

# Alaska Vendors Association

## Board of Directors Meeting – MINUTES

October 4, 2012 – Thursday 7:00 PM

Location: 4511 Folker – Unit 15A – Pat Perry's/Anchorage Condo

### **Call to Order:**

- AVA BOD Present: Pat Perry, T.J. Kelly, Jamie Allen, Larry Imms, Sariah Naff, Chadwick Adams (teleconference) and Ed Cullinane
- Others Present: Lorie Koppenberg

**Approval of Minutes:** No minutes were available from the Annual Meeting 9/4/12 to review or approve.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat gave the report - \$7922.94 in the bank account and a online printed copy of the statement was circulated to verify funds in the bank. Expenses for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter were \$100.00 to the Herdsman Award at ASF and \$35.00 for accounting help to post all AVA members for 2012-13 in an Excel program. Deposits made for 53 memberships - Pat has not received mail to know if more memberships might have been mailed in. Pat will check with First National Banks to have account signer updated at next meeting. Motion made & carried to increase the Herdsman Award at ASF to \$200.00 a year. M/C to give a 4H Herdsman Award of \$200.00 yearly to TVSF starting in 2013.

**ASF BOD Meeting Report:** Lorie Koppenberg reported on the August ASF Mtg.

Topics discussed:

- New master plan by David Forkner with Populous - item of interested to AVA members is the possible relocation of the main event entertainment stage. Committee of ASF BOD members (3 non-vendors) are currently in favor of a new amphitheater being built outside of the current fairgrounds. They feel it would create a quieter stage and give room to accommodate larger audiences. *AVA discussion on this topic - it would substantially impact the vendors. We would loose all the before and after concert customers that we usually experience - as they would have a separate entrance for the amphitheater. It was felt that few concerts actually sell out and to increase the venue size did not make sense. The voice and traffic were felt to be a non-issue.*

- In the near future, 3-4 years out, the Glenn Highway will be increased to 4 lanes with an open median in the center. Stop lights will be put in at SBS and another near the location of the church across from the fairgrounds. Traffic solutions will increase fair attendance, as traffic was felt to be a major deterrent for many potential fair customers.

*Traffic solution idea was well received by the AVA BOD.*

### **Old Business:**

- Website - board would like to have any emails received on the AVA website forwarded to all AVA BOD.
- AVA website will have a link to Facebook page. Jamie to get passwords for FB from Kylie and forward to Pat for the web host.
- AVA Mission Statement was read for new BOD members to hear and noted that it is available of our AVA website.

## **New Business:**

- Election status of new AVA BOD was uncertain for the length of individuals who were elected. Pat to contact Kevin and see if he has that information.
- Election of new AVA BOD officers is as follows -
  - President - TJ Kelly
  - Vice Pres. - Ed Culliane
  - Secretary - Sariah Naff
  - Treasurer - Pat Perry
- Items brought up by vendors at Annual Meeting '12 were discussed:
  - Electrical issue was tabled as an issue AVA would not attempt to resolve.
  - DEC inspections of food booths was discussed. Those who were not fully inspected may have had great past inspections and were not considered a problem. It is the DEC choice as whether they choose to inspect or not.
  - A pamphlet of information on AVA to pass out at AVA events, to potential members at events, to those who might be interested Was discussed and decided upon. A rack card format was chosen and Pat will look into the project. A budget limit of \$800.00 was set as full cost of project.
- ASF BOD candidate search - TJ will make contact to see who is up for re-election. Lorie K is considering running for the ASF BOD on a second attempt. AVA BOD will support her run.
- A Liaison Meeting with ASF staff was discussed and decided that one is not needed at this time. AVA BOD is hopeful that with monitoring ASF BOD meetings - we can see when we might need to request a meeting. TJ will try sitting in on ASF staff meetings - on occasions - and give AVA impute.
- Other - The current Grey Water issue that we have heard about for the Tanana Valley State Fair was discussed. Several vendors were contacted before the meeting to get their impute on the situation. Possible ideas to keep the service available were discussed - other than complete closure. Chadwick offered to speak with Amanda, TVSF, and look for a suitable solution.

## **Member Comments:**

- Lorie K mentioned her running for the ASF BOD during this time.
- No other members in attendance

## **Board Comments:**

- Sariah expressed her gratification for getting to participate on the AVA BOD.
- Pat expressed her satisfaction on the turn out of our 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly AVA BOD meeting.

**Time and Place for next meeting (quarterly):** Next meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly, will be January 10<sup>th</sup>, at Ed Culliane's home in Anchorage.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly meeting will be in April or May - TBD at next meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly meeting will be in August during ASF, before the AVA Annual Meeting.

Other meetings could be called if needed.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM