

Barnstable County Agricultural Society

Executive Board Meeting

May 26, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: Jay Zavala, Susan Forte, Joe Amaral, Lynn Barry, Pat Briggs, Karen Schwalbe, Judy Collins, Russell Norton, and Wendy Brown.

Absent: Randy Aronson.

Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM by Jay Zavala

Motion by Karen Schwalbe to approve minutes from 4-28-21, second by Pat Briggs, all in favor, so moved.

Manager Update: Solar has hit the ground in all lots right now, hoping all the lots will have posts and gravel before the fair. There is a question if we will need to make a change in tax status due to the solar, will need to talk to a non-profit attorney. We may have to pay taxes on the land but if this is the case, we will be reimbursed by Sol Systems.

Wendy is working on communication with vendors about dropping off trailers prior to the fair due to the work being done in the lots.

Approval for events has been done through the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Last vaccination clinic completed Thursday, and last testing date will be Friday. Numbers have really dropped off as more people are getting vaccinated.

Fair update: Commercial is going well with Marketplace biggest obstacle.

Community Building, questioning if it will be open this year, Wendy is getting emails from folks regarding it. RR folks who would do Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Trying to organize who would be there and available space. Phil Motta will be the point person for the Community Building.

Entertainment is all set and schedule is online.

Office is officially open Tuesday following Memorial Day.

Admission prices will be going up this year.

Adult Building is looking at less volunteers this year some changes to drop off time to accommodate more efficient times, online exhibitors' book will reflect changes.

Due to less volunteers, there is an option for buildings to close earlier at 9PM instead of 10, Not sure of how many crafters we will have and the days they will be on the grounds. Lynn may have someone to take over the crafters and organize it.

Livestock is okay except for rabbits; Beef will be pulling out early due to schedule conflict with the Big E. Barn will have horses all week and we will have chicks.

Petting Zoo is coming back but will not have pony rides.

Beer tent is returning as well.

Gardens are a little behind but should be in good shape for the fair.

Admin Café, we will be working to figure out the most efficient way to run this year with decrease in volunteers and help it will be an all-hands-on deck to help out and may need to have ready made meals to go for efficiency.

Harold is good with midway, and he will be down to plan has already made changes due to solar.

We are currently in need of Parking personnel, Wendy working with Mashpee schools to help, Tellers are also needed. There will be security schedule changes to use police time more efficiently.

Phones in the office have been ringing off the hook with questions about the fair. Cutting expenses for advertising and targeting cape area with radio and paper.

If anyone is having issues with scheduling, please send an email to Jay.

Next meeting will be a full board meeting in person (see below)

Motion to adjourn by Karen Schwalbe at 6PM second by Lynne Barry, All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Forte

Secretary

Next Meeting:

Full Board Meeting June 16th 6PM