

## **Meeting Notes**

**October 28, 2013 6-9 pm**

**OCF Town Office, Eugene**

Facilitator: Colleen Bauman

Scribe/Recording Secretary: Amanda Moore Go To Meeting Scribe: Cherie B

Members Present: Sue Theolass, Amanda Moore, Lucy Kingsley, Amy Hand, Jon PIncus

Go To Meeting Members: Spirit Leatherwood, Jefry Falkenstein, Paxton Hoag

Go To Meeting Guests: Chris Browne, Woody Jackson, Bill , Terry Turner

Guests Present: Tom Brandt, Karen Stringle

Absent members: Kirk Schultz, Jirivl Wood, Robin Pruce, and Catherine Clark

Voting Quorum Met: 8 members present

## **October BFTF Meeting Minutes**

Will be approved at Nov. 10 BFTF meeting for general publication. Unanimously passed.

### **Announcements**

New Board members names shared. The Board of Directors will be having its annual retreat this upcoming weekend.

### **Public Comment**

Karen Stringle shares that she is not personally attached to barter Fair. She would like to see it work out and hopes it can get back to its original roots and advocates for MMBF to return at OCF.

### **Agenda Review & Amend**

Staff reports skipped since no staff members present this evening for the meeting.

Board liaison report: Sue will report to the BoD regarding the BFTF at the Board retreat this upcoming weekend.

Lucy motions to approve and Sue seconds. Unanimously approved.

### **Stakeholder Reports/Interviews/Feedback**

Jon Pincus: Was present at the pre/post gathering. No coordinators present. Will get in touch with Warren. Spoke with Rebecca @ QM and will get an appointment.

Amanda will send out her email exchange with Justin Honea from registration and with Merrill Levine from Wristbands. Justin interested in managing the registration process and expressed the need for a BF manager or go to person with a small crew to implement all pieces of MMBF. Needs email information for traffic to continue to reach out.

Spirit has not heard back from Greg Rickhoff. Cindy from Lot Crew responded to her email with: need for specifics that will pertain to her crew as the event gets the green light and where the event will be held will unfold her involvement. Please keep her in the loop.

Lucy will discuss the MMBF at the budget meeting and suggests we put in a request for a placeholder amount to have funds for the MMBF if it gets BoD approval.

Amy has reached out to Love Shack Bunny and to Shane from Site Crew, has had no response from Catherine Clark.

Colleen suggests sending emails out to crew co-co's again to invite them to our Nov. 10 meeting and to keep the communication lines open.

Did anyone read Diane Albinos email she sent to the BFTF members? Amy reads Diane's email out loud to the group.

Comments on letter: Thanks for the email and input Diane.

### **Old Business**

#### **BFTF member attendance/contribution concern**

The BFTF members discuss the requirements for being a voting member on the BFTF. The concern for this discussion involves lack of some member's communication and involvement. Concerns were discussed surrounding important matters that could swing a particular hot issue during a vote with little to no participation in the process. Basic attendance requirements needed for all BFTF to be voting members. Path planning attendance policy is discussed and that process seems to be working smoothly. The BoD appoints and removes committee members, so the BFTF needs to find a way that is not punitive, but policy that is uniform for all members; like the Path Planning model, which is working. Having to deal with a motion like this wastes our time and resources, but is approved with regrets. Emails will be sent to all BFTF members with this new policy

and passed motion as informed consent.

**Motion:**

*Your attendance is required at BFTF meetings as a member. If you cannot attend, you must notify by phone or email your co-co's regarding your absence in order to stay active as a voting member.*

Amanda motions; Sue seconds. Unanimously Approved.

**Mission Statement**

How does barter Fair serve the Fair and Fair Family?

Jirvils statement reread to the group by Sue.

Discussion surrounds a rewriting of this statement, but the essence is there. The BFTF needs more time to craft personal mission statements to bring back to the Nov. 10 meeting. All BFTF members must be present to formulate the mission statement together. Email exchanges encouraged regarding the BF Mission Statement to be worked out online prior to the Nov. 10 meeting. Amy reminds everyone to align the mission statement with the code of conduct and the seventh generation adaptation. Please do your homework on the mission statement prior to next meeting. Email your mission statement to the group and Paxton will gather these statements and create a little packet to share with everyone for review prior to finalizing statement.

**Motion:**

The BFTF Mission Statement will be finalized at the Nov. 10 BFTF meeting.

Jefry motions; Jon seconds. Unanimously approved.

**Set Hours of BF**

When can folks set up and leave?

Discussion surrounded the MMBF will be a pack in and pack out one day event, so leaving early shouldn't be a concern. If barterers do decide to leave early, be mindful of your neighbors and leave no trace, like agreed upon on the registration signed handout. Folks need time to set up on Monday and time to break down. Crew involvement is discussed and how this will impact their work schedules and load on Monday morning. What time frame is best for management and vending?

**Motion**

The MMBF will be open for business from 10 am to 3 pm. Set up for preregistered vendors at 9 am with the MMBF cleaned and vacated by 5 pm.

Lucy Motions; seconded by Amy. Unanimously passed.

**Budget**

How much will the MMBF need to function for a one day event? Costs discussed and considered include: meals for volunteers to manage the event, a possible small crew; services (i.e porta pots, kiosk building, office supplies; BUMS, WhiteBird, wristbands; registration paperwork; fencing; management, etc...) Discussion surrounded the formulation of a MMBF crew and costs involved. Previous discussions surrounded gleaning the expertise from involved crews to create a new MMBF crew with appointed management or co-co's to guide this event. A budget placement holder should be submitted and is necessary to hold this event. We must be economical and have a detailed expense forecast to submit for finalized budget request. We should put in a placeholder until this finalized report can be officially submitted. 16 volunteer hours is required minimum for a camping pass. A self sufficient MMBF crew is ideal, but needs training. Be very specific with requests for money from OCF as this upcoming year has many costs with the Craft Lot expansion. Justin Honea will be critical in implementation and the registration process; he also recommended a go to person for MMBF. Co-co's necessary and skeleton crew with gleaned crew folks to implement MMBF. Amount of support will be based on location needs to secure and recycle already placed pieces, i.e. porta pots/fencing, etc... Costs to run MMBF traditionally were absorbed by existing crews. BFTF budget committee members could help define the process of how to request funding and define our needs. Lucy will place budget holder request at next Budget meeting.

**Motion**

\$8,500 for MMBF budget placement holder in 2014.

Amanda motions; Lucy Seconds. 7 members agree; 1 members disagrees. No abstentions

**BFTF Work Plan for November and December 2013**

BFTF members should have reviewed the work plan prior to this meeting by email.

Report due to the BoD by Dec. 2, 2013 from the BFTF.

The Board will direct us to create policy. We should continue to work on recommendations to the BoD.

Guideline changes come from concerns with policy. Concerned family can rewrite this concern and present it to

the BoD. This is how guideline changes happen.

### **Motion**

Accept the work plan as amended with a plan to meet Dec. 9, 2013 to define and create a clear template.

Lucy motions; Jon seconds. Unanimously approved.

### **Import Discussion (Round Robin; 2 minute time limit)**

Guests: Thomas: Most discussion with folks concerns imports with "Chinese crap". Which is not good for OCF. He personally imported Guatemalan fabrics and thinks this type of importing should be allowed. He supports a walk-in event; no box truck vending. He has residue concerns from the junk/crap being brought to OCF.

Supports import trading in the right way.

Chris Browne: Manufactured goods should not be allowed. Maintain OCF guidelines for homemade goods.

Paxton: Travelers should be able to bring their wares to share with family. Supports fair trade or collected from original source.

Terry Turner: No ban on imports

Jeffry: Restrictions create enforcement/staff issues. Verification is tough.

Spirit: Enforcement will be put onto crews. Imports should be done on a year to year basis imports issues could be revisited based upon need; eliminate other issues like enforcement. (could be put into report)

Lucy: Honor integrity of our OCF craftspeople. Imported raw materials can be used for creating handmade goods. Can eliminate verification concerns. Imports a very hot topic amongst craft committee. How do you define product?

Amanda: Supports imports. We could consider tag less/branded represents mass production and MMBF could avoid these. MMBF is outside the 3 day juried in event. Tough topic: no disrespect to the handcrafters or artists.

Sue: Agrees with Lucy. Handmade items are the spirit of the fair.

Thomas: Supports a policy for accountability

Jon: No box truck allowed. No mass produced items/junk either. Fair trade, Yes! It is a temporary event for Fair Family, regulation almost creates a second event.

Amy: BF is a part of and supports the OCF. OCF crafters need to be respected and supported. She can not support finished imported goods at the barter fair.

Jeffry: Imports inside the "8" already. Make a space for it in the MMBF event and get them out of the "8". A ban on imports across the Fair will create pop-ups and renegade import sales.

Woody: No import ban. Fewer restrictions; will email the BFTF with his input.

Terry: Imports part of and important to MMBF.

Paxton: The family wants some degree of imports. Disagrees w/craft committee as many volunteers outnumbered in crafters who would like an opportunity to exchange their wares.

Spirit: Reach out to our email member list on yahoo and get feedback/input, Please revisit this discussion at Nov. 10 meeting. Imports inside the "8" created complaints in recent years.

### **Homework Review**

Mission Statements will be emailed to the BFTF group in preparation for finalizing mission statement at Nov.10, 2013 meeting. All BFTF members will respond prior to the meeting with their statement.

Paxton will bring Mission Statements to Nov. 10 meeting in the form of a mini packet.

Jon Pincus will do detailed research on costs involved with putting on one day event for Barter Fair.

Lucy will present our MMBF budget placeholder request for \$8,500 to the Budget Committee.

Paxton will ask BUMs to be present at Nov. 10, 2013 meeting.

Amanda will email the yahoo email account information and password to Amy and Spirit so they can manage this account. Will forward emails from Justin Honea and Merrill Levine regarding crew impact on implementing registration for MMBF.

All BFTF members will continue to make contact with their crew coordinators for outreach and input and also invite them to our Nov. 10 meeting.

Co-Co's will email all BFTF members with the newly passed motion about attendance and voting requirements for all BFTF members.

### **Evaluation**

Go To Meeting process nice for remote access but hard to integrate into the room and process. Thanks to Cherie for facilitating the computer and for Colleen's guidance and facilitating. It is okay to disagree, good meeting with a lot of respect. Thankful for all attending guests and their input. Internet access will be ironed out and will

improve so folks can remotely participate. Minutes need to go out sooner. Good meeting!

**Next Meeting**

November 10, 2013

11- 6 pm. at the OCF Office in Eugene

Potluck Style. All Are Welcome!