

Okra Strut Commission Meeting  
December 18, 2023.

VMP: M. Ward, S. Fulmer, B. Burke, A. Unversaw, P. Hawkins.

Absent: L. Sherr, K. Snipes

NVMP: C. Dennis, B. Danielson, Dr. B. Waldman, M. Carpenter, J. Hendricks, Melissa Ward, J. Mack.

CTO: 1815

II. Motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 2023, November 6, 2023 and November 14, 2023 by S. Fulmer and 2nd by B. Burke, approve 5-0.

III. Amendments to the agenda; add under task area under old business, J. Mack and M. Robinson as non-voting members. Approve 5-0

IV: Old business: A. Unversaw will head up marketing. Discussion held regarding opening bands for Friday and Saturday of the upcoming Okra Strut. The Finances of said bands ( Cowboy Mouth, Bruno Mars tribute, Queen tribute band, Shania tribute bands) was discussed at length. As well as Root Doctors and Cowboy Mouth.

B. K. Snipes will head up rentals again and checking with Palmetto Amusement for their rides this year.

V. Wade DeLoach, president of Irmo Outreach has suggested a Bingo area. It would require 8 people to run this event as well as tables, chairs, a defined space. This was discussed as part of new ideas for the Okra Strut.

There was a discussion for a battle of the bands for Irmo to decide who could play on the main stage as an opener for the Saturday opening band. This would be held at Hemingways in Irmo. There was further discussion regarding public safety during the final battle to be held at the Irmo Park. There was a motion to research the above items for the 2024 Strut by M. Ward and 2nd A. Unversaw, approve 4-0 with B. Burke recused himself from the vote.

B. Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1815, with the exception of Sept. 26. Motion to approve P. Hawkins 2nd, S. Fulmer, approve 5-0.

C. Discussion of the budget was held. Lunch for the sponsors was brought up as part of the budget.

D. Motion by M. Ward for appointment of K. Wilcox, Melissa Ward, Michelle Carpenter, Jada Powell, Dawn Cilley, J. Mack and M. Robinson as non-voting commission members for the 2024 strut. This is a 1 year term. 2nd by A. Unversaw, approve 5-0.

VI; no further presentations by citizens.

VII. Motion to adjourn by P. Hawkins and 2nd S. Fulmer. Approve 5-0  
Merry Christmas to all.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Hawkins.