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Connecticut Farm Wine
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council BIG E SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2014

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Guests

None

1. Welcome and Introduction

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Chairman Reviczky. Members of the subcommittee introduced themselves.

2. Review of subcommittee goals

2.1 Mrs. Smith discussed the process that took place last year to obtain the ability to sell for the first time last year at the Big E and the needs for this year.

3. Discussion on current participation requirements, shipping, and staffing logistics

- 3.1 Shipping and labor charges were the highest expenses for folks last year. A license transportation company must be used to bring product into MA.
- 3.2 Mr. Crump suggested participating wineries work together to consolidate shipping to reduce the cost for everyone. Mr. Crump and Mrs. Smith will explore this further. Mr. Bishop shared his experience getting wine in MA and will explore that as an additional shipping option.
- 3.3 Discussion took place on how to reduce labor costs and make it effective for all wineries to participate for the full duration of the fair.
- 3.4 No food products of any kind will be allowed due to problems in the past and the extensive additional permitting requirements.

4. Booth Renovations

- 4.1 The difference and accommodations of the new space were highlighted by Mrs. Smith.
- 4.2 Don Poulin from Construction Services will cover labor costs and has already purchased some building supplies.
- 4.3 It was determined that a meeting at the Connecticut Building to tape out the space is needed. Mrs. Smith will arrange that with Mr. Poulin. All subcommittee members are welcomed.

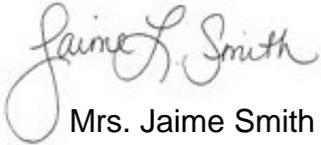
5. Other Business

- 5.1 It was mentioned that signage in the booth needs to be labelled appropriately.

6. Meeting Adjourn

- 6.1 Meeting adjourned at 10:14am

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Jaime Smith