

**Alaska Vendors Association**  
**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**1:00 pm, September 5, 2017**  
**Location – Alaska State Fairgrounds**

**Call to order:** 1:09pm

**Introduction of Current AVA Board Members:** TJ Kelly, Chadwick Adams, Jamie Allen, Ed Cullinane, Aurora Lamore, Jo Anne Markson

**Treasurer's Report:** Jo Anne Markson, Treasurer – reviewed financial report, outlined AVA expenses and answered questions regarding lawyer fees, they resolved non-profit status and filing issues, created new Articles of Incorporation and are updating the Bylaws. Motion to accept by Kevin Coe, second Larry Imm, moved and approved.

**Old Business:** Tanana Valley Fair – TJ went to the election meeting, congratulations to all for coming together, hoping for positive changes.

**New Business:** Alaska State Fair is looking for nominations, has 2 seats open; Tanana Valley State Fair has 3 seats open on board. Ed Cullinane and Jamie Allen agreed to run again for the AVA Board, no new nominations, no election needed, motion to accept by Larry Imm, second from floor, moved and approved.

**Member Comments:**

- Rae Maness– noticed the tables everywhere, would like to see some near her booth, pleasure working the fair.
- John Harkey – fair did great job, economy and weather didn't help, proposed fair look into a 3 weekend fair with blackout days
- Larry Imm and others concerned longer fair would interfere with TVSF and KPSF; TJ encouraged John to look into the benefits and downfalls; crafters – said they do well during the week, more senior citizens attend then.
- Joli Holbrook – people smoking behind booths, would like to see smoking section back.
- Kim Emmi – bring back the daily gazette, would like security in orange parking at night; TJ commented can call security– number in handbook
- Linda – would like ribbons given out to long time vendors, likes the daily newsletter also, would like current weather posted on fair website
- Pam Meekin – don't be afraid to make comments or suggestions, please put in comment section that would like newsletter back and explain why there should be a smoking section.
- John Harkey – fill out fair paperwork with suggestions or email Pam, fair does read feedback, board reads also. TJ reiterated to make suggestions.
- Molly, Valley Recycling – thank you to all for recycling, 1 dumpster a day of cardboard went out.

- Chadwick Adams – suggested vendor sponsored smoking section.
- Rod Remily – how many have issues with angry fairgoers and porta-potties? Would like to see a standard “private” sign for all who have them. Pam Meekin mentioned there are trailers that look nice with multiple toilets.
- Rae Manness – likes idea of 3 weekend fair, 2 others agreed
- John Harkey – Professional Photo Buttons dealt well with their lines, controlled and efficient.

**Raffle Drawing:** Hugo Gimenez of Mr. Gyro’s won Alaska Airlines \$200 gift certificate.

**Board Member Comments:**

- Chadwick Adams – thanked everyone and their ideas, communicate with Fairbanks fair your concerns.
- TJ Kelly – thanked vendors for their involvement.
- Jamie Allen – good fair season, cold affected sales, outside fairs are struggling, this one is doing good.
- Ed Cullinane – can’t do this without your help.
- Aurora Lamore – thank you to all, encouraged participation.
- JoAnne Markson – Enjoyed time on the board, encouraged others to join.

**Adjourn:** 1:46 pm