

Attendance: Jim Sahr, Kim Allen, Anita Parish, Sue Theolass, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Lucy Kingsley, Vince LaRochelle, Diane McWhorter

Other Participants: Charlie Ruff, Justin Honea, Wren Davidson, Bill Wright, James Nason

The first part of the meeting was a closed session to discuss sanction recommendations.

Crafts Lot Name Suggestion: Ken suggested the Avant Garden which will be forwarded to the decision-makers.

Crafts Lot Planning: Justin brought the Booth Selection Criteria for Crafts Lot for our update and review. It is time to pick up the process again to put things in place for the 2015 Fair. Most of it had not changed from the earlier document, but there are additional Craft Committee responsibilities:

- CC will help determine the timeline and highest priorities for affinity groups to transition into Crafts Lot, with Management and Registration.
- CC will help to craft and review the Letters of Interest for applications for interested crafters of each affinity group as determined by timeline
- CC will aid in the development of any possible need to craft new agreements for Crafts Lot.

The criteria will still be based on the order of Necessity (erosion and pinch points), and Opportunity (top-juried crafters, requests to move as pioneers from existing locations, solutions crafters, possible temporary booths and new booth agreements).

Goals remain to increase the number of permanent craft booths to a minimum of 250, craft some new booth agreements, and increase the inventory of 1YO booths . There will be a mix of traditional and temporary booth structures.

Craft Committee will assist by reviewing the letter to booth reps asking for the Letter of Interest which Justin will write and email to CC members. CC may assist with articles in the FFN, and other emails and mailings to crafters, and assist in Guideline changes if needed, (although we do not meet in December.) A guideline change is not required to increase the number of 1YO booths as ten was set as a minimum.

CC may review and assist with choosing among the LOI applicants in January and February.

A suggestion was to consider changing the entrances to bring guests through the new area, as traffic flow was a problem in the establishment of Chelamela. Path Planning has considered this but it is not a solution being proposed at this time, due to multiple issues with crews and booths.

Guideline Changes: Craft Committee will recommend two guideline changes.

Current Guideline #49: Prohibited Items: Imported or manufactured items are inappropriate for the Oregon Country Fair.

Proposed Guideline #49: Prohibited Items: Imported or manufactured items are neither welcome nor allowed for sale or display at the Oregon Country Fair. (the rest of the existing guideline would not be changed at this time.)

Recommendation: Change the language of Guideline #49 as stated: *Guideline #49: Prohibited Items: Imported or manufactured items are neither welcome nor allowed for sale or display at the Oregon Country Fair.* (All in favor 8-0-0)

There was discussion of when this guideline would be in force, as there is confusion about when certain rules apply (for instance during public hours or not.) Sue will attempt to get clarification from other Board members and will suggest that the Preamble state when guidelines are in force.

Strengthen Guideline #60: The committee feels that the present guideline is not sufficiently strong. The committee suggests adding a sentence to the end of the existing language (in italics below.)

Guideline #60: Craft Related Customer Complaints: The OCF may deny crafter status to vendors about whom the Fair has received substantial unresolved customer complaints. Written complaints will be forwarded to the Craft Committee for consideration. *The Oregon Country Fair reserves the right to prohibit anyone from selling at OCF or any product from being sold at OCF.*

Recommendation: add the sentence to Guideline #60 as follows: *The Oregon Country Fair reserves the right to prohibit anyone from selling at OCF or any product from being sold at OCF.* (All in favor 8-0-0)

Workshop Scheduling: We will hold a guideline worksession on Thursday December 11, 6-9 pm. If by chance LUMP does not meet on the 10th we would prefer to meet on the 10th.

Elders as Crafters: Wren (and some others) got caught up by the guideline change that said Booth reps and crafters could not be crafters and elders at the same time. She understands that the intention was to just apply that to the allocation of a wristband, not a status change for the person, but it still prevented her from being honored as an Elder if she chose to remain a crafter. She suggests some separation of the wristband part from the honoring part. There was some agreement but it seemed like an issue for Elders to decide. The intention was not to remove the honor. There was discussion of a mentoring role for crafters who do elect to retire to the Elders, so they would have a role. A juried cooperative crafts booth for retired crafters is also a possible suggestion for the future.

Minutes Approval:

Motion: Approve of the October 8 minutes. (Jim/Cathy) All in favor (8-0-0)

Next meeting will be January 14, 2015.

