

Sitka Farmers Market
July 18, 2008 - Noon-1:00pm
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Kerry MacLane, Doug Osborne, Linda Wilson, Julie Roller, Natalie Sattler, Rebecca Hartwell, Anna Harvey, Maybelle

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Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) Update:

Anna has spoken to Reindeer Redhots and they are willing to rent the cart out for selling fish for \$50/month. St. Peter's Church has also agreed to let us use the kitchen if need be. Cooked black cod collars and frozen halibut and salmon will be available at the market.

*Anna is checking with Greg at DEC about licensing for health inspection. Anna is also informing Absolute Fresh and 2 Chicks and a Stick about the Farmer's Market.

*Linda has spoken with Grant Miller about selling oysters at the Market.

By-laws

*Doug is going to speak with Amelia or Shanna and find the sample by-laws for a Farmer's Market.

*Kerry is going to develop by-laws and market guidelines and will send them out to the rest of the group to look over.

Sales Tax

There was a discussion about sales tax. It is thought that it is up to individual businesses to determine. Businesses need to register with the state (\$50 license) and the city (\$25). There may also be quarterly taxes and a day license option. Businesses can register at the Legislative Office or on line.

*Linda is going to look into sales tax and business requirements further.

Market Survey

Final changes were made to the market survey which will be available on line at www.sitkaaoc.org or www.sitkahealthsummit.org.

*Everyone should let others know about the survey and encourage them to fill it out.

Vendors

We need to start attracting vendors to the market. Linda Wilson has agreed to be the contact person for vendors. Linda has created a sheet for vendors to fill out. Linda's email is lawilson87@hotmail.com. A fact sheet for vendors also needs to be created.

*Linda and others will attract vendors to the market. Linda will look into getting tents for the market.

General Market Details

ANB Hall and the parking lot next to it are still being looked at as the venue for the market. It was decided that space will be free for vendors, but donations (\$, produce, other) will be accepted. If \$ is collected it will go to local musicians. There will be a general Farmer's Market catch all table organized and run by this group.

*Doug will look into the cost of ANB hall rental.

*Kerry will organize local musicians for market days.

*Natalie will see if Sitka Conservation Society is willing to organize/hold onto money that comes into the market.

Market Dates

The first Sitka Farmer's Market date was set for: **Saturday, August 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Other market days may be held on August 23rd and August 30th.

Other

We need to determine if liability insurance is needed to run the market.

The possibility of having kid friendly booths/activities was discussed. SAVF may be willing to do such a booth.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, July 25, 2008 at noon. Location: ANB Hall tentatively**
The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.