

WML Festival Day Committee Minutes

Thursday, 2/19/26

Start time: 7:30 pm

Attendance: Ilene Horowitz Chairperson, Michael Ilardi OIC, Donna Ilardi, Rudy Riveron, Scot Desort, Ertan Yavuz

Festival days scheduled for July 16- July 19, 2026

1. The Board passed a motion for \$10,000 to be allocated for fireworks which will come from POA budget.
2. Ilene will be creating new sponsor letters and has also received commitment from all the same food vendors. 2 checks received and 1 deposit. Food truck vendors fee= \$475 and 10x10 spots fee= \$350
3. Porta Johns: We need to get new estimates. Decision made to supply 3 porta johns and 1 handicap porta john behind deck and 2 porta johns and 1 handicap porta john in ride parking lot. Due to feedback regarding poor lighting for porta john use; lights will need to be set up this year.
4. The DJs are confirmed for Thursday and Saturday in ride parking lot and Sunday all day at the gazebo. Ride company and Festival Day will each pay for one day of parking lot DJ.
5. Large water bottles will be available for the parade and volunteer staff. Coolers of water to be set up for the 5K race.
6. A unanimous decision by committee members to continue \$50 fee for market vendors.
7. Security committee will be responsible for hiring security for the event.
8. New events for this year: Bubble gum blowing contest for adults on Sunday after hotdog eating contest @ 5:30 pm and Granny Pants yard game.
9. A unanimous decision was made to raise 5K fees to \$40 (from \$35) for pre-registered runners and \$45 (from \$40) for same day registration runners. T-shirts will be given out to first 225 participants. Race medals and plaques were discussed and will be revisited at next month's meeting.
10. Most of the same games and events as last year will take place except for Jenga.

Adjourned 9:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Donna Ilardi, Secretary

Minutes approved by Michael Ilardi, OIC

WML Festival Day Committee Minutes

Thursday, 3/12/26

Start time: 7:35pm Meeting adjourned 8pm

Attendance: Ilene Horowitz-Chairperson, Michael Ilardi-OIC, Donna Ilardi, Rudy Riveron, Marty Sweinhart, Russ Pencak

Ilene summarized last month's meeting with committee members

1. A unanimous decision was made by the members to award only 1st place medals in each age category for both men and women. Top place male and female runners will receive champion medals. Total medals to be given = 20.

Age groups as follows:

0-9yrs	40-49yrs
10-14yrs	50-59yrs
15-19yrs	60-69yrs
20-29yrs	70+ yrs

No plaques will be given out.

2. We are all set up with food vendors. The Barn will be doing desserts.
3. The rides will be opening later on Sunday, beginning at 3 pm.
4. Letters will be sent out to previous and potential new sponsors.

Minutes submitted by Donna Ilardi, Secretary

Minutes approved by Michael Ilardi, OIC

WML Festival Day Committee Minutes

Thursday, 4/9/2026

Start time: 7:35 pm Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Attendance: Ilene Horowitz Chairperson, Rudy Riveron Co-chair, Michael Ilardi OIC, Donna Ilardi, Scot DeSort and Pat Degnan

1. Food vendors are all set
2. Continuing to seek additional market vendors and sponsors. Tilcon agreed to sponsorship
3. World cup finals are scheduled for Sunday, 7/19/26...committee considering featuring a large screen to show the event. Scot investigated Premier Outdoor Movie.com which was priced \$800 (16 ft screen, included set up and breakdown). No decision made yet, group continues to think about this option.
4. Will try boosters this year to help offset costs; ?10 (venmo, checks or cash)
5. Committee members approved WML wrestling program to provide wrestling demo either on Saturday or Sunday. Dan Carol to obtain waivers for participating in the event.
6. Revision of contests on Sunday:
 - 1:30 pm Pie eating contest
 - 2:15 pm Watermelon eating contest
 - 3:00 pm Water balloon contest
 - 4:30 pm Hippity Hop followed by Granny pants yard game
 - 5:30 pm Hotdog eating contest, followed by bubble gum blowing contest

Minutes submitted by Donna Ilardi, Secretary

Minutes approved by Michael Ilardi, OIC

WML Festival Day Committee Minutes

Thursday, 5/14/26

Start time: 7:30pm

Attendance: Ilene Horowitz Chairperson, Michael Ilardi OIC, Donna Ilardi, Scot Desort, Russ Pencak

1. Rockaway Township bus prices are \$90/hour (was \$87/hr). Awaiting board approval
2. Website is up for the 5 K race
3. Sponsorships are slowly coming in. Ilene has received only 1 booster for \$10
4. Food vendors are all set
5. Plan is for 2 security personnel for Saturday & Sunday. Arrangements to be made by security committee. The company used last year was Prestige.
6. 1 band cancelled; Ilene trying to find replacement band

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

Minutes submitted by Donna Ilardi, Secretary

Minutes approved by Michael Ilardi, OIC