

# MENDOCINO COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION, INC. COMBINED FESTIVAL & MARKETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 | START TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: https://us02web.zoom.us/s/82786090539

\*Please note: To abide by the Brown Act, call-in locations must be listed on the agenda. If anyone from the public is calling in during the meeting, it must be done at the posted locations above.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER 10:04 AM

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Festival Committee Bernadette Byrne (BB) Tom Liden (TL) Tom Yates (TY) Gregg Lamer (GL) Katrina Kessen (KK)	X Present _ Absent X Present _ Absent X Present _ Absent X Present _ Absent _ Present X Absent X Present _ Absent	Title Chair Member Member Member Member Member
Marketing Committee	Attendance Status	Title
Scott Connolly (SC)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Chair
Bernadette Byrne (BB)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Susie Plocher (SP)	☐ Present X Absent	Member
John Dixon (JD)	☐ Present X Absent	Member
Alyssum Weir (AW)	☐ Present X Absent	Member
Raakesh Patel (RP)	Present X Absent	Member
Cally Dym (CD)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Brett Schlesinger (BS)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Kasie Gray (KG)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Staff Members	Attendance Status	Title
Travis Scott (TS)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Executive Director
Ramon Jimenez (RJ)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Marketing and Sales Coordinator
Jamie Peters-Connolly (JC)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Partner Relations & Communications

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Makenzie Blaylock - Mendocino Wine Growers

## 3. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIR
  - Looking forward to hear where we stand on festivals
- MARKETING COMMITTEE CHAIR
  - Looking forward to the reopening of marketing again and calls to action

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brown Act Requirements: Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Board cannot discuss issues or take action on any requests during the comment period.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS $\vec{J}$ Discussion $\vec{J}$ Action Item

- 6.1.2021 Meeting Minutes
- 7.6.2021 Meeting Minutes
- 8.3.2021 Meeting Minutes
- 9.7.2021 Meeting Minutes
- 10.5.2021 Meeting Minutes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> CD 2<sup>nd</sup> TL Motion Carries

# 6. ITEMS FOR REVIEW $\vec{J}$ Discussion $\vec{J}$ Action Items

- Sharon Haag Resignation See Attached
- PR Report

- TS: issued 2 press releases
- 3 media FAM tours since October 8<sup>th</sup>
- 425M ad equivalency since July
- 1.33B Impressions since July
- TS attended media mission in LA
- Budget Adjustments
  - TS: Increased multiple line items within the budget
  - Includes budget adjustment for gateway signs, rebrand and new website
- Cultivar Update
  - JC: Cultivar met with different stake holders and partners over the last month
  - Webinar invitation going out later today (1 hour long) to talk about the initiatives
- Resident Sentiment Study
- Visitor Survey
  - JC: Reach out to various organizations regarding a resident sentiment study and decided to complete both the study and survey one after another
  - Goal is to find out what our locals think about tourism and their wants
  - Received two different proposals and would like to select one and begin the process in January
- Mendocino Film Festival
  - JC: They have a new executive director. Met with them and VMC offered support with in-kind contribution (marketing, swag bags, etc.)
- Q3 Campaign See Attached | Approve
  - Television, Radio, Podcast, Social Media and Programmatic
  - BB: Motion to approve proposals as presented
  - 1<sup>st</sup> BB 2<sup>nd</sup> KK *Motion Carries*
- Travel and Adventure Show SF/Bay Area
  - RJ: VMC staff attended the show and collected about 200 emails for our marketing email list
  - More successful than San Diego pre-pandemic
- Room to Roam Update (Call to Action)
- Room to Roam Analytics See Attached
- Social Media Updates/ Analytics See Attached
- Google Analytics See Attached
- Booking Link See Attached
- Wrap Up | What to Report to the BOD
  - Festival
  - Marketing

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 🔀 Discussion

- Festival Committee:
- Marketing Committee: Scripts for commercials
- 8. NEXT MEETING DATE 🗹 Discussion
  - **FESTIVAL TENTATIVE:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 10AM
  - MARKETING TENTATIVE: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 10AM
- 9. ADJOURN 🛮 Action by KK 11:01 AM