

ASAO Conference 2024

Syndicate Notes - Session 2, Group 4

What is your biggest saving this year?

- Printing cut by half
- Car parks saved £15,000
- Generators saved £3,500
- Tended everything last year, had three quotes for each infrastructure item
- Entertainment, we looked for value for money only
- Offer free entertainment for children, it cost us £3000 but was free for them to use
 - face painting
 - Storytelling
 - Sand art
 - Rock climbing – army provided
 - Pottery
 - Free play
 - Sunflower trail for children had to collect stamps meant they went around the whole showground great opportunity for stallholders and competitors to get involved

Water

- Most shows do water testing but not all, some only flush through the system prior to the show. Shows on a borehole as being asked to test very regularly

SAG Meetings and Health and Safety in General

- One show has 5 or 6 meetings per year - they question where it says that they have to have so many meetings.
- Show grounds that have a stadium - do they come under sports grounds and the green guide? This causes difficulties with permanent showgrounds
- Police operation and events managers now hold counter terrorism brief within the SAG
- Take ownership of the SAG do the inviting
- Environmental health inspectors some shows have had visits recently
- Shows must insist on implementing Challenge 25 – for traders that are giving away complimentary alcohol. Remember we have a duty to safeguard the children on site.
- Under 18's could wear wristbands in the members bar to highlight their age - what stops them taking it off?
- Cathy is writing a policy on drugs etc - we will be able to use it and it will be available on the ASAO website
- Romsey Show have their policies on the website on stewards codes of conduct and standards of behaviour which may be useful for other shows
- What are we doing about violence against women and young girls - do we need this in our policies?
- Right to refuse membership - this was questioned by a show that had a convicted paedophile request membership - are we able to refuse them? Make sure in your term and Conditions.
- Make the stewards briefing more detailed and include code of conducts think about whether we should have any stewards that are under the age of 18 or over 80?
- Remember drugs are not just used by youngsters it may not be who you think it is. Have you thought about having police and police dogs on site Royal Cornwall did this year.

Members And Governance

All shows operate under a very different structure from 4 to 44 directors and trustees - look at the governance of your charity - is it appropriate?