

Attendance: Jim Sahr, Kim Allen, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Anita Parish, Ken Kirby  
Other participants: Jeff Harrison, Bill Wright, Jeff Allen, Deane Morrow, Sue Theolass,  
Justin Honea

Minutes transcribed from voice recorder by Diane McWhorter, not complete

Discussion of **booth that allegedly collected sales tax**. There is one report complete with sales receipt that shows tax was collected. Booth rep needs to be contacted as a first step of investigation. Possible actions are suspension of booth rep by Craft Inventory.

Jeff left after this discussion due to a prior commitment.

Discussion of **Craft Committee process and Registration interface**: Jim was concerned about input on this internal issue from those outside the committee, but there were not a lot of guests present. The committee asked for a report from Registration but one was not prepared for the meeting. Ken summarized the issue as the committee having become used to input in the past from Registration for information regarding booth placement and other craft issues. Anita suggested that there is often information from crafters that needs to get to Registration, and in the past it was instrumental in creating policies to include dialogue between Registration and Craft Committee. She would like a post-Fair report for the benefit of both bodies. Quarterly attendance by a Registration representative or even a written report would be great. The committee is working on guidelines for the Board stemming from some process glitches this past year and would like input from Registration (and Craft Inventory).

Appreciations from the committee to Registration were given. Justin said he was not feeling respect from the committee and felt the process at the meetings was not conducive to good communication. There was too much tension so he couldn't attend. He lost many seasoned members of Registration this year and could not find a representative to send. He agrees that there is a need for input between the two bodies. He does not write a post-Fair report (does it in person to his crew) and sees the need to help the committee track the many changes that affect the craftspeople. There were some misunderstood emails from the committee (which were apologized for) that had complicated the situation.

**The discussion ended with mutual respect and ease to work together in the future. Justin agrees to provide an April (after jurying, possibly rescheduling the April CC meeting) and a September communication regarding how the booths were allocated, and how policies impacted the work of Registration.** The committee is very concerned about the deficit of craft booths at present. **The committee wants the ability to place flyers in the Registration packets being sent out to crafters in the spring. Registration will put Craft Committee on its reminder list for Registration needs.**

Justin provided information on some **recent Registration solutions** to specific craftsperson problems. The new loop does not include any craft spaces which is a

concern of both bodies. More booth space is needed, but Gypsy Way planning seems to be finished as is, and it will be a great space addition despite not helping the booth space problem. Justin also serves on path planning, and feels there will be booths on the horizon though he can't speak for the committee or to the final results of the planning in process. Deane suggests moving the kids crafts booth into Gypsy Way to free up a couple of booth spaces.

Sue Theolass spoke on the issue of **how craftspeople can get space assignments in a timely fashion** when they are juried into one-year spaces. Moving it up two or three weeks would be greatly helpful. People spoke to how much better the process is now than it was, but still needs improvement. Justin said the one-year-only option is to get the crafter in so they can find a spot themselves, but the system isn't functioning the way it was intended. Sue said the bouncing people don't get listed in the Peach Pit by location, and wonders if there is anything a volunteer could do to assist the process.

Justin was informed of the issue that craft committee identified in the space the big puppets used to use (next to the mask booth). A **non-juried crafter is using the space for night sales and daytime storage**. Path Planning is thinking of connecting the back of Community Village to a huge camping area behind a couple of booths to create more booth space, but Sue identified that zone as important camping. There is still some work that could be done there.

The committee suggested that **staff who want to sell after hours** should do so at Barter Fair, or only in a space identified for them. There has been an ongoing campaign to decrease unjuried after-hours sales. Ken's survey has shown that most of the after-hours sellers do sell handmade items that would meet the requirements. The kids craft booth has worked to get kids off the paths. If a way could be found to accommodate staff crafters, such as a designated booth, it might not be a problem. Path Planning is very busy right now so it is a good idea that can go on the back burner. If Craft Committee wants to craft a proposal, with guidelines, that would help Path Planning to consider the issue.

**Mini-booths** for strolling vendors was on the agenda to talk about with Justin but due to time considerations this was deferred to a future meeting. Justin agreed to attend the next meeting to discuss the proposed guideline changes that came from the Board earlier in the year.

**Fee increase:** Diane had identified an issue with the booth fee increase, but it was passed by the Board as a revenue increase and the committee isn't in consensus that a protest would be helpful. There isn't a clear idea of what could be done. Objections are to putting \$200,000 away in addition to the already saved \$200,000, which could address any rising costs, and raising fees in a bad economic time when boothpeople are suffering losses. The inequity of raising vehicle fees for boothpeople and not volunteers is bothersome, as well as the differing rates for wristbands. An assumption is that the Fair is trying to cut down on passes that go to people who don't work.

**Agenda items for next month:** Changing the jury date and other deadlines to a few weeks or a month earlier was put on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion to be implemented in 2013. Talk about a proposal to find a space for an after hours craft booth for staff who want to sell. Discuss guideline changes. Discuss fee increases.

**Action items:** Anita will call the booth rep in the sales tax case and ask her if she can provide a legal justification for the documented charging of sales tax. She will ask for a response to the letter received by the Craft Committee as evidence.