

# MENDOCINO COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION, INC. MARKETING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 | START TIME: 10:00 AM PLACE: Visit Mendocino County: 105 W Clay Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

and

ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84322704281

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 10:02 AM

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Committee Member	Attendance Status	Title
Cally Dym (CD)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Chair
Katrina Kessen (KK)	Present X Absent	Member
Elyse Hopps (EH)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Kelley Litle (KL)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Tawny MacMillan (TM)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Christopher Boettcher (CB)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Elizabeth Cameron (EC)	Present X Absent	Member
Alyssum Weir (AW)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Kasie Gray (KG)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Julie Golden (JG)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Alina Reyes (AR) 10:04 AM	X Present 🗌 Absent	Member
Staff Members	Attendance Status	Title
Ramon Jimenez (RJ)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Executive Director
Jamie Peters-Connolly (JC)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Partner Relations & Communications
Lisa Batson (LB)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Marketing Manager
Mckenzie McLain (MM)	🗌 Present X Absent	Marketing & Communications
Janis MacDonald (JM)	X Present 🗌 Absent	Festival Coordinator
Jennifer Seward (JS)	Present X Absent	Development Manager
Kathy Janes (KJ)	🗌 Present X Absent	Executive Support Specialist

#### **Introduction of Guests:**

- 3. CHAIR'S COMMENTS:
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The committee cannot discuss issues or take action on any requests during the comment period.

- - 5.7.2024 Meeting Minutes See Attachment | Approve CB 1st & AW2<sup>Nd</sup> Motion Carries
- 6. ITEMS FOR REVIEW ♂ Discussion ♂ Action Items
  - Festival(s) Update

JM: Festivals have been successful, Kelp Fest and Pinot Fest the days have beautiful. Film Fest finished up on Sunday and it was great, opening reception was great and recognized locals.

Currently working on Harvest Festival info, hoping to have all of the specials by July



Fiscal year is about to come to a close, therefore the budget for sponsoring events is coming up. 2023-2024-19 events supported.

CB: asked if Point Arena Theater ever is featured in the film festival

JM: Film Festival would be open to having films in other places other than in Mendocino. But the director cannot Manage it in other locations, so someone else would need to help organize.

TM: Taste Mendocino, is VMC still involved?

JM: Yes! Its coming up and it will be hosted in Hopland at Dancing Crow this year. 30 wineries, 9 restaurants, indoor outdoor event, VMC is supporting them financially and as a consultant, but not managing on the day of.

TM: Asked about needing more volunteers.

JM: Bonnie would love extra volunteers, will put TM in touch with her.

• PR Report – See Attachment

#### JPC: Familiarization Program

May 5-8 Ken Whiting/Facing Waves

May 9-10 Lucas Mittenentzwei/Fora Travel

May 11-12 Cindy Cruz/COE Magazine

#### **Key Placements**

LA Times - Cannabis (Pending)

Forbes - Anderson Valley

KTVU - Point Arena

Martha Stewart - Mendocino

Wine Enthusiast - Cannabis

Buffalo News - Crab Cakes

Restaurant Group Update

JG: Thought the 2<sup>nd</sup> was more successful this time around and learned something new both days. JPC: VMC will host one more meeting in hopes that Taylor with Ramon Cubed will want to take it over completely.

• Programmatic Analytics – See Attachment

LB: 8.05k clicks, 177k impressions at an average \$0.31 Per Click

Social Media Analytics – See Attachment

LB: 2.8 M impressions, 61k engagements

Magic is Real Meta Campaign: 11k clicks, \$0.34 Per Click Pinot Fest Meta Campaign: 6k clicks, \$0.26 Per Click Music Fest Meta Campaign: 6k, \$0.22 Per Click Taste Mendocino Meta Campaign: 4k, 0.50 Per Click

• Website Analytics – See Attachment

LB: 33k Visitors

2:31 minute average time per visit

Bounce rate 43% less than last month at 44%

Booking Link – See Attachment

LB: 10k searches which is just about the same as last month

1,600 referrals vs 1,500 last month



### 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Z Discussion

Fall and winter/holidays- Festival updates- allowing staff enough time to update, the more time the best for us. CD- It is best for lodging to have more time to promote Holiday in the summer. January is really hard! Crab will get people here, partnering with a crab party boat.

JPC- Wellness, not putting the pressure to promote as we do a lot of work to market for events to get canceled.

CB- Going to offer 1 nights during the week to get more people filling his rooms.

AR- Private crabbing boat connection.

## 8. NEXT MEETING DATE ☑ Discussion ☑ Action Items

• MARKETING: July 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM

## 9. ADJOURN **₹** Action

EH at 10:33 am