

Events Committee Minutes

REALTOR® Association of Acadiana

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Lafayette, LA 70508

Via Zoom

Thursday, September 2, 2021



Present via Zoom: Kirk Schnexaider, Ashley Dauterive, Paula Duncan, Sandy Cormier, Joseph Malveaux, Renissa Hampton, Beka Hebert, Allen Duhe, Kelly Streva, Kelly Darby, Christie House Theaux, Mike Saunders, Kim LaFleur, Allyson Abadie and Susan Holliday

Minutes

Susan Holliday, CEO presented an update to the committee on Fall 2021 events:

She noted the staff had used the summer months to prepare to pivot from Covid protocols to a fully engaged Fall season of events and normal board operations. Unfortunately, due to the new Delta variant the RAA's plan for the Fall was unable to be executed. She reported while the REALTOR® Appreciation Day event had tremendous support from Affiliate members the decision was made to cancel the event due to the Governor's mandatory mask mandate. All booth holders were notified and full refund payments had been issued for everyone.

Holliday then reported the RAA board had also made the decision to cancel previously scheduled in-person CE classes for the rest of 2021 and would only offer the "on-live" classes. In addition, in-person, mandatory new member orientation was pushed back until January of 2022.

She then updated the Events Committee on the Gumbo Cook-off. She reported she received a call from Anita Begnaud with DTA to let her know DTA had cancelled their Fall series completely due to the rise in Covid-19 cases. All performing acts including Marc Broussard had been moved to the Spring of 2022. DTA representatives would still honor the agreement with RAA for the Friday Night with Marc Broussard which would be sometime in April 2022.

It was also offered for RAA to partner with DTA for their December series of events called Merry & Bright which is a Christmas themed event that takes place every weekend in Parc International.

Finally, Holliday reported she had been approached by the AHBA Executive Director to partner for the event and have it at Acadian Village.

After each option was discussed every Committee member was asked their opinion moving forward.

The group agreed by consensus the following: They are most interested in pursuing the April event with DTA and Marc Broussard. They have asked the RAA staff to reach out to DTA and start discussing how that event would work and would be open to cooking something other than Gumbo.

Staff will report back to the events Committee once they have discussed option with DTA staff.

The zoom meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Minutes submitted by Susan Holliday

CEO, REALTOR® Association of Acadiana