

Alaska Vendors Association

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

1:00pm, September 8, 2015

Location – Alaska State Fairgrounds

Call to order: 1:19pm

Introduction of Current AVA Board Members: TJ Kelly, Chadwick Adams, Larry Imm, Jamie Allen, Ed Cullinane, Pat Perry, Sariah Naff

Treasurer's Report: Pat Perry, Treasurer – reviewed the financial report, outlined AVA expenses, suggestion for AVA members to refer to the Website for more information regarding board meetings and other resources, motion to accept Larry Imm, second Kylie Clark, moved and approved

Review and Approval 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes: motion Kylie Clark, second Cheryl Harkey, moved and approved

Introduction of ASF Board Members and Staff: TJ Kelly, President

- ASF Board President – Carol Kenley – comments: echo Jerome, vendors integral to fair, great partnership, good besides one nasty day.
- General Manager – Jerome Hertel – comments: increasing fair attendance sales, whatever we can to serve patrons, thank you for everything vendors do.
- ASF Vendor Coordinator – Pamella Meekin – comments: thanks to vendors for a good year.
- Recycling coordinator – Richard Clinch – comments: last year 16 tons of recycling, best year this year, cardboard stays in AK, helping keep jobs in AK.

Introduction of 2015 AVA Board Member Candidates and Voting:

- Candidates – TJ Kelly, Larry Imm, Pat Perry
- Nominations from the floor – Aurora Lamore – Fairbanks based vendor, nominated by Chadwick Adams.

AVA Member Comments (must be signed up for 2-minute times slots):

- Alice Smith – Denali Cream Puffs – miss newsletter that used to be passed around, newsletter provides cohesiveness, feels like we were part of fair.

- Mollie Boyer– Valley Community for Recycling Solutions – 15th year at fair and excited to see it grow, would like input on how to improve recycling at fair. Invited vendors to see recycling facility in Palmer.
- Kylie Clark – Dungeon of Doom & Mirror Maze – Suggested that AVA come up with a committee to help TVF grow and revitalize. Also, those not staying open during contracted hours (except live animals) should be open during those hours. Suggestion that the fair develop location for those who want to close early Also, once again there were a few negative interactions between security and medical and vendors. Suggested that AVA members engage in a digital discussion about TVF issue.
- Kevin Comb – Patty Wagon – Issue with aggressive fire staff, treated poorly, volunteer fire staff shutting down alley for staff for several hours during setup and were not cooperative or receptive to comments/ suggestions. Also they come into booths unannounced. Experience with patrons coming into booths to assault vendors – now arming themselves. Would like to see a better relationship with fire staff.
- Dan Nicholson – Airbrush Tattoos – Would also like to bring back newsletter, never saw the electronic newsletter. He can't get/keep internet connections with MTA free wi-fi. Would like a hot spot by sluice box.
- James Clement – Grizzly Grand Prix – Disappointed with Fairbanks with treatment of vendors, how it is run. Echoes the need to work to get TVSF back on track. The Palmer city building inspector – hostile, need to have better treatment of vendors. Vendors need notification of inspector arrival.
- Charles “Chaz” Oakley – Yo Spray Me – For a Palmer business, business owners need to come back and get printed license at a later time which is an inconvenience. Can our booths be inspected before fair?
- Barbara Scott? – candy booth? – Fire inspectors were volunteers from base, in training, and were helpful for her. She is tired of a lack of handicapped parking spaces in orange lot, and excess spots in premium parking. Would like to see a map where each vendor is located, and will volunteer to make list.
- Cheryl Harkey – Harkey Concessions – Great fair except one day. No food vendors were inspected but we paid the fee for it anyway.
- Marian Romano – Potato Palace – Suggested working with food bank to give excess food to them.
- Julie Holbrook – Cactus Cabin – Discussed a structure to block the backs of the cabins, however she stated roofs also need to be part of this plan.
- Jacqueline Leavitt with Golden Wheel Amusements – Golden wheel did not pull out of Fairbanks. This information gives the wrong impression, as they were not asked to return.

- New taste BBQ – Great business this year and glad to be a part of this fair. Structures in the back of the cabins were discussed without vendor input and now we have access issues (fridges, freezers, etc.).
- Rodney Remily – Cajun Cookin’ – did not catch this comment

Board Comments:

- Ed Cullinane – Emails are essential from vendors for streamlined communication. Also, when John Harkey leaves we will have no vendors on ASF board.
- Chadwick Adams – Communication is better in Fairbanks than in the past. Also, all vendors can vote at TVSF regardless of geographical distance. A \$20 individual membership for this fair obtains voter rights.
- Jamie – Reiterated what Chadwick Adams said about TVSF.

Election Results: TJ Allen, Pat Perry, and Larry Imm were re-elected for another term.

Alaska Airlines \$200 Raffle – Winner – Alex Paraoan with Fair Hair

Adjournment: 2:10