

**Recommendations for an OCF Barter Fair**  
**Prepared by the appointed members of the Barter Fair Task Force (BFTF)**

**Mission Statement**

*The Barter Fair Monday Market provides all wristbanded fair family the opportunity to barter, trade, or sell their handcrafted, ethically gathered and culturally conscious crafts, artwork and wares on the Monday following the OCF public week end. The barter fair supports, encourages and empowers us, our children and grandchildren to be creative through the experience of trading with fairness. The Barter Fair supports the mission of the Oregon Country Fair by providing experiences that nourish the spirit and explore authentic artful living on the earth. The Barter Fair is aligned with the Oregon Country Fair guidelines, code of conduct, and promotes the commitment of stewardship of the land unto the 7th generation.*

**History**

On March 4, 2013 the Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors formed the Barter Fair Task Force.

**Original Motion from Board of Directors Minutes on March 4, 2013:**

*"Lucy moved and Bear seconded that we not hold a Barter Fair in 2013 and that the Board of Directors accept letters of interest by April 15, 2013 and then appoint a task force to continue exploring options for implementation of a future Barter Fair." The motion was amended to change "future" to "with the aim of a 2014 Barter Fair." (Indigo)*

In response to a call for letters of interest, the Board of Directors appointed the following members to the Barter Fair Task Force on May 6, 2013: Spirit Leatherwood, Amy Hand, Amanda Moore, Sue Theolass, Lucy Kingsley, Paxton Hoag, Kirk, Schultz, Jon Pincus, Jeffrey Clair Falkenstein, Robin Pruce, Jirivil Wood and Catherine Clark.

Under the guidance of the original motion, and careful consideration of the concerns expressed by management and other stakeholders, the BFTF has collectively decided on the following recommendations.

**Barter Fair Task Force Recommendations  
Barter Fair Monday Market (BFMM)**

**The Barter Fair Monday Market will be a camping and vehicle free event.**

Motion unanimously passed on September 28, 2013.

**The Barter Fair Monday Market is to be a pedestrian only event with same day set up and tear down.**

Motion unanimously passed on September 28, 2013.

**The Barter Fair Monday Market will be open for business from 10 am to 3 pm.**

**The Barter Fair Monday Market will allow vending set up for preregistered vendors at 9 am with the BFMM cleaned and vacated by 5 pm.**

Motion unanimously passed on October 28, 2013.

**The Barter Fair Monday Market guidelines will include a pack it in and pack it out concept.**

Motion unanimously passed on September 28, 2013.

*This guideline will be included in the BFMM guidelines within the OCF guidelines and will be submitted by December 31, 2013.*

**The Barter Fair Monday Market vendors will pre-register and pre-pay for their vending space prior to the OCF event weekend during wristbanding and registration.**

A kiosk space at the wristband booth for pre-registration would be beneficial for the process this year. We will collect contact information so we can create a pre-registration process for vending at the BFMM in the future by sending a packet prior to the OCF for BFMM registration. Justin Honea supports a pre-registration process with Board support and Lucy Kingsley will support Justin in this process. The preregistration template has already been created and will be designed to fit the requirements defined by the Guidelines for the OCF BFMM.

**The Barter Fair Monday Market vending spaces offered will be: strolling, 5x5 and 10x10. Each vendor/business is limited to one booth space. Vendors may not expand their products into other booth spaces.**

Motion unanimously passed on November 25, 2013

**Sales during the Barter Fair Monday Market will be in compliance with OCF BFMM guidelines. Handcrafted items, vintage and used treasures are encouraged. Ethically hand gathered items and raw material imports are allowed.**

The BFMM will limit sales to handcrafted items (maker is seller), vintage and used treasures, and ethically hand gathered and raw material imports. Big box mass produced imports will not be allowed. (This will be addressed in the guidelines pertaining to the BFMM being crafted for submission by December 31, 2013.)

Motion Approved by 8 votes. 1 abstention on November 10, 2013

**The BFTF recommends that the BFMM be placed in a suitable on-site location. This location should help folks move out of the “8” and towards their vehicles, should not hinder traffic flow, should not be used for camping, should have services in place or nearby and be accessible for emergency response.**

Unanimously Approved on November 25, 2013.

**The Barter Fair Task Force recommends that the OCF Board of Directors appoint two coordinators and two BFTF liaisons to work together with existing OCF crews to manage the Barter Fair Monday Market.**

Motion unanimously passed on November 25, 2013

The BFTF recommends the Board appoint two coordinators and two BFTF liaisons from the existing BFTF to manage the BFMM with the aim to minimize impact on fair management and operational crews. Our goal is to work closely with all stakeholders to identify and address all needs included in the formation of a sufficient work force to be on hand during the event in order to minimize pressure on OCF management and crews who are carrying out their regular duties during that time. The BFTF also will create an application and interview process for coordinator candidates to minimize the workload of the Board of Directors.

These recommendations have been made based on extensive stakeholder input. A compilation of stakeholder feedback can be found attached to the November 25, 2013 BFTF minutes.

Historically, the Barter Fair was an organically derived experience that the fair family participants created in order to exchange their personal goods and connect with each other after the public weekend of Oregon Country Fair. We recognize the importance of this experience for our Fair Family. The Barter Fair Task Force recommends that the Board of Directors allow the Barter Fair Monday Market to continue onsite in 2014 and beyond. The Barter Fair Task Force recommends that the BFMM not be paused another year. Based upon our process this year, we feel strongly that we will succeed in the formation of a well organized and fluidly functioning Barter Fair Monday Market.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

*The Barter Fair Task Force Members*

With a very special thanks extended to:  
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