

Barter Fair Task Force
November 10, 2013

Introductions

Announcements

Speaker list stack may be interrupted so that a specific subject can be clarified.
Jon Pincus is looking for new housing. please contact him with any leads.

Minute Approval

September 2013 and October 2013 Meeting Minutes

Both unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Lucy is awaiting communication from OCF Management and the BUMs with their stance on OCF Barter Fair.

Web presence can be improved. Jefry will work on the .net, Facebook, Yahoo and FFN. It is agreed upon that he will now ensure information. Goes out in a timely manner for education and updates on our process. minutes can be posted as Draft Minutes until voted and approved by BFTF.

Agenda Review

Lunch time to be adjusted o 3 pm

Lucy Will read Management/BUM report when she receives it at some point today.

Stakeholder Responses

Amy spoke with Shane from Site Crew and didn't receive great support from his perspective regarding BF.

Jon emailed Warren with no response yet. He spoke with Rebecca from QM and she prefers the BF off site. He also got a quote from Geri on Monday food costs for volunteers and it is estimated at \$12/per person for breakfast and lunch. Tony Clementi was not able to identify the cost per unit for Porta Pota because the OCF orders in bulk. Porta Pots are serviced at 7 am Monday morning.

Some discussion is that if BF is moved off site or far away on the property, it could be difficult to manage from many view points.

Paxton reports that Fire Crew won't be impacted because their new annex will be located at the peninsula in Craft Lot, which is centralized. he also contacted Zach Schwartz, a BUM, to join us today, but a work part on site may prevent him from coming.

What Can Be Sold

Colleen suggests that everyone search for inclusive solutions for sustainable agreements. She has created a break out process for our group to find common ground amongst four different selling topics: imports, Hand gathered Imports,

OCF juried items only, Handmade by Seller. Each person present is to pick a topic they most align with. This will present different viewpoints and we will be practicing active listening. Points will be written and posted on poster board for review.

Discussion surrounded that the BFTF must present some agreements for our presentation to the Board. The Board will decide policy after presentation.

Many agree....

After the Round Robin review of topics for what sells at BF, a common thread was that no one supported box truck vending and that a small sized premeasured vending space will limit how much can be sold; and one spot per vendor will support this idea. The pack in and pack out process for BF will also limit the amount of goods one can sell. These BF guidelines will enforce no box truck type sales on their own. Three different topics were explored: Imports, Hand gathered Imports and Maker is Seller. Juried crafts only was discarded as not an option for BF which exists outside of the three day juried in event. The BFTF does seriously take the vending concerns from Craft Committee into account.

Imports and Hand Gathered Imports: had many points that were the same, so these two categories were merged, with the standard that mass produced imported items are not encouraged during the OCF Barter Fair. Regulation of the ban of imports is discussed and no one wants to regulate sales and this rule would cause more work for the crew and management to oversee BF guidelines. Supports fair family who travel and bring back fair traded items from families abroad. There is no real way to regulate or monitor import sales. If we ban imports we will see them in the 8. Let's find them a place in Barter Fair. Maker is the Seller limits Barter Fair crafts people.

Maker is the Seller: supports what the fair is built on, in alignment with Seventh Generation intention, helps support crafters who are starting, gives opportunities for youth and children, allowing only handcrafts limits regulation and concerns for fair trade, supports local and handcrafted items.

The only regulation should be on those that leave a trace of garbage and debris, which there should be a penalty for. Preregistration process will define sales expectation with a signed agreement if vendor. This will be included on the preregistration process task to include. We have a template in place for this penalty. If you disrespect the OCFBF by leaving debris, you can't participate again in BF. all agree this is important. By having a crew of volunteers ready to work the MMBF under coordinators, it will elevate stress in management.

Management can be "on-call" but not directly involved.

Imports and Maker is the Seller categories Both had very valid points as to what they were important and how they support the OCF.

A vote is held regarding Import Sales:

Does the BFTF support some import sales with regulation of no box truck type vending.

6 members support some import sales. 2/3 of the quorum met.

Import Sales passes with a preregistration process to sign an understanding with OCFBF guideline expectations and enforced debris penalty.

Amanda presents a motion; seconded by Robin.

A recommendation to the BOD:

Sales during the MMBF will be in compliance with OCF/BF guidelines.

Handcrafted items, vintage and used treasures are encouraged. Ethically hand gathered items and raw material imports are allowed.

Motion approved by 8 votes; Amy abstains.

Management and BUMs Letter to the BFTF

Lucy reads an official statement from Management and the BUMs regarding their perspective on holding a Barter Fair on the Monday after OCF.

(attach statement)

The BFTF will respond with a letter in return to the Management Team and the BUMs. The feedback for the group was: The BFTF must stay focused on the task the BOD voted our task force to do, which is to continue working on finding a way for the BF to continue. We are a Board appointed task force, so we have work to do. Management and the BUMs work for the BOD which were voted in by Fair Family. Try not to take this personally, and move forward. Amanda expressed frustration with a delayed response which we have asked for since the beginning of this Task Force, a year and half ago. Now we have their stance and viewpoint, but the letter did not give any idea of their precise concerns. We need to ask for a bulleted point list so we can address specific concerns and find solutions.

Mission Statement

Four mission Statements were sent to the group email of the BFTF. These different statements were read to the group and will be fused together to create a strong, concise BF Mission Statement. this Mission Statement needs to be approved by the BFTF before Dec.2 BoD meeting for presentation by our Liaison, Sue.

Future Management/Interviews for Coordinators for Barter Fair

Lucy: from managements point of view, it is important that the BFTF begin to find people suitable who can take responsibility and manage Mondays Barter Fair. ideally, two coordinators would step into this position. Running the Barter Fair is passable to the BoD, could be a position shift if we addressed this concern/stress. It is necessary to define to coordinators role before we find someone to fill the position. This coordinator position would be working to support the efforts of management and the BUMs, alleviating their direct involvement.

Spirits moves and Paxton seconds that:

Motion:

The Barter Fair Task Force recommends that the OCF Board of Directors appoint

two coordinators supported by two BFTF liaisons to work with existing OCF Monday crews to manage the Monday Market Barter Fair.
Unanimously passed.

Sue and Paxton volunteered to create a rough draft to define the interview and application process. Will have it ready and emailed out for review by Nov. 21 so it can be defined and voted on at the Nov. 25 BFTF meeting.

Location and Layout

-Tower Lot seems to be a very good location for the BF. It is out of the traffic cluster on Monday, has ample room for vending that does not need fencing as there are natural boundaries and it has one main entrance and a fire exit out back. this would be the ideal location once we obtain the SUP or beforehand. It is discussed that Tower Lot is part of the original 280 acre purchase, may not effect SUP process.(Tom Lanfear via Paxton).There is much resistance from Management for this location, but it is ideal for the Barter Fair. last year on our locational cruise, Andy suggested Tower Lot as a good location for Barter Fair. Many BFTF members support Tower Lot as the ideal location.

-Kermit's Reunion is another good location for a few reasons: it is out of the traffic cluster, has a cluster of 8 Porta pots available, has a water installation, requires minimal infrastructure

-Snooze Pass/ Kermit's Lot: have templates created for this region from last year design Charette. Kirk Schultz helped create maps for this location, we should use this space and the designs that go with it. the Honey PPot station has now been moved, so this does not impact this location as a consideration.

-Pirates Cove is also considered as a good location. close enough in, but helps gets folks out of the 8 and away from traffic cluster. We have also used this space for the 40th Celebration, so this area is useable during the Fair. it is also where the 4th of July celebration is held..... Should be within our land use permit.

-Craft Lot/Dragon Plaza: Smaller area, but within the line in the sand. Infrastructure available and management services, white bird, fire, porta pots close by. Is concerning location because of size and the impact of people leaving the fair.... Does not help folks get out of the 8.

Discussion surrounds moving Barter Fair West to get folks out of the 8 and help with traffic flow. We should use the work already created by Kirk for designs that can be changed as necessary.

The BFTF decides to present three location options (in no particular order) to hold the Barter Fair.

1.) Tower Lot. 2.) Pirates Cove. 3.) Tower Lot

The BoD will decide this as it will be placed in the recommendation and presentation packet.

PreRegistration Form

A kiosk space at Wristband booth is available for a preregistration process this

year. We will collect contact information so we can create a preregistration process for vending at the BF by sending a packet prior to the OCF. Justin Honea and Lucy will be working on this aspect together. The preregistration template has already been created and will be designed to fit the requirements defined by the Guidelines for the OCFBF.

A subcommittee of BFTF members volunteered to edit and redo the Draft Report to present to the Board.

Subcommittee: Amy, Amanda, Jefry, Sue and Jirvil

Work Plan Review
It's all good for now

Homework Review

Jefry: Will work with group on Draft Report to the Board; Mailing List outreach; web work; getting draft and final minutes out to the community and to Norma for posting and the FFN.

Amy: Will be working on drafting a final mission statement, working on BoD report draft

Lucy: will help define the BF Mission Statement

Sue: will work with Paxton on the application/interview process; work on the BoD report draft

Jirvil: Is available if needed

Amanda: BF minutes out as a draft ASAP; will work on mission statement and help with BoD draft report

Spirit: Mission Statement work group

Jon: unable to volunteer due to housing situation

Paxton: work w Sue on application process, Review mission statements

Robin: will work on Mission Statement

Everyone's Homework:

Please email your bullet points that are important in crafting the Mission Statement to the group ASAP.

Mission Statement Group: Lucy, Amy, Robin, Amanda

BoD Draft Report: Amanda, Sue, Amy,

Deadline: Nov. 22, 2013

Agenda Items:

-Create a letter to respond to Management and the BUMs. request highlights of their concerns so that we may address them and find solutions to them. We want to bridge the gap and alleviate everyone's responsibilities and work load. Volunteers to draft letter needed.

- Review attendance policy and inform individuals of voting rights revoked.

(reinstated?)

Next BFTF Meeting:

November 25, 2013

6-9 pm at the OCF office, Eugene

Go To Meeting may be unavailable that evening.

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

December 2, 2013

7-10 pm at the Hilyard Community Center, Eugene

Meeting Evaluation

Colleen is brilliant and amazing and superb at facilitating our meetings!!! Happy to be present, Break Out exercise brought folks together, Good Meeting, Don't be discouraged by managements letter, the BOD decides, cooperation is happening, We have come a long way, Go To Meeting is much better this time with projector, thanks to Bill!; taking some getting used to, but allows remote folks to join in; Nice turn out, everything is improving in our process, respectful process, feels good to move forward, positive meeting.

Meeting Adjourned