

BMD from A1

and draw focus away from BMD's goal of community building and celebration." In statements to the press, President Don Williams and Vice-President Cindy Weeldreyer of the BMD board said that "misinformation" and "rumors" had spread online during the community reaction.

One point of confusion seemed to be whether or not the group had actually applied and were being considered, a point which even board members needed clarifying during their Thursday (July 8) meeting. At the meeting, it was revealed that although the Proud Boys representative, who was identified as a "vice president," had

asked for an application, no application had actually been submitted. When told of the community's response, the Proud Boys leader, who goes by the names "Chris Himwho" and "Chris Tough" online, was said to have voluntarily rescinded interest in participating as he was a local and did not want to create a disruption during the town's

iconic festival. Members of the parade committee reported that he had intended on displaying a 50-foot American flag at the event. Though no vote was needed in regards to the Proud Boys presence in the parade, the board deliberated for nearly two hours on the topic before drafting a statement for the community.

By this Monday, however, it was made clear no press release would be issued after the board had difficulty agreeing on language. The Proud Boys are a self-described "Western chauvinist" fraternal organization for men founded in late 2016 by Vice Media co-founder Gavin McInnes. McInnes left Vice in 2008. The Proud Boys organization has attracted controversy and condemnation over its five-year existence with accusations of the group promoting white supremacy and political violence. Washington state law enforcement documents revealed in 2018 that the FBI classified the Proud Boys as an "extremist group with ties to white nationalism." These accusations have been challenged and rejected by Proud Boys spokesmen, however, with members insisting the group focuses on patriotism and pride in Western culture. Ideologically, members subscribe to a range of libertarian and nationalist ideas and the group's loose structure has in part played into the ambiguity about an overt central-

ized message beyond its pro-Western stance. Still, the group has gained notoriety for its presence at far-right rallies including the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va., in which a counter-protester was murdered with a car by a self-identified white supremacist. A prominent Proud Boys member involved in organizing during that event was subsequently kicked out of the group. Several Proud Boys members were also arrested for their role in the Jan. 6, 2021, storming of the United States Capitol. One consistent feature of the group has been its opposition to leftist ideology and willingness to take to the streets, putting the Proud Boys in sometimes violent clashes with groups such as Black Lives Matter and Antifa. Though the BMD festival is moving forward with some assurance that the group will not make an appearance, several in the community have continued to voice their disappointment that the group would be considered at all. For more information about Bohemia Mining Days, visit bohemi-miningdays.org.

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per capita, gallons per year

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- United States
- Australia
- Finland
- Sweden

Source: icecream.com

84mg of calcium

are in a 4 oz serving of vanilla ice cream

Source: National Institutes of Health

23 pounds

The average amount of ice cream consumed by an American in one year

Source: International Dairy Foods Association 2017

90% of Americans consume ice cream

Source: International Dairy Foods Association 2017

1.54 Billion gallons

The amount of ice cream and related frozen desserts produced in the U.S. in 2015

Source: International Dairy Foods Association 2017

America's 8 Favorite Flavors

- Vanilla
- Chocolate
- Cookies n Creme
- Mint Chocolate Chip
- Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
- Buttered Pecan
- Cookie Dough
- Strawberry

Source: International Dairy Foods Association 2017

Chocolate Syrup

The world's most popular ice cream topping

Source: icecream.com

The Ice Cream

\$39 billion
188,000 U.S. JOBS

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10 feet 1.26 inches (3.08 m)

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