**Minutes of the Stinchcombe Village Show 2013 Working Party**

Initial Planning Meeting

Monday 18th March 2013 - 7:30pm - Committee Room, Village Hall

Attendants: Mr Graham Brown, Mr and Mrs Ken and Joan Jelfs, Mr and Mrs Ian and Jayne Kirkham, Mr and Mrs David and Pippa Leggate, Mrs Margaret Wannell and Mr Sebastian Hamilton in the chair and taking minutes

Apologies: Mr Richard Bartlam, Mrs Nola Bradley, Mrs Cherry Brown, Mr Richard Cheatham, Mrs Wendy Hamilton, Miss Laura Hutchins, and Mrs Marian Shaw

1. Introduction

Sebastian gave a short overview of the Show’s background to those present. Two Shows had previously taken place, in 2009 and 2011 respectively.

In 2009 quite a sizable working party had shared much of the burden, but in 2011 more of the work fell on a small number of shoulders. The 2011 committee decided that they did not wish to run the 2013 Show, and the idea was floated and accepted that the Village Hall Committee should take responsibility for ‘kick starting’ a working party every other year.

If enough interest was raised then the Show would take place, otherwise it would not. Joan added that she felt the Show really brought the village together in ways that we sometimes struggle to achieve, and the general mood of the room was that we should indeed have another Show.

31st August and 7th September were identified as the two best dates for the Show, and it was decided that we would choose the week when Coaley Show was not taking place. This meant that 31st August was the chosen date for the 2013 Show, though it should be noted that a charity cricket match will be taking place next door at the Stragglers.

1. Attractions

It was agreed that we would not consider the classes at this meeting, but we did discuss attractions and essential things that we would require.

A good loudspeaker setup is essential, and Richard Bartlam will be approached to see whether we could possibly use his.

Teas were not considered to be something we would strongly advertise, but they are always expected. St. Cyr’s PCC will organise the teas, with Andrew and Wendy Hamilton taking responsibility. Space is an issue at the Show, and it was felt that the teas should probably be served in the Committee Room.

A tombola will be organised by David and Pippa.

We all agreed that attractions for children were essential. We discussed face painting and a bouncy castle, and Margaret pointed out that an entertainment company had approached the Hall with a view to taking promotional photographs inside the Hall. Perhaps the Hall could offer their facilities for free, in return for the company providing us with attractions at the Show? Sebastian will follow this up.

It was suggested that we should get a local Scouts troop involved, and Ian explained that he may have built connections with the Scouts by the time of the Show, but at the moment is struggling to sign up as a volunteer due to red tape holdups.

The Dog Show was a huge success last year, and Sebastian will follow this up with Vale Vets, who provided a judge last time.

3. Prizes

It was agreed that certificates should again be awarded to First, Second and Third Place in all classes. Sebastian will investigate whether First Place winners could also have a rosette.

The overall Show winner is awarded a large trophy cup which they can keep for a year, and a smaller trophy cup which they can keep indefinitely. Three small cups were originally purchased by David and Pippa, and Sebastian will follow up where the remaining small cup could be.

4. Publicity

It was agreed that Sebastian would send the date of the Show, and the date of our next meeting, to the Link, the Spirit and the email mailing list.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting will take place on April 15th at 7:30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

6. Close

The meeting closed at 8:30pm