

Ripsey RAGBRAI Planning Committee  
Ripsey Library Community Room  
July 21, 2023  
7 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Stagg, Bobbi, and Neil Dollinger, Mary Weaver, Dale, and Nancy Hanaman,  
Dan Brubaker, Donnie Carpenter, Meredith from Pies and Pastries, Brad Rowe, and Dan Hager.

Mary Weaver opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Minutes from the previous meeting were shared and approved as submitted.  
Dan Brubaker reported that all vendor fees had been paid and that expenses were being covered. There should not be a financial loss.

**UPDATE by Dan:**

3 large tents have been arranged for various locations to provide shade  
Cables for bike parking will be placed on Monday evening  
80 portable toilets and hand washing stations have been delivered and will be placed thru out the town by Scott Weaver and Dan on Monday  
Stefanie Fry is donating hand sanitizers that will be placed around the town  
Vendor location map was shared  
Various potholes in the street have been repaired by Mayor Dan  
15 CB radios have been rented and will be available for the parking lot, traffic flow and ATV drivers

**UPDATE by Mary:**

Frank Nation and Gary Weaver have removed the two dead ash trees at the former Ripsey School Memorial site  
Townspople tidied their yards, giving a better general community appearance  
Most t shirts have been given to the local food vendor groups and other Ripsey volunteers. Remaining t shirts will be available from Mary  
People from other parts of the County, former Ripsey citizens, and generational family members have been offering their volunteer services. Very grateful for these many volunteers.  
Lion's/Fire Department have adequate volunteers  
Baseball Commission has the necessary volunteers and may be able to share extra with church if needed.  
Cara from the Library could use volunteers on Monday to re-package cookies they are going to be selling.  
Three ATV's have been volunteered with drivers to transport supplies, pick up trash, and distribute ice.

**SET UP:**

Tuesday: All vendors should be set up by 8 a.m. with bikers expected to arrive by that time due to the expected extreme heat. All vendor vehicles must be off Main Street by 8 a.m.

**HOMETOWN VENDORS:**

Ripsey Baseball Commission: Cooler is in place for beer and beer license has been secured

Ripsey Lions Club/Ripsey Fire Department Dale Hanaman: Volunteers list complete with duties assigned. Set up will begin on Monday morning and be completed early Tuesday morning.

Ripsey United Methodist Church: OK, Pies will be cut on Monday morning.

**Other vendors:**

28 nonlocal food vendors, along with 6 nonfood vendors will be located on Main Street. The RAGBRAI Emergency mobile room and 2 bike repair units will be placed off Main to the north and south on second street.

**MEDIA:**

Dan has been interviewed by the *Perry Chief*, the *Jefferson Herald*, and *Raccoon Valley Radio*. Information has also appeared in the *Ames Tribune*.

Sarah Kilgore has posted numerous photos and information on the Ripsey RABGRAI L page she created along with information on Ripsey Facebook pages.

**ACTIVITIES:**

John Bean and Luke Farland bands will be performing, and the Big Red Radio will be present. Bikers are encouraged to sign their names on the signature rock on

Main Street east of the library building.

**FINAL REVIEW:**

Ice:

Mary, Gary and David Weaver will deliver ice after picking up the reefer van donated for the day by the Food Bank of Iowa. Three pallets of ice will be delivered early Tuesday morning. Local vendors amounts-Ripsey Lions/Ripsey Fire Department 20 bags, Ripsey UMC 20 bags, Baseball Commission will have cooler for beer and but will need 72 bags

Traffic: Dan has volunteers to assist

Signage: Ripsey Lions Club/Fire Dept, Ripsey UMC and Ripsey Baseball Commission will place signs along the route.

Parking: Dan has locations assigned for support vehicles and vendor parking needs and has secured an adequate number of volunteers

Bike Parking: Cables will be placed in convenient locations by Tuesday am.

Kybos: See earlier in minutes.

Trash: Large barrels with bags will be around town with trash pickups on a regular basis, depositing them in large dumpster on the grounds near the former Hatfield gas station, part of the current Landus campus.

Safety: The Iowa Highway Patrol will be present to assure bikers may safely cross 144 as they exit Ripsey to the East on their way to Berkley, Luther, and Ames for the overnight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

**Post RAGBRAI** meeting will be on Sunday, August 13, 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Submitted by

Nancy Hanaman. secretary