

GGND Meeting Minutes 2/26/2025

Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Attendees: See below

Recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees/Introductions: Tony Klinzing and Mark Klinzing; guests

General Business: Approval was made of tonight's agenda by Danielle Eagle and 2nd by Cindy Finstad. Approval was made for Meeting minutes from 1/26/2025 by Cindy Finstad and 2nd by Jenny Liautaud.

Event Discussions:

- **Fireworks & Laser Show.** *Erik Finstad:* The dates are reserved with J&M and Laser Encore; both contracts are forthcoming. The contract with Laser Encore is in need of a couple revisions.
- **Band & Stage.** *Erik Finstad/Craig Golembiewski (Cody Eagle-Stage):* Handled; no discussion.
- **Pancake Breakfast.** *Erik Finstad/Darrel Kyle(Mason's Contact):* Handled. It was suggested to use ARCO coffee to coincide with the float.
- **Bartenders & ID Checkers/ Wristbands.** *Erik Finstad/Shay Burbul:* Erik is working on the liquor license. Shay anticipated for April meeting.
- **5K.** *Cindy Finstad:* Still no volunteer to take lead on kids run; officially shelved for this year. We will look into getting a highway sign on "Y" by the event that morning to reduce the risk of any accident occurring (heavy foot traffic near and crossing "Y").
- **BINGO.** *Erik Finstad/Dave Hodek:* All systems go for July BINGO; more discussion on this later. Erik has our State of Wisconsin license in process to be converted into a multi-event license. This will be completed in time for the March fundraiser.
 - March 29th BINGO fundraiser- doors open at 4:00 PM, first game at 5:00 PM. Jesse has started social media advertising. Beer, food, pop, and water will be sold. A separate BINGO meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16th at 6:00 PM
- **Sponsorships/Collections/Poster.** *Danielle Eagle.* Danielle and crew are set for the March 1st kickoff. The new 2025 sponsorship form will be finalized by tomorrow morning (February 27th). The schedule of events will be finalized by the end of March to meet printing deadline goals.
- **Postcards/Donors.** *Erik Finstad/Jesse Smith:* Venmo has been set up. Jesse will work on getting the GGND logo in the QR Code for use on postcards, posters, and social media.
- **Duck Boards.** *Brian Finstad (race)/Danielle Eagle(boards)/Becky Hoehn(books):* Discussion on keeping the duck booths at locations (now that we will have 2) instead of carting them around. It was also noted that we should have the booth set up for the Flea Market at Stop-a-Sec.
- **Vendors/Crafts.** *Becky Hoehn/Cindy Finstad/Erik Finstad:* Vendor forms are now available. Check will be made on some of the 25 amp outlets to check the condition.
- **Parade.** *Brian Finstad:* Brian noted the first official subcommittee meeting is scheduled. He is looking into finding a way to raise the speakers higher to offset the crowd absorption for better sound.
- **Advertising. Social Media:** *Jesse Smith:* No discussion
- **Mud Volleyball.** *Craig Golembiewski:* The new day will work for the volunteers. Craig will work on getting new black dirt.
- **Cornhole.** *Erik Finstad:* Josh Johnson is the contact for Twin Ports Cornhole has agreed to run the event, but additional information is needed as to what their level of direction/involvement will be.

- **Pickleball.** *Jenny Liautaud/Erik Finstad:* This is still up in the air. Jenny will see if Judy Schad would be willing to partner with or mentor her on how to run the tournament. We would like to have this as a part of the weekend, but a decision needs to be made soon.
- The following event items were deemed handled at the meeting:
 - **Historical Society Sounds, Sweets, & More.** *Brian Finstad*
 - **Historical Walking Tour.** *Brian Finstad*
 - **Fire Tower Open Climb.** *Brian Finstad*
 - **Museum Open.** *Brian Finstad*
 - **Tractor Show.** *Bob Mullvain*
 - **Car Show.** *John Hubler/Dr. Perry*
 - **Dumpsters & Cleanup.** *John Hubler*
- **Beer /Water Sales Downtown.** We will not be raising prices this year; selections will be the same as last year.
- **Banners.** *Cindy Finstad:* We are trying to get the same event sponsors as last year so that we can reuse the banners we have.
- **Wearables.** We do not have the bodies to successfully sell wearables. We will be bringing the leftover koozies to the March BINGO to try to sell some there.
- The following event items were deemed handled at the meeting:
 - **Ice.** *Danielle Eagle*
 - **Rocket Distribution & Collection.**
 - **Volunteer T-Shirts.** *Cindy Finstad*
 - **Parking Signs.** *Danielle Eagle*
 - **Porta Potties.** *Craig Golembiewski – just waiting email confirmation from vendor*
 - **Buses.** *Craig Golembiewski*
 - **Law Enforcement.** *Craig Golembiewski*
 - **EMS.** *Erik Finstad*
 - **Towns Crew List.** *Craig Golembiewski/Denise Wohlbeir*
 - **Advance Checks to Cut.** *Erik Finstad/Craig Golembiewski/Denise Wohlbeir*

MISC: We need to create a **Volunteer Schedule** for the weekend of event. (still need to revisit) **ATM** – Dave S has Starlink Mobile that he is willing to loan for the weekend. This can possibly be set up at the ballpark by the pavilion. Also looking into running a cat cable from the town hall office to an outside ATM. Guest Mark Klinzing said he is looking for an event where he can add a family kick-ball tournament. Our volunteer base would not be able to support this, but Brian Finstad directed him to connect with the organizers of the upcoming dirt road bike race for interest.

Adjournment: 7:34 PM

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 16th at 6 pm at the Gordon Town Hall.

Prepared by Becky Hoehn on 03/02/2025

Attendees:

Chair: *Erik Finstad*

Vice Chair: *Cindy Finstad*

Secretary/Treasurer : *Becky Hoehn*

Member at Large: *Brian Finstad*

Member at Large: *Bob Mullvain*

Town Liaison: Craig Golembiewski

Paula Davey

Carol Walch

Pat Connor

Dave Schippers

Tony Klinzing

Mark Klinzing

John Sime

Danielle Eagle

Jenny Liautaud

Jesse Smith

Denise Wohlbiel