

2021 BRU Activities Committee Report

Hello NWA Area,

\$6187.40 cash/checks has been deposited

\$2347.04 in pending Square deposits (not scheduled to clear for deposit until Sept 2021)

The Square account is currently deactivated and when I try to call I get a message explaining a few reasons why it may have been deactivated but I'm not able to speak to a live representative. My best guess is because we had so many offline transactions so soon after opening the account that it caused a "fraud" alert. The money that is pending will be held for the 90 days to allow for any claims or "chargebacks" to clear before depositing it in our account. I am already looking into different ways to talk to someone at Square as well as setting up another method of collecting cc payments offline for our next BRU or any other Area events.

For the 2022 BRU, we have already done the following:

1. Made a deposit on the pavilion and group campsite
2. Reserved 1 cabin and the lodge (this was all they had left to reserve when we were checking out)

Expenses paid out so far:

1. Deposit on 2022 BRU campgrounds/pavillion (I'll have to get the exact amount for the next ASC)
2. \$340.11 for Rubin's car rental
3. \$41.58 paid to mail the lamp to Rubin from the auction
4. \$?? for mailing the large 115 lb cast iron BBQ grill to Rubin (Rubin has offered to let it go to Chuck or another local member if his money bid is returned for it since the shipping costs will be quite expensive - an alternative would be that someone in the fellowship who travels would be willing to bring it there in their personal vehicle)

Money raised other than registration/t-shirts/donations (totaling \$4544):

1. \$787 Raffle (\$55 cc + \$732 cash)
2. \$144 50/50 (\$145 cc + \$742 cash /2 = our ½)
3. \$3613 Auction (\$1777 cc + \$1836 cash)

116 people stood in the Saturday meeting circle

114 people registered

140 approximately fed on Saturday night

An updated bank balance is not available today, but at the next ASC it will be submitted for the minutes. Also, Frank has counted the total shirts remaining and their sizes. I will be bringing those to the August RSC in Harrison for anyone who wants to buy one.

The committee has several recommendations for the following BRU committees.

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1. Individual t-shirt sales (without registration) should be available before midday on Saturday. We were left with a lot of extra shirts this year and many people wanted to buy them in addition to their registration on Friday.
2. We need to increase the seed money. The seed money this year was not enough without other fundraising efforts to put on the event. Frank had to personally fund the change for the cash register to get us started and we had to buy some supplies on Saturday after taking in some money from the event. We did recoup the money, but the committee should have all the funds they need to put on the event. The cost of meat this year was going up by the day, so that was much more expensive than we anticipated just a few short days before we bought it. It had almost doubled.

Overall this was a GREAT event that reached many addicts and fun was had by so many that attended. We were excited to have the event again after not having it in 2020 and there were so many who were happy to get together.

In loving service,
NWA BRU Committee (submitted by Alicia A.)