject the participant by the event lead (Dave). There was a lot of

discussion around this and eventually the ejection was executed. The attendee was refunded his ticket and given money for a bus home and a ride to the bus station. This incident highlights that we need to put in place a procedure on who can eject someone and how it is executed.

Intruder and Ejection

On the burn night our security person detected a group of young males that had not paid to attend. Dave was contacted and brought over to assess if they trespassers could buy their way in. Several left to go home but one stayed. Dave talked to him and from the interactions this male had with attendees in the first two minutes Dave could tell that he was not a good fit. He was commenting on women's bodies and staring and making noises at the women. (Who does that?) He was asked to leave. He tried to refuse to leave and threatened violence to Dave. Eventually with Dave, security and the rangers he agreed to go. As he was leaving he threatened ranger Martin. The trespasser identified himself as Eric and stated he was either the son or nephew of the next door property owner. On his way out with Martin he made some very disparaging comments about people who live in and around Haliburton. Martin shared this with some of the local people.

Rogue Fires

It was discovered that some attendees who were camped in the woods had started their own fire. This despite their being a fire ban in the Minden area and all of our information in the moose manual and signs that said, "NO FIRES." These attendees were talked to but not ejected. Their fire pit was discovered on the Monday so it was too late to eject them. For the record they acted smug and didn't really care.

Waivers at the door

The waivers were made and an electronic version was sent to the gate crew. They then heard back that all of the printing was being done for them. However this meant printing of the lists of volunteers not printing for waivers or moose manuals. There was also no list printed of attendees from the Picatic sales. We were able to print a new list using Doug and Lynn's person equipment. It was too late to print waivers as a large number of attendees had arrived before we could get anything to print on the Friday.

Thursday Attendance

This year we saw a huge increase in attendance on the Thursday night. This was unexpected. We did not have the parking lot fully set up as that lead was not able to make it until Friday. The lights were not in place as that lead also could not arrive until Friday. The gate had scheduled more people for the Friday night and less for the Thursday. The theme camps were not fully ready to go as they assumed most would arrive on Friday. For next year we recommend that long crew arrive on the Tuesday night and that theme camps should do early arrival on Thursday to get set up. All leads who have critical infrastructure needed for Thursday should

have someone from their team represent them in the long crew if they can't make it there themselves.

Unburned Art and Transportation

The temple was a large wooden structure consisting of benches and wooden sticks for people to write on and burn. Since we had a burn restriction we decided not to burn the benches or the sticks. Through an agreement with the landowners we were able to leave the benches behind until the event next year. This saved a lot of room in the truck for taking back everything in one trip. That included the return of the four rental generators. The artists and the event lead disagreed on the return of the wooden sticks. The event lead did not want to use up space for the wood and felt it was better off left behind. It was donated to Eric who had built the effigy. The artists felt that the material had been paid for by the art grant and should have been taken back and returned to the store for a refund. Something to discuss for next year is a resolution process for incidents like this.

News Article

Before the event a reporter contacted the event leads about writing a story on the event. We assumed that this was a person who wanted a free ticket. We did reach out and tell her that it was very late in the game to be trying to contact the organizers, they were already on the land. The reporter did show up, did not identify themselves as a reporter and subsequently published their story about the event in the local Minden paper. While the tone on the article was very nice, we did not want to draw attention to the event. The story mentioned how we like privacy and seek consent but she did not respect our privacy or ask our consent for the article. It also had lots of mistakes in it. We asked the MInde paper not to put the article on their website. In the future our waiver should have a condition on it that only allows people to submit articles to the press on the event with our permission. Posting about the event or pictures should only be on personal social media pages or on the BurnT group or the event page.