

**Barter Fair Task Force
Meeting Notes
January 20, 2013**

Facilitator: Colleen Bauman

Present: David Kemp, Spirit Leatherwood, Lucy Kingsley, Sue Theolass, Amy Hand, David Tipton, Kirk Shultz, Paxton Hoag, Amanda Moore, Jon Pincus

6 Voting Members Present; 4 Votes to pass a motion necessary, based upon 3/4 majority vote.

Opening by Facilitator

Urgency to make decisions to finalize BFTF recommendation to present packet to BOD. Lets be positive and move forward.

Announcements

Spirit discusses packet presentation process and reminds all that this meeting is the completion of the BFTF process as requested by August meeting and the BOD.

Minutes

Unanimously Approved Minutes from Jan. 7, 2013

Agenda Review

Discussion regarding needing a February 3 meeting is necessary or not. Presentation Packet needs to be presented prior to that date. It needs to be sent electronically to Norma, so that she can forward to BOD for review prior to their meeting on Feb. 3, 2013. Should be sent by Friday, Jan. 26, 2013 before OCF office hours close.

February 3, 2013 BFTF meeting is cancelled.

What if Board doesn't support what BFTF recommends in our packet?

Add to Agenda to create a subcommittee to create the packet and have it reviewed before presenting it to the Board.

Prepare a motion to take to the next Board meeting as New Business for a March Vote on our packet after Board has time to review and discuss it prior to a vote.

>All voting members approve agenda changes and additions.

Old Business:

1. Booth Size

A motion was made and seconded that:

Monday Market Barter Fair booth size options are as follows: 5x5; 10x10; and strolling vending for registered vending space at the MM/BF.

This motion will be included in report recommendations.

> This motion was unanimously approved.

2. Allowed items:

Management wants us to explore allowed items and imports were a priority.

Imports:

Lucy reports that Craft Committee recommends beginning in 2013 the phasing out of finished imported products and allow only raw fair traded goods that can be used to create a finished product. (ie, beads, fabric, etc...)

Discussion surrounded:

What is Fair Trade? How can that be verified?

Imports sold at Barter Fair and how Fair Family travels and resells goods (imports) to support themselves and bring unique items to our family to be sold or bartered amongst ourselves.

The OCF as high standards of handmade unique items of vending for juried products and with the new Seventh Generation Motion the BOD passed, we should be setting high standards for integrity amongst ourselves and our family as to what can be bartered at Monday Market.

OCF has high standards which should be consistent.

Imports are an issue when handcrafted items cost more to produce than imports, which reflect in cost/profit and reflect issues regarding competition and income.

Who will enforce the vending violations (imports) of what can be sold? BUMS enforce OCF guidelines including trade items.

Registration crew should not have to carry the enforcement of policy for sales/guidelines.

Some BFTF members support fair traded imports to be vended at MM/BF; as it is a trading circle amongst ourselves.

The issue of wristband abuses to participate in BF was addressed. Nonaffiliated vendors are selling at MM/BF and many of them sell imports.

It was stated that is poor policy to make rules to deal with abuses by individuals.

It should be easy to identify problem vendors w a good registration process. A pre registration process will flush out abusive vendors. This si a big discussion which should continue.

This is a very sensitive topic with many different perspectives to consider including those who can not be present to discuss this topic. During our process, we

uncovered certain abuses and those concerns need to be addressed.

However, the sale of imported items remains a sensitive topic and needs to be decided and discussed upon by the BOD.

A motion was presented and seconded that:

Imports in 2013 be allowed with a phasing out of imported finished items by 2015. Only fair trade imported raw materials will be allowed to be vended at OCF MM/BF by 2015 according to OCF Guidelines.

A recommendation came in that we consider following current OCF guidelines for 2013 of ha can be sold; with revised guidelines to be submitted by 2014.

Moved and seconded that:

Discussion should end for time constraints and the Question was Called to the group.

>Approve: 5 Abstained: 1

Motion reread as presentation:

Imports in 2013 be allowed with a phasing out of imported finished items by 2015. Only fair trade imported raw materials will be allowed to be vended at OCF MM/BF by 2015 according to OCF Guidelines.

>Approve: 4 Oppose: 2

Recycled and Reused Items were discussed.

It was clearly stated that OCF guidelines do not prohibit the sales of recycled or reused items. A concern was raised regarding a "garage sale" style event at BF/MM. Loophole was presented as to what can be considered "reuse" or "vintage".

A motion was presented and seconded that:

The BFTF promotes the resale of used or vintage items as a valuable good to be vended at MM/BF.

>Approve: 3 Oppose:1 Abstained: 2

Food, Drink & Alcohol:

Discussion was made over current OCF guidelines and consistency in the guidelines regarding clear statements of this issue. It is stated in Section 78 under Food Booth Guidelines, but should also be included under Barter Fair guidelines or refer to this section and/or be stated under Barter Fair Section in the OCF Guidelines for clarity and consistency.

A motion was made and seconded that:

The OCF continue the ban of food, drink and alcohol sales at the MM/BF in 2013 according to OCF guidelines.

>This motion was unanimously approved.

3. Who Can Sell at the Barter Fair?

A motion was made and seconded that:

Folks who sell at Barter Fair, must be wristbanded participants such as; entertainers, elders, teens, crafters, volunteers, staff, SOP's and elder companions. SOP's and Elder Companions must have verifiable fair affiliation in order to participate at MM/BF.

> This motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion surrounded that our task for BFTF is to present, discuss, and consider issues which management and the BOD have presented for review.

Again it was stated that it is poor policy to implement change based upon individual issues.

It is imperative to have a process for preregistration to implement necessary changes coming to Barter Fair which address concerns revealed through our investigative process of registered participants. This will help identify and omit individuals who abuse our process.

Our BFTF has much support from stakeholders regarding implementing a preregistration process. We need to keep things simple in our recommendations to present in our packet to the BOD and management.

4. Maps/Designs/Location

Charette Review and Map Fusion presented by Kirk S. and David T.

All original maps were available for review. They include: day use, hybrid and camping map options.

Map Solution 1:

Vending Only which permits 105 10x10 booths and 72 5x5 booths. For a total of 177 available vending spots. This can be reconfigured to include more vending spots as necessary.

This map was presented as a rectangle on the North Side of Miss Piggy Lot fencing. It would be necessary to have some type of additional fencing to create a boundary for participation. It is a simple and clean design which can be expanded by dimension. It included fire routes through the fencing into Miss Piggys/Island Lot in the form of additional gateways.

Map Solution 2:

Hybrid Template which permits 146 Total Vending Spots which may or may not include 37 camping spots inside Miss Piggy's fence line.

Vending space can be expanded upon by pushing existing fence line out farther to accommodate need as necessary.

This design also uses existing fencing, which would eliminate the need for renting additional fence line for containment. This map was presented as a triangle design using existing fence line to be dually be used for barter fair and Miss Piggy s. This fence line would be pushed out Monday morning to provide contained space for BF/MM. Option: Would allow 37 campers on the inside of Miss Piggy's northern fence line adjacent to 4A. This was considered for those who had concerns regarding safely containing items.

Map Solution 3: (Snooze Pass area) with or without camping

This map was not created because the discouragement of camping tied into the Barter Fair by management and concerns regarding relocation of Honey Bucket staging area. It was discussed and decided that this option needs to be presented as an option in our presentation packet. Snooze Pass was offered to us to explore for a new BF location by management.

Discussion surrounded that maps were designed in a manner which took Charlie Ruffs input regarding the Line in the Sand event activity and Honey Bucket Staging area. Charlie did recommend exploring Snooze Pass as an option, but he highly recommended the region near Dr. Bronners and within 4A parking.

Crafts Committee recommends a day use only event.

It was pointed out that management works for the BOD; task force; committees; and fair family. Management should take into consideration any recognized groups considerations for recommendation. Ultimately, it is the BOD who decides and implements change in process and action at OCF.

Let us not add additional infrastructure and use what resources we have.

An email to SPirit from voting member, Joseph Newton, was read with his concerns to include camping with MM/BF. He also asked that we present the maps as a work in progress and present them for consideration to the BOD and management.

A report from John K. was stated that he believes BF/MM vendors equal close to 300 vendors and not 159 participants that registered in 2012.

Discussion was made that we must downsize the event to find a footprint for it and we are designing a template that reflects participating registered vendors; that can be changed to reduce or expand based on need and BOD recommendation.

A motion was made and seconded that:

Present all 3 map options that we have worked on and prioritize our preferences on where BF should be considered to operate.

>Approve: 5 Oppose:1

A motion was made that:

BFTF recommends a camping and vehicle free day use only event that is set up and removed the Monday after OCF in a location in alignment with operations choosing.

> A consideration was made to fuse these two motions together and amend with hours of operation. No official vote on this motion.

Fused Motion created by the group:

BFTF recommends a Barter Fair which is a day event only without vehicles or camping. The BFTF will offer all 3 maps for consideration to inform operations the options for a functioning transitional 2013 Barter Fair event which will follow current OCF guidelines.

We recommend the set up of Barter Fair, as follows:

Barter Fair will occur on Monday morning following our Fair.

Set-up hours begin at 8 am and are cleaned up and torn down by 5 pm.

Barter Fair Event Hours will be from: 10 am to 3 pm.

> This motion passed by unanimous approval.

5. How

Preregistration process:

The preregistration process and registration form template were presented to the BFTF group by both Lucy and Amanda. The form will be a carbon copy with identifiable information, contact information, wristband number, booth affiliation, vending items, spot # allocation, fees paid, size of vending space, etc... The original will be given to vendor to display as proof of registration in their booth. The copy will be kept for registration purposes and can not be tampered with.

Preregistration would happen at the wristband booth during wristband hours.

A motion was made and seconded that:

Include the preregistration form template in the packet to the BOD for consideration.

> This motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion surrounded how BF needs its own functioning crew with dedicated volunteers who are enthusiastic about working this event.

Coordinators already delegate wristbands to volunteers to work and participate for their volunteer hours during Barter Fair. Many folks are willing to participate in this event, including coordinators who will continue to provide wristbands to those already working the BF event.

We need to list our concerns which have been identified to carry out a smooth process for BF. We can make recommendations, but we need to let management decide if a new crew needs to be formed.

A motion was made and seconded that:

Management approves 2 coordinators to implement and manage the 2013 Barter Fair event in collaboration with existing crews.

> Approve: 5 Abstained: 1

6. Fees/Cost for Vending Space

A motion was made and seconded that:

Booth fees for vending at Barter Fair be:
\$50 for a 10x10; \$25 for a 5x5; \$10 for strolling
> Approve: 1 Oppose: 5

Discussion surrounded the cost of event to manage and revenue generated from 2012 which was \$6950 from 159 registered vendors. The fees from last year were between: \$10-\$160 for vending spots. It is a 5 hour event only and costs shouldn't be over inflated for this event. Booth space during entire OCF weekend is only around \$400.

A motion was made and seconded that:

Booth fees for vending at Barter Fair be:
\$125 for a 10x0; \$50 for a 5x5; and \$15 for strolling
> Approve: 2 Oppose: 4

A motion was made and seconded:

Revisit the fee discussion if Barter Fair is approved by the BD and management for a 2013 event.
> This motion was unanimously approved.

Guideline Changes

Rough drafts are in process and being overlooked for possible Guideline Changes in 2014 regarding the Barter Fair/Monday market. A 2013 Barter Fair will function under current OCF guidelines, except for pre-registration process.

Homework

~Lucy, Amanda and Amy will be the Subcommittee to finalize BOD report to be electronically submitted by end of day on Jan. 25 to Norma to give to BOD prior to the February 3, 2013 BOD meeting.
~Kirk will create Map Option #3 as a Snooze Pass option and will get all 3 maps to subcommittee to be included into presentation packet by Jan. 25.
~Lucy will bring and present our report and recommendations to the Feb. 2013 BOD meeting. Final copy of presentation packet will be sent out to BFTF for a final approval vote prior to presentation.
~BFTF will continue to meet regardless of BOD/management recommendation.

Next Meeting

BFTF will meet again on: Feb. 12, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the OCF Office in town.

Evaluation

Need more time for complex and sensitive issues to be discussed and carefully agreed upon; moving forward in a positive direction; much work accomplished; meetings should start in time; an approved committee would improve form, function and flow of meetings and process; good journey; hopes for continuation in our efforts and hard work, trust the process.
Much deep gratitude was shared with Colleen for her exceptional facilitating skills and o Kirk . and David T. for volunteering their fusion and mapping skills for our packet presentation; Thank YOU for assisting our process. Also to each BFTF member for working together and creating a packet for BOD/management consideration. Spirit shares that this is our concluding meeting for the BFTF and that we must trust the process and accept BOD and managerial recommendation.

Adjourn