

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

October 18th, 2011

6:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderman Friday, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Martin, and Alderman Withers. Alderman Beaty was absent.

The following staff members were present: Ed Munn, Interim Town Manager; Maria Stroupe, Administrative Services Director; Pennie Thrower, Town Attorney; Doug Huffman, Electric Director; Allen Scott, Police Captain; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; David Kahler, Community Development Director; and Anne Martin, Recreation Director. Steve Lambert, Fire Chief, was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Coleman opened with the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Withers made a motion to set the agenda including the correction, seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Huggins made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2011 regular meeting and the September 26, 2011 Courthouse Walk Through, seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.

Recognition of Citizens:

Mr. Randall Jones made an additional presentation to the Shop With A Cop Program. He made a \$700 donation to the program last month from proceeds received from his artwork. At that time he pledged to donate all proceeds through the remainder of the year to the Shop With A Cop Program. Mr. Jones presented Chief Buckner with a check for \$310, bringing his total donations to \$1,010. He expects to be able to donate additional funds before the end of the year.

Awards and Recognition of Employees:

None

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the written off list to be sent to NC Debt Set Off, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

Public Hearing:

None

Old Business:

The first item, Item 7-A, was a discussion of engineering services for improvements to the water distribution system. The Town has received four proposals for engineering services from the following four firms: Willis Engineers, Pease Engineering, US Infrastructure of Carolina, and Diamond Engineering. The Public Works Committee met on Monday, October 17, 2011 to review the proposals as directed in the September Board of Aldermen meeting. Staff is currently checking references and gathering some additional information on some items that were discussed at the proposal reviews. A special meeting was set for Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6:00 pm to present the proposals to the entire Board for review.

The second item, Item 7-B, was a proposed agreement for architectural services for the Courthouse from Harris Architects of Brevard, NC. This firm has specific experience with historic North Carolina Courthouse renovation efforts, specifically the Polk County Courthouse, Transylvania County Courthouse, and Clay County Courthouse. Other important historic building renovations they have been involved with include the Old Fort Train Station, the Asheville City Building, Cradle of Forestry Building, and several 1800's era important residential buildings. The agreement is for \$9,000, plus reimbursables estimated to be \$800 to \$1000. (Exhibit A) Specific project work beyond the initial phase is outlined in the Additional Services section of the agreement. This year's budget has \$10,500 remaining for these services. Mr. Huggins made a motion to approve the agreement with Harris Architects and for each Board member to appoint one member of the community to serve on a committee to be involved with the renovation of the Courthouse, seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.

The third item, Item 7-C, was appointment of a Cemetery Superintendent. At the last meeting, the Board requested that the Manager recommend a person to be designated as the Cemetery Superintendent. Patrick McSwain has been working with the somewhat incomplete records we currently have, trying to update them as much as possible. In addition, he has worked with the owners of the cemetery lots and their families as deaths have occurred. Mr. McSwain does an excellent job in these situations. He is both conscientious and understanding as he deals with this important and potentially complicated matter. Mr. Munn recommended that the Board designate Patrick McSwain as the Cemetery Superintendent. Mr. Friday made a motion to designate Patrick McSwain as the Cemetery Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Item 8-A, was information concerning an opportunity for Dallas to receive grant monies. Dallas has the opportunity to receive up to \$24,000 in grant monies that can be utilized for the Alder Ridge and Briarwood Stream Restoration Project. Gaston County Natural Resources has applied for leftover fund from a previous grant programs and plans to transfer those funds to the Town of Dallas for this project. The funds, once granted, will go toward the Town's portion of this project. The project has been approved by the State and the Corps of Engineers, and is awaiting permitting by these entities. (Exhibit B) Mr. Johnny Denton, Diamond Engineering was present and stated that the work would be taking place on Dallas' property. The Town would probably do water line work on a line running under the creek. Gaston County Department of Natural Resources would be the lead agency on the project. Mr. Friday made a motion to approve pursuing these grant monies to be applied to the project presented, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

Item 8-B, was a presentation by Ms. Stroupe on the annual Christmas/Longevity Bonus. Historically, the Town has given employees a Christmas/Longevity Bonus each year before Thanksgiving. Employees greatly appreciate this bonus and use it toward their family's Christmas. The budgeted bonus percentage is 1½% of each employee's base salary. Employees with less than one year of service will receive \$100. \$33,495.80 is included in this year's budget for bonuses. The actual amount needed to fund the Christmas bonuses is \$29,690.36, including taxes and fringes. Previously, there have been some discussions about looking at different ways to designate Christmas/Longevity bonuses. The staff recommends that the Board review all compensation methods for the next budget year. Performance or merit pay options can be incorporated into next year's budget as the Board directs. Mr. Friday made a motion to approve the Christmas/Longevity Bonus as presented, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of New Business, Mr. Brent Hoyle, owner of CrossRhodes Chef Shack & Tavern, spoke to the Board. He was to have spoken during the Recognition of Citizen's time, but was late to the meeting. The Board allowed him to speak at this time. He has recently found out that some of our local children are only guaranteed a good meal while at school. He wants to hold a cornhole tournament on two Saturdays in November to raise funds to feed local children every Saturday in November. He has already raised \$816 to begin funding this project. He presented the Board with a handout covering his project, the cornhole

tournament, and background data. (Exhibit C) He is requesting that the Board approve closing Main Street from the corner of Holland Street to the end of the CrossRhodes property on Saturday, November 5, 2011 and Saturday, November 19, 2010 from approximately 2:00 pm until dark in order to conduct the cornhole tournaments. Mr. Friday made a motion to approve the requested street closures on the requested dates, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

Item 9, was a manager's report from Mr. Ed Munn, Interim Town Manager, highlighting various projects currently underway in Dallas.

Closed Session:

None

Mr. Friday made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously. (7:04)

Rick Coleman, Mayor

Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk

October 6, 2011

Mr. Edward Munn, Town Manager
Town of Dallas
210 N. Holland Street
Dallas, North Carolina 28034

**Re: Historic Gaston County Courthouse
Proposal for Architectural Services (Revised)**

Dear Mr. Munn:

We are pleased to present this revised proposal to provide professional architectural services to the town of Dallas and look forward to working with you on this important project.

Scope of Work

This proposal outlines a study that will outline the full rehabilitation of the historic Gaston County Courthouse. We understand that you intend to restore the exterior of the building and rehabilitate the interior to create a Community Center, including an assembly space on the second floor and support space on the first floor. This work will study and document existing conditions and make recommendations for rehabilitation including conservation of historic materials, building code review, and schematic design of alterations to accommodate programmatic and code requirements. It is anticipated that an elevator and second egress from the second floor will be required.

Our services will be divided into two parts; "basic" services will include conducting the work listed above and delivering preliminary drawings illustrating our recommendations for rehabilitation. An outline of this work is as follows:

1. Review of documentation including historic photographs, reports and records (provided by the town, primary research is not anticipated)
2. Survey, Analysis, and Documentation
 - a. Physical survey of building and site
 - b. Documentation of existing structure with measured floor plans and photographs
 - c. Document significant original remaining and missing architectural features
3. Determine programming and functional needs with the Town of Dallas
4. Building and accessibility code analysis
5. Recommendations for rehabilitation including preliminary design and cost estimates

The second part of the work – which will overlap basic services – will be to identify and manage specific areas of removal and repair work that can be conducted as task orders by town staff or small contracts prior to undertaking a full rehabilitation project. The specific scope of these tasks will be determined as part of the work of basic services and may include work such as removal of added interior finishes; repair to the cupola; and remediation of water infiltration problems. The identification of these task orders will be part of basic services; however architectural work to execute these tasks will be additional services. We will only perform work on task orders after written approval by the town of a task order proposal that will include fees and expenses.

Mr. Edward Munn
 Town of Dallas
 October 6, 2011
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Proposed Fees

Proposed professional fees for this work is a lump sum of \$ 9,000, which includes conducting the work described above and delivering drawings to describe the proposed work along with a statement of probable cost. Fees are typically invoiced on a monthly basis for the percentage of work completed to date. Three site visits to Dallas are anticipated, including a final presentation of our recommendations.

Reimbursable expenses are invoiced in addition to fees for travel, printing, and postage associated with the work of the project at actual costs times 1.1. Travel expenses include mileage at the current IRS rate, lodging, and meals. We have also included the cost of five "hard" color copies of our work at a reduced scale, one large scale set of drawings that can be mounted or display, and digital copies of all final drawings and documents. Reimbursable expense are estimated to be \$800-\$1,000.

Additional Services

Our work will take previous work efforts into consideration, including the structural report by DCF Engineering, hazardous materials report and any other materials that may be provided by the Town. Additional services by engineers and consultants are not anticipated at this time.

Should additional services for a change in the scope of work or travel for meetings, presentations, or other purposes be needed, these will be considered outside the scope of the currently proposed work, and will only be provided at your request and after approval of additional fees.

Additional services beyond the scope of work outlined in this proposal will be invoiced hourly only with prior approval. Standard hourly rates are \$110.00 per hour for Principals, \$85.00 per hour for Senior Professionals, \$60.00 per hour for Interns / Junior Professionals, and \$35.00 per hour for Office Administration working directly on your project. Standard hourly rates are subject to change January 1 of each year.

Schedule

Upon acceptance, we anticipate being able to start work within a few weeks. The entire project should take two to four months to complete, including review time for preliminary (conceptual) plans by the town.

Owner Requirements

The Owner will provide full access to the building for survey and documentation and will aid the Architect in removing selected materials, such as carpet and drywall, to investigate existing conditions. Ladders and access inside the cupola and to the roof will be required.

Archival information about the building such as written and oral histories and historic photographs will be provided, high resolution digital images of photographs are preferred. (Harris Architects can make these if the images are available for loan.)

Please let me know if you have any questions about this proposal or our firm. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to work with you on this exciting project.

Sincerely,
 Harris Architects PLLC

Ellen Pratt Harris AIA

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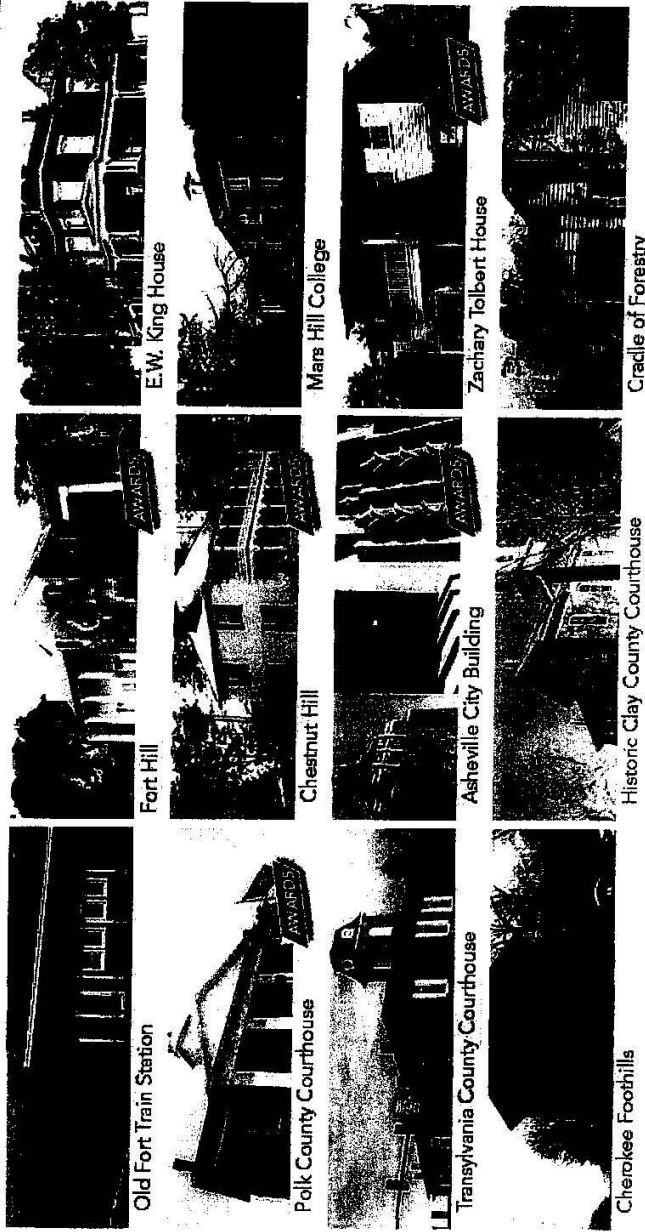
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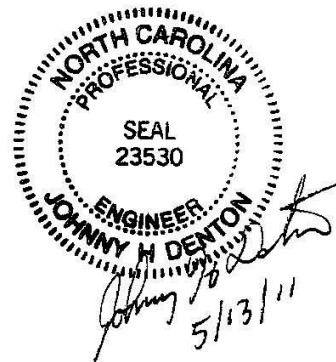
**Tributary L-4
Of Long Creek
Detailed Flood Plain Study
Gaston County, North Carolina**

Prepared By:

Johnny H. Denton, PE, PLS

Gaston County Natural Resources Department
1303 Dallas-Cherryville Highway
Dallas, N.C. 28034

May 13, 2011



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I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to detail the hydraulic analysis of the removal of 2 pipes and associated fill located at river stations 6043 and 5744 on Tributary L-4 of Long Creek in Dallas, NC. The proposed modification of this tributary will be studied and the impacts from this modification will be detailed for all river stations on this reach and all tributaries within the affected area. The studied area is within the town limits of the Town of Dallas and within the jurisdiction of the County of Gaston who is the regulatory authority. This study will include the results of the original data run, the corrected run, and the modified run which will show the proposed modifications. The objective of these modifications is to remove an old abandoned railroad crossing and an unopened road crossing to reduce the BFE in an existing and future residential developed area. The impacts of this modification both upstream and downstream will be documented in this report and the resulting BFE will be mapped until convergence with the current published BFE is achieved.

II. EXISTING CONDITIONS

This site is in Southern Dallas, NC just north of Robinson-Clemmer Road from west of Old Dallas Highway to just east of Briarwood Drive. The project is the proposed removal of an existing abandoned rail road creek crossing and the removal of an unopened road creek crossing. These existing crossings are major impedance to the stream flow and because of the considerable headwater produced from this restriction, a considerable erosion danger also. Several failed attempts have been made to stabilize the ongoing erosion problem downstream of the lower road crossing and at the outlet of the pipe under Briarwood Drive. The removal of these crossings will improve the hydrology of this channel, reduce the BFE upstream, restore the channel, and eliminate the ongoing erosion problem at the pipe outlets. The channel will be reconstructed to match the channel just upstream and downstream of the two crossings. The existing study data for this tributary and Tributary L-4-2 was obtained, run, and reviewed for accuracy. It was determined that in several locations the L-4 data had some inaccurate "n" values. This data was corrected and a model was produced for comparison to the revised data to determine the effect of the proposed change on the current published BFE. The corrected model was than modified by removing the fill at the railroad and unopened road creek crossing. The model was then run to establish the proposed BFE and to determine the effects of the proposed changes. The following data is included in this report.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Runoff / Quantity of Flow Computation

The data I obtained for the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program was complete and accurate with the exception of inaccurate "n" coefficients in several locations within several cross sections within Tributary L-4. These cross sections were corrected and the model was run and the data is included in appendix B of this report and the corrected BFE's are included in the results table of the conclusion section. The 100 yr BFE was the



Gaston County, NC
Office of the Director of Revenue, GIS Division
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 Values based on last general reappraisal - 2007
 Print Date: 10/13/2011



PARCEL INFORMATION

PID #: 172182 PIN #: 3557-22-2816 NEIGH.HOOD #: DA015 NEIGH.HOOD NAME: SOUTH DALLAS TOWNSHIP	PROPERTY ADDRESS: BRIARWOOD DR DEED BOOK: 1160 DEED PAGE: 0075 DEED TYPE: WD SALES AMOUNT: 0 DEED RECORDING DATE: 04/28/1975 PLAT BOOK: PLAT PAGE: LEGAL DESC 1: LEGAL DESC 2:	BASEMENT: NO # BEDROOMS: 0 # BATHS: 0 MULTI-STRUCTURES: NO ACREAGE: 4.46
OWNER ID #: 00626166 CURRENT OWNER 1: DALLAS TOWN OF CURRENT OWNER 2: MAILING ADDRESS 1: 210 N HOLLAND ST MAILING ADDRESS 2: CITY: DALLAS STATE: NC ZIP CODE: 28034 JAN1 OWNER 1: DALLAS TOWN OF JAN1 OWNER 2:	STRUCTURE CODE #: STRUCTURE TYPE: YEAR BUILT: 0 SQ FT: 0	TAX DISTRICT: TOWN OF DALLAS TOWNSHIP CODE: 13 TOWNSHIP DESC: DALLAS TOWNSHIP VOLUNTARY AG DIST: No LAND VALUE: \$13,650 IMPV. VALUE: \$0 TOTAL VALUE: \$13,650 PRESENT USE VALUE ASSESSMENT: NO

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Feed the Kids

Feed the Kids is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to see no child in the town of Dallas, NC go hungry. With poverty rates exceeding 40% in the town, with state average around 22%, we as a community of believers must begin to make a serious effort to change the opportunities of these unfortunate children. How do we accomplish this? Perhaps a community wide event such as a simple game of 'cornhole' is the answer.

With other communities and towns using 'cornhole' as a fundraiser, why not Dallas? Young and old, tall and short, men and women, adults and teens can each play and teach these kids the art and rules of this simple but fun game. Competition, clean and safe competition, is the key to inspiring interest among the locals. Prize money is the key to finding the interest in those who perhaps would never travel to our small town and experience it's relaxed "mayberry" feel.

The only way to create the "buzz" about this tournament is to create a playing field that could accompany many players. Thus, The CrossRhodes, the sponsor, is asking the town to block the street of Main twice in the month of November in order to be able to raise the funds necessary to support these children.

Half of all entry monies will be donated to this fund of Feed the Kids. We hope to raise in excess of \$400 plus with all kids 12 years of age and under will be able to eat a free lunch "all day long". In order to continue to help these children, the CrossRhodes is dedicated to feed these children every Saturday in the month of November free of charge.

When Clay Carrigan, whom he and his family are natives of Dallas, offered to assist I knew this possibility could become a reality. His educational background (2010 Gardner-Webb graduate), teaching and coaching experience (math teacher and assistant JV baseball coach at Forestview High School), and his love of children made him perfect for the job. It was his idea to do the instructional cornhole camp to teach the kids the art of the fun and safe game of cornhole.

Making this a family fun event, there is no request for alcohol on the streets. In our opinion, security should not be necessary but are asking for the town's support in these areas.

Thanks so much for your attention and consideration to these issues and our simple way of trying to address the hunger situation in our town.

FEED THE KIDS

Proposed Dates: November 5th, 2011 &
November 19th, 2011

Place: Crossrhodes Chef Shack & Tavern (W. Trade St.)

Time: 12:00 pm - Until

Event Description:Background:

- dallas (NC) poverty (situation in Dallas) statistics
 - Children below poverty level
 - Dallas, NC: 44.7%
 - State: 22.2% (22.5 % higher than the state average – issue needing attention) ("City-Data.com") (**Figure 1**)

Benefit description:

- charity benefit lunch/dinner starting at noon
- kids 12 and under eat free
- participants over the age of 12, suggested donations for food
- ALL proceeds go to FTK
 - provide disenfranchised youths with a meal and fun day..

Cornhole:


- county-wide cornhole benefit tournament
- advertisement
- incentive
 - approximately 25 teams already expected
- \$40/team with half of the entry fees being contributed to FTK
 - \$500 expected contribution already
 - money made goes towards the next FTK event

Coach a Kid:

- volunteers to spend an allotted amount of time hosting a cornhole camp
- teach younger players the art of cornhole
- have a designated area specifically designed for younger players
 - gravel lot on Crossrhodes premises
 - ease parents minds about safety
 - shorter boards
- based on statistics, have majority male staff but females also
 - provide a father figure

Proposed promotional ideas

- competitive, yet fun, Politician only game (play to 11)
- video recorded campaign statements for facebook (showing support for FTK)
 - plans/solutions/proposals for poverty in area
- any other suggestions to enhance event?



GETTING HERE THINGS TO DO WHERE TO EAT PLACES TO STAY CALENDAR LINKS CONTACT US HOME

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What's Happening in Edenton

April 27 - 28, 2012

7th Annual Hog Fest

Backyard BBQ Cook-Off, Whole Hog BBQ Cook-Off, Cook-offs sanctioned by Kansas City Barbecue Society and NC Pork Council, BBQ cook teams from Maryland to Florida NC Champion Cornhole Tournament Arts & Crafts Show and Sale, NC Cornhole Championship Tournament, Kid's Games & Prizes, Pony Rides, Family Fun & Entertainment

Time: **All day**

Place: **American Legion: Post 40 Fairgrounds**

Fee: **Gate admission is free - cost for purchases**

Phone: **252-482-4057**

Email: chowancorfair@net-change.com

Website: www.hogfestedenton.com

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CORNHOLE NEWS / Gateway Children Services to hold 4th annual cornhole fundraiser

Gateway Children Services to hold 4th annual cornhole fundraiser

Mount Sterling, KY

Updated Thursday, August 04, 2011 at 9:21 AM

This is the fourth year that Gateway Childrens Services is hosting its annual cornhole fundraiser. If you're a local and want to enjoy a day of fun and support a super cause you should come play in this event. It only costs a team \$20.00 with the first place team taking home five times the buy in. It will be held at the Civic Center Lawn in Downtown Mount Sterling, KY. See you on the green.

Register Your Team Online at www.gatewaychildrensservices.org

Or Call 859-498-9892

Maximum 64 teams, double elimination tournament,
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Tuesday, October 18th, 2011

The American Cornhole Association is an organization chartered with the sole purpose to promote the game of Cornhole or Corn Toss.

The American Cornhole Association was established by a small group of dedicated Cornholers from the west side of Cincinnati, Ohio. It has grown over the years and, to the best of our knowledge, now represents the largest organized Cornhole / Corn Toss association in the United States.

New!

Our mission is to introduce our friends and neighbors to the game of Cornhole or Corn Toss (some folks call it Bean Bag or Bean Toss) and to establish more standardized rules for Cornhole or Corn Toss play around the country.

The ACA has never been out to make a profit and operates exclusively from the volunteered time of its members proceeds from its sponsors and the sales of ACA promotional products. All proceeds are used exclusively to accomplish our stated charter and purpose and to maintain and grow the ACA.

ACA Charter and Purpose:

Promote and Grow - Spread the game of Cornhole / Corn Toss to all fifty states in the United States of America.

Educate and Inform - To educate friends and neighbors that are new to the game of Cornhole / Corn Toss and to provide a forum to share the latest Cornhole / Corn Toss news and information

Standardize Cornhole / Corn Toss Rules - To establish and promote consensus for an official set of rules of Cornhole / Corn Toss that can be used to standardize tournament play around the Country.

Recommend Cornhole / Corn Toss Equipment Standards - To establish and promote consensus for equipment standards used in Cornhole / Corn Toss tournament play around the country.

Ranking and Rating System - To establish a standard ranking and rating system to allow ACA members to compete with one another around the country based on statistical results of their Cornhole / Corn Toss play.

Share Information - To provide a forum for Cornholers around the world to share ideas, information and stories.

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Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Host an ACA Sponsored Tournament

Please complete the form below to have your tournament sanctioned by the American Cornhole Association.

If your tournament is recurring, please fill out the [recurring tournament form](#).

Tournament Information

Tournament Name:

Location Name: (i.e. - Patty's Pub)

Address:

City / State / Zip: , AL

Date: January 1 , 2011

Time: 01 : 00 AM

Registration /
Information E-Mail or
URL:

Fee: \$.00 / Team

Type: Invite Only

Hosting Member Information:

Member ID: [What's This?](#) [Forgot ID?](#)

Member First Name:

*Must match original membership application for verification purposes.

