

Alaska Vendors Association

April Board Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2014

Location – 3462 Strawberry Road, Anchorage AK 99502

Call to order: 7:14pm

Members Present: TJ Kelley, Larry Imm, Ed Cullinane, Heather Robinson, Sariah Naff, Chadwick Adams, Pat Perry

Approval – Agenda: moved and approved

Treasurer’s Report – Pat Perry: \$4,715.07 total, payments – Heather Robinson – \$469.19, Website – \$360, moved and approved

Old business:

1. End of year bank balance – TJ was emailed the information needed to take care of this task

New business:

1. Liaison Meeting – Fairbanks March 20 (TVSF) – TJ attended:
 - a. The fair appears eager to work with AVA
 - b. New GM (Joyce Whitehorn) and new concession manager (Doreen Lowe)
 - c. TJ sent rack cards to the fair management
 - d. There was discussion about possible elimination of Fireweed camping lot
 - e. Proposed improvements to this year’s fair – reintroducing the harvest queen, demolition derby, Nashville entertainment, rodeo, Sale Barn – 50% is already paid for, 150k grant to finish the building,
 - f. Pat Perry – communication between Fairbanks vendors and AVA is needed to solve problems/issues
 - g. Discussion about known vendor issues – 220 outlets, storm water runoff (Army Coprs of Engineers volunteered to help deal with water issue)
 - h. A questionnaire regarding top 3 concerns for vendors will be put on AVA website for Fairbanks vendors to fill out

- i. TJ will set up another meeting in early May to continue vendor-related discussions
2. ASF Annual Meeting – TJ attended
 - a. Fair board election results – all incumbents voted back in
 - b. Discussion about possible acts/entertainment coming to this year's fair
 - c. Next liaison meeting prior to fair – to be scheduled after June 10th
3. Discussion about the Point Mackenzie Bluegrass Fair happening this summer

Member comments: None

Board Comments:

1. Larry – Everybody have a good season, be safe!
2. Ed – Thanks to all, for voting to get an AVA member on state fair board
3. Pat – Question regarding AVA presence at ASF board meetings and a reminder to Jaime and Ed that they are up for re-election in September
4. Sariah – Update on agriculture and equestrian issues at fair and a gentle reminder to keep these areas of the fair in mind during AVA board meetings
5. TJ – appreciates having someone from agriculture on our board
6. Chadwick – it will be good to see AVA board members in Fairbanks

Next board meeting: At Tanana Valley State Fair – Wednesday during the fair – TBA. At the Alaska State Fair – TBA

Adjournment: 8:47pm