

Alaska Vendors Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 26th- Ed Cullinane's House –Anchorage, AK

Time 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Time: 7:20 pm

-Board vote to include the Aug. 2007 Board Alternate Mr. John Fischback as a current AVA Board member.

-BOD Present: Ed Cullinane, Rodney Clark, Mary Littlefair, Zachariah Smith, John Fishback, Pat Pollard (via telephone)

-Others Present: Pam Meekin, (Vendor & Exhibits Manager ASF), Kevin Coe (Secretary), Kylie Clark

Approval of Minutes: February 18th 2008 meeting minutes review.

Rodney Clark motions to accept the minutes from the February 18th meeting. Mary Littlefair seconds the motion. The motion is approved unanimously and the minutes are accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Pat

-Bank account review

Foraker membership paid, IAFE membership paid, Donations to 4H paid.

-New memberships and renewals

None

-Changes to bank account – review of approved signers

Rodney Clark and Ed Cullinane to sign paperwork and give copy of driver's licenses to Pat Pollard to become approved signers.

-Other Treasury Business

Rodney Clark motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, Zachariah Smith seconds the motion. The motion is approved unanimously and the treasurers report is accepted as read.

ASF BOD Meeting Report: Mary Littlefair

Mary was unable to attend the previous ASFA meeting but plans to be present at the next one.

Guest: Pam Meekin

AAF meeting – Pam Suggests that the AVA become a member, the AAF is a good networking opportunity.

The 4H donation from the AVA was received.

New ASF manager, Ray Ritari, doing a good job. Very outgoing in community.

There is still a need to urge government officials to sponsor funding for the Agricultural Building upgrades so that the building will meet code.

Kevin to email Pam the AVA BOD e-mail addresses for a form letter for the agricultural building funding.

Grievance Committee Report:

Josh Gamez is unavailable. The only ASFA BOD endorsement postcard sent out to the ASFA members that was returned to the AVA PO Box unclaimed unable to forward was Josh Gamez's.

- Update on Tanana Valley State Fair Grievance
Nothing New

Old Business:

- Welcome to our newest director- Mr. John Fischback
- AVA BOD Training: AVA is now a member of the Foraker Group
Ed to look into training sessions with the Foraker Group. The AVA can either have a paid representative speak to the BOD personally or individual AVA BOD members can attend seminars.
- AVA membership cards printed and are to be mailed when website is finished.
- Website:
Kevin Coe to contact Kevin Shreve about designing the website.
Rodney Clark motions to pay \$100 to Kevin Shreve to design a website for the AVA. Zachariah Smith seconds the motion. The motion is approved unanimously.
- Other Ed Cullinane went to Juneau and has a few names of politicians to speak with about funding the ASF Agricultural Building.

New Business:

- TVSF Moratorium on New Food Items and Food Booths
This was done because of an overabundance of food compared to attendance.
An assessment of the current food situation is needed. The current food venue at the TVSF is chaotic. Rodney to write a letter to the TVSF letting them know that we are interested in helping them come up with a policy/solution that speaks to this issue, and to ask them where they want to go and how they intend on getting there. It would also be a good idea to involve the long time food vendors from this fair.
- Other
Changes to Corporation were filled out. The AVA is a Non-Profit Corporation, not a 501 (c) 3, and it is listed by the government as the "Alaska Vendor's Association" (with the apostrophe).
Rodney Clark motions to make Kevin Coe the registered agent for the AVA for paperwork purposes in place of LoRoe Gray. Zachariah Smith seconds the motion. The motion is approved unanimously.
Kevin Coe to become the registered agent for the AVA, Ed Cullinane to fill out the form on-line.

Member Comments, Issues, & Concerns:

None

Director Comments:

Zach Smith: Enjoy's the 4H exhibits and activities, wants to donate trees. Will speak with Carol Kennley or Bruce Bush.

Set Time and Place for next meeting:

Thursday, May 1st at Pat Pollard's in Big Lake, 6pm potluck (bring food).

Motion to close:

Zachariah Smith motions to close the meeting. John Fishback seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 9:00 pm.