

Here's the corrected meeting minutes for printing purposes for the upcoming meeting.

'Arts In The Cove' Minutes

April 26, 2024

Call to Order 10:11 am

Attendance

Carla Morrison, Heather Hedges, Lynn Jackson, Cody Carver, Dania Allen, Shannon Vellutini, Jan Adamson, and Jaime Dube.

New 501C3 Business

- A new 501C3 was applied for by Dania on Monday, April 15th, 2024.
- The gaming permit is currently being worked on by Heather Hedges.
- There cannot be a bank account opened until the approval of the new 501C3 is completed.
- A new cover photo is needed for the festival's Facebook account.
- Cody will be taking the lead on the Facebook page and any other social media accounts that are made.
- Alicia hasn't heard from the Island Post yet but is working on getting an article or insert to be included with them.

Logo

Carla has been working on completing the finished design modification for the logo. She is modifying the name, font, shadowing, etc.

Inventory

- Tents are being aired out at the moment and need to be refolded and organized into piles according to marks on the tents. Possibly storing them in the storage at the ferry terminal.
- Poles are in city maintenance building. (Next to firehall) Need to check and make sure all pieces are accounted for or need to order pieces.
- Need to set up a time where we can have more hands to help get the tents all organized and put away properly.
- 4th of July inventory is a possibility for Brenda Clausen to pick up while she is down south at this time.
- Need to check all inventory and get all items accounted for.
- We will meet on Tuesday, April 30th at 2pm at the building next to the library to go over inventory and plan a budget meeting after inventory is taken.

New Mission Statement

The mission of the "Arts in the Cove" a festival by the sea is to celebrate our marine based lifestyle with an authentic seaside fair. In bringing together gifted vendors, fresh farmed foods, culinary products, and performers with local and visiting patrons, the festival seeks to promote support for the arts and to create a sustainable market for our rainforest artists and artisans. Our objective is to capture the furtherance of, increasing awareness in, and sharing the importance surrounding our rainforest island's arts and oceanic lifestyle.

Answering Questions

There have been questions asked on Facebook as to why there have been changes made to the festival. The following explanation will be added to the Facebook page to kickstart this new chapter of our community's ongoing summer festival.

The 'By the Sea' Arts and Seafood Festival has been a cherished annual tradition in Coffman Cove for the past 12 years, bringing together communities and visitors in celebration of arts in all their forms. However, recent changes prompted a reevaluation of the festival's future. The 501C3 behind the festival had dissolved, leading the community to come together and decide whether to continue the beloved event. At a community meeting, a unanimous decision was reached to forge ahead with a fresh start. This included creating a new name, 'Arts in the Cove': A Festival by the Sea, obtaining a new business license and permits, and recruiting new dedicated board members and volunteers. This collective effort has breathed new life into the festival, ensuring that it remains a cherished tradition for years to come. We look forward to formally introducing our board and committee members soon, and we are thrilled to continue bringing people together in this new chapter.

Question on Board Members

- It was discussed to have more board members for accountability and availability purposes.
- Dania made the motion to add Cody Carver and Shannon Vellutini to the board. Jaime Dube second the motion and those who were at the meeting were in favor.
- Heather Hedges was voted for vice president. Shannon Vellutini second the motion and all those at the meeting were in favor.

Executive Board Insurance

- Carla brought up a point that despite this being a new 501C3 entity, it can still be held responsible for what has happened in the last three years with the old 501C3. The IRS could potentially come after the new entity. Carla recommends that we have Executive Board Insurance for potential legal issues. Dania made a motion to look into board insurance. Cody second the motion. Dania, Shannon, Heather and Jaime were all in favor.

4th of July

- Fireworks need to be ordered now and cans were suggested to be put out around the community to suggest donations for fireworks as money is unavailable at this time until the 501C3 is established and monies are transferred.
- Need to get crisco and help for greased pile.
- Shannon will talk to Josh Holtman about lighting off the fireworks for this year's festivities.
- A possible \$1500 budget for fireworks for this year.
- Cody suggested the beginning festivities be as follows:
 - 11:00am Flag Raising
 - 12:00pm Parade
 - 12:30pm Greased Pole
- Suggestions were made to have hot dogs, chips and water available for purchase at the greased pole event.
- It was suggested that caution cones and caution tape be set along the rocks by the float dock so onlookers are aware of dangers in that area.
- Possible event insurance was mentioned.
- 75/25 suggestion was made for donations for greased pole event and monies will go back to festival.

Hoodies and T-Shirts

- Hoodies and shirts are being looked into by Dania from Heppe's to print and the shirts from down south to keep down prices.
- Shannon will check with another community member for possible shirt printing options.
- Anne from AML will donate shipping on shirts/hoodies.

Zoom

- The first 40 minutes are free to use in a Zoom meeting and after that an account and cost for usage is required. Using laptops and FaceTiming on cell phones was recommended to keep that cost to \$0.

Meeting Adjourned 11:59 am