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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2017, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
International Bar-B-Q Festival, Inc.
Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 434
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code **Owensboro, KY 42302-0434**

D Employer identification number
61-1113427

E Telephone number
270-926-6938

F Group Exemption Number ▶ **04**

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ **bbqfest.com**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **154945**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

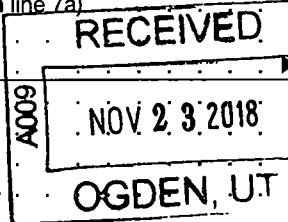
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	40,133					
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2						
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3						
	4	Investment income	4	44					
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a						
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b						
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c						
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a						
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 40,133 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	114,768					
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	114,768						
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0						
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a							
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b							
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c							
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8							
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	40,177						
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	14,625					
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11						
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12						
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13						
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14						
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	682					
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	588					
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	15,895					
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	24,282					
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	92,858					
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20						
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	117,140					

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Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III . . . ☒

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	☒
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	☒
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	☒
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	☒
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0	37a	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	☒
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	☒
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	☒
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	☒
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Kentucky		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Lisa Paul Telephone no. ▶ 270-926-6938 Located at ▶ PO Box 434, Owensboro, KY ZIP + 4 ▶ 42302-0434		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	42b	☒
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c	☒
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	☒
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	☒
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	☒
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	☒
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	☒

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		☒

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
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48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None.				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **0**

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None.		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **0**

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☐ Yes ☒ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	<i>Sharon G. NeSmith</i> Signature of officer	11-12-2018 Date
	Sharon G. NeSmith Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Jason C. Potts, CPA	Preparer's signature <i>Jason C. Potts</i>	Date 11/11/18	Check ☒ if self-employed	PTIN P01232427
	Firm's name Jason C. Potts, CPA			Firm's EIN 26-4025864	
	Firm's address 9821 State Route 2830, Maceo, KY 42355			Phone no. 270-264-0753	
	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No				

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

61-1113427

International Bar-B-Q Festival, Inc.

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- | | |
|--|---|
| a ☐ Mail solicitations | e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants |
| b ☐ Internet and email solicitations | f ☐ Solicitation of government grants |
| c ☐ Phone solicitations | g ☐ Special fundraising events |
| d ☐ In-person solicitations | |
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
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8						
9						
10						
Total ►						

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 <u>Bar-B-Q Festival</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 _____ (event type)	(c) Other events _____ (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	154901			154901
	2 Less: Contributions	40133			40133
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	114768			114768
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	11724			11724
	5 Noncash prizes	3996			3996
	6 Rent/facility costs	27748			27748
	7 Food and beverages	17438			17438
	8 Entertainment	23982			23982
	9 Other direct expenses	29880			29880
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				114768
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				0

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization

International Bar-B-Q Festival, Inc.

Employer identification number

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All responses relate to Form 990-EZ.

Part I, Line 10 - Grants and similar amounts paid. Total of \$14,625 reported.

No grants of \$5,000 or greater were made to any individual or organization. See Part III, Line 28 description below for more details.

Part I, Line 16 - Other expenses. Total of \$588 reported. Details are as follows:

Legal expenses \$156; expenses of board meetings \$357; membership dues \$75.

Part III - Organization's primary exempt purpose.

The Owensboro International Bar-B-Q Festival has two missions: to celebrate "Good ole Daviess County, Kentucky, Bar-B-Q", and to provide a forum for local not-for-profits to raise money. In addition to providing space for booths and activities for the not-for-profits, our board donates varying amounts based on available funds at the end of each annual Bar-B-Q Festival to not-for-profit groups nominated by that year's board members and to those groups who provided assistance during the Bar-B-Q Festival with activities or services.

Part III, Line 28: Donations to numerous community not-for-profits. \$14,625 in 2017.

In 2017, our International Bar-B-Q Festival fundraising event had gross receipts in excess of its expenses. In accordance with our mission, board members nominated many worthy not-for-profits to support with the portion of the event's excess receipts not earmarked to invest in future fundraising events. These not-for-profits included, among others, homeless shelters, schools, healthcare organizations, performing art organizations, criminal justice organizations, and animal welfare organizations. We are proud to have provided \$14,625 to support these organizations and the people they serve in 2017.