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REALTOR® Association of Acadiana

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**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

Present: Tyler Rush, Casey Oliver, Matt Long, Edward Campbell, Maple Conston, Alyson Schexnayder, Rob Stewart, and Erica Taylor

Absent – Unexcused: Blake Weaver and Dyllan Hawkins

Present Non-Board Members: Jacob Romero

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order – Tyler Rush, President-Elect, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.**
2. **August 15th – Morning Buzz**
   1. **Topic:** “Life After Changing Times and New Practices – How is Everyone Doing?” was confirmed.
   2. **Sponsor:** Charlotte Dunbar with Reliant Title was confirmed.
   3. **Panelists:** RAA Executive Committee and Amber Miller were confirmed.
3. **September 12th – Morning Buzz**
   1. **Topic:** Safety Month Related was confirmed. Attendees discussed the importance of situational awareness and techniques to use when you are in danger. Jacob Romero, RAA Staff, will make a post in RAA Talk and YPN groups following the meeting to collect anonymous stories of RAA members being involved in dangerous situations while working in the real estate industry.
   2. **Panelists:** Matt Oliver and Sage Breaux with Advantage Training Academy were confirmed.
   3. **Sponsor:** Vernon Jenkins with Southwest Funding was confirmed. Tyler Rush, President-Elect, will follow up with Vernon regarding payment.
4. **October 10th – Morning Buzz**
   1. **Topic:** Behind the Deals: Tactics from Top Producing Agents was confirmed.
   2. **Panelists:** After much discussion, attendees decided to keep Blake Arceneaux, Kate Mouton, and Tyler Vallot as panelists. Attendees also suggested Will Taylor, Clinton Shepard, and Debbie Greene to serve on the panel. Alyson Schexnayder, Board Member, confirmed Debbie’s interest during the meeting. A MOTION was made and seconded to approve Debbie Greene serving on the panel. MOTION PASSES.
   3. **Sponsor:** Attendees discussed potential sponsors. Tyler Rush, President-Elect, will contact Brad Aldridge to confirm interest in sponsoring both the October and November events.
5. **November 14th – Food Drive**
   1. **Event Changes:** After much discussion and suggestions for how to get more attendance, attendees suggested the idea of moving the food drive to a different location, such as The Room at Corner Bar, and having a social-type event with a band inside the room. To be able to enter the event and receive a drink ticket, attendees must bring a donation of canned goods.
   2. **Sponsors:** 
      1. Tyler Rush, President-Elect, will contact Brad Aldridge to confirm interest in cooking for the food drive again.
      2. Attendees suggested having multiple monetary sponsors for the event. Potential sponsors include American Title Co. and CrossCountry Mortgage as they have both reached out to YPN with interest in sponsoring.
   3. **Prizes:** Attendees suggested keeping the 6 months free MLS prize. Jacob Romero, RAA Staff, will check whether or not this prize can be refunded to a lucky member as MLS billing is going to an annual format.
   4. **Trailer and Tent:** Alyson Schexnayder, Board Member, will confirm if the Keaty Trailer is available for that day. After selecting sponsors at the next board meeting, sponsors will be encouraged to provide a tent at the event.
6. **Elections**
   1. The election cycle was presented to the board again. Board members are encouraged to reach out to YPN members to run for the board. Board members are also encouraged to run for President-Elect as the vote for the position will take place at the November board meeting.
7. **YPN Event Outreach**
   1. Board members were reminded to continue to call new agents to come to YPN events with the August YPN membership list.
8. **New Business**

**With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.**