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**Allied Advisory Committee
May 20, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Meeting Notes

Attended: Ryan Coyle, Tyra Dellacroce, Karen DelVecchio, Ron Penton, Holly Leonard, Deb Maffettone, Cathy DeFrances-Vittorio, Jared O'Mara, Mark Weiner and Ashley Ellman-Brown

Discussion

Pet Habitat 2021

- The Pet Habitat will be a collaboration between Allied members and Architecture Firms to build a pet habitat, such as a doghouse or cat condo, to be auctioned off to raise money for charity (once any costs are covered). We anticipate holding this event at a brewery, preferably one that does a "Pints for Pup" night, sometime in September of 2021. Teams will be arranged and begin building by January or February of 2021.
- The Co-Chairs have had a couple of sub-committee meetings discussing logistics and possible charities to raise money for. Ron Penton put together a document with thoughts, ideas, guidelines and more which was presented to the Allied Advisory. This document can be found on Basecamp under the Pet Habitat 2021 folder. We encourage you to read over this document and add your thoughts.
- Currently we have Ron Penton signed up for the lead on Building Materials, Tyra Dellacroce on Sponsorship, Deborah Maffettone on Building Teams, AIA CT on Venue and Marketing.
- The document mentions that we will be judging the pet habitats, however we are actually going to be auctioning off the habitats (dog houses, cat condos, etc.) We can do different contests, such as "Best in Show," or "Most Green," but that will be awarded by the internal group or AIA Connecticut. Also, when pairing up teams we will consider the likelihood of that Allied member and Architecture firm working together in the future. We will not pair a residential architect with a commercial builder for example.
- Deb began investigating different dog charities that we could raise money for by auctioning off the habitats. None of these are based in Connecticut, but they are affiliated with Connecticut and are willing to come out to give a presentation/be a part of the event. Deb will be putting together a document that outlines the different organizations. The organization will be chosen by the next committee meeting once all members have reviewed.

Virtual Conference in June: We're All in this Together

- The date has been set for the conference in June... Wednesday, June 25th, 2020 12:30 - 5:30pm. There are going to be 4 sessions, lunch break and social hour at the end of the day.
- We are going to be using the Zoom platform with breakout sessions.
- Ashley and Allecia have been contacting members to sponsor the event, which includes a social media sponsor, session sponsor, bingo sponsor and more! If you are interested, please contact Ashley for more information or you can purchase a sponsorship directly on our website.
- Currently the platform can accommodate 100 attendees, but we are looking into a 200-person option. Allied members of course can attend the sessions. Registration will open by early next week.
- Deadline for sponsorships are June 3rd. Spots are already being filled up!

Other

- Webinar Partnerships are still available and will be through 2021.
- Based on guidelines put forth by our government, we will be moving our CACX20 event virtual. Stay tuned for more details. Holly and Ashley are in the process of researching virtual exhibit floors now,

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 17h at 4:00pm

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