

**CENTRAL NEW YORK REGIONAL MARKET AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: G. Vasta, R. Daratt, J. Musumeci, M. Mahar, J. A. Delaney, K. Batman, M. Broccoli

OTHERS: Ben Vitale, Nicole Goodsell

NOT PRESENT / PRIOR COMMITMENTS: J. Harper, M. Madison, D. Ross, C. Pratt, J. Farwell, T. Waffner

John Musumeci, Board President, officially called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolved; a motion was made by J. A. Delaney and seconded by M Broccoli to approve the agenda. All in favor; no one opposed; no abstentions.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Resolved; a motion was made by R. Daratt and seconded by K. Batman to approve the prior minutes of 2/7/17. All in favor; no one opposed; no abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Governance Committee- JoAnn Delaney

J.A. Delaney reported that the committee met just prior to the Board meeting, at 3:00. The committee interviewed three firms for the attorney of record who will represent the Market. All three firms, Frateschi, Centolella, and Hancock & Estabrook were asked the same questions, which were prepared ahead of time. After the interviews, the committee unanimously decided to recommend Hancock and Estabrook. The Board member had a brief discussion with the consensus that Hancock and Estabrook to be chosen for the position. There was no action taken.

b. Rules and Facilities Committee- Chip Pratt(Reported by Ben Vitale)

B. Vitale reported that the committee met Thursday, March 2, at 5:00 P.M. They reviewed the proposed changes; the license payment structure, the permit schedule, and changing the current Thursday Market hours.

Ben reviewed the proposed change to the payment schedule with the fact that there would not be any late fees associated with the licenses. If a payment is not paid when it is due the vendor will not be allowed to set up. If the vendor doesn't come to the market when the payment is due and the vendor comes in and makes the payment then the license is still in effect with not late fees. The only time the license is null and void is if the vendor still has a balance at the end of the season and then they lose all right to license those stalls in the future.

Resolved; a motion was made by M.Mahar and seconded by R. Daratt to approve the license payment format recommended by the Rules and Facilities Committee. The committee recommended the payment format change for the licenses to: payments due on the first market day every two months, with no late fees but immediate revoking of license upon nonpayment at the end of the season. All in favor; no one opposed; no abstentions.

Ben reviewed the proposed change to the permit fee, the fact that it is difficult to ask a daily vendor to pay a \$60.00 permit fee in October and then a daily fee in addition. The proposed payment schedule would be that there is a permit fee that will be for every two months. The fee would be \$20.00 every two months beginning the first of the following months; May, July, September, November, January and March.

Resolved; a motion was made by G. Vasta and seconded by M. Mahar to approve the permit format change recommended by the Rules and Facilities Committee. The committee made the following recommendations: To change the permit format to \$20.00 every two months, with two month terms for all permits. All in favor; no one opposed; no abstentions.

Regarding Thursday Market hours, the office staff took a phone survey of current Thursday vendors. The data was gathered and showed the majority of the current vendors reached, 21 said that they did not want a change with the hours, 14 said that they would be in favor of changing the current hours. The Board had a discussion about issues related to the hours of the Thursday Market, there was no motion made, so no action was taken.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The members of the Board had a short discussion related to the fact that there continues to be an attendance issue among the members. That discussion in the fact that we have not had a representative for the Commissioner of Agriculture in quite some time. There was a brief discussion that a couple of Board members are going to reach out to their State Representatives.

Ben discussed that the staff had discussions about giving \$1 for every \$ 5 EBT spent as well as \$1 for every \$5 spent on Debit/Credit. Ben will get a proposal together for a future Board Meeting so the Board can look at it more closely before anything is done with the idea.

Ben received a phone call just prior to the Board meeting from a vendor requesting Friday set-up hours be extended for early set up. There was a Discussion that included the fact that we increased the fee for the early set-up so it might be a good idea to give the vendors something for that extra cost.

Resolved; a motion was made by M. Broccoli and seconded by M. Mahar to extend the hours. The new hours will be from 2:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.
All in favor; no one opposed; no abstentions.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on April 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved; a motion was made by J. Musumeci and seconded by K. Batman, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All in favor; no one opposed; no abstentions.

Maria Mahar, Secretary