

Members Present: Jim Sahr, Anita Parish, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Diane McWhorter, Ken Kirby. Members Excused: Kim Allen, Lucy Kingsley (Board Liason)
Other Participants: Bill Wright, Sue Theolass, Jeff Harrison (Craft Inventory Liason)

The Committee reviewed Jeff's report for Craft Inventory from the 2012 Fair. Twelve crafters were gone for the third consecutive year and have forfeited their approved status. A number of others will be notified that they must appear this year. CI continues to work with Registration to make sure as many crafters are placed as possible by encouraging sharing. There are still complaints about imports, and crafters who are running small factories rather than crafting their stock. Craft Inventory is charged with protecting the maker/seller identity of the OCF and takes it very seriously.

They discussed the situation with a booth selling commercially made t-shirts and delegated Diane to contact the booth, as she has worked with them for many years.

Established Kid Crafters receive a point advantage in the jury but it isn't clear how many selling days or years are required to earn this point advantage. The Path Walkers document every day the kid crafter is present. The Committee suggested a guideline requiring that the kid crafter must sell at least six days, or for two years with one of those three-day years being in the last four years. They ought to be trained in the habits of selling every day to keep a consistent presence for their customers. Most kid crafters are under the age of twelve, and often return to crafting in the late teen years after some time off. Earning the point advantage takes some planning and should result in an experienced crafter. Jeff will write a proposed guideline.

They discussed a situation that arose in the selection of jurors this year. Jeff has been asked to document the situation for the Board, and proposed methods to insure it would not be repeated. More stringent review is already in place. There is no evidence that the jury process was compromised in any way. Jeff will send the Board a letter.

The committee discussed several reports of booth reps not treating crafters fairly. Reports are often hearsay and hard to prove. Crafters who are willing to document their complaints in writing are hard to find, due to their fears they will lose their place and not find another. Jeff will write a few letters reminding booth reps of the guidelines.

The Committee continues to request better communication from Registration.

The Committee will work on a semi-annual report to the Board at the next meeting.

Ken reported on the night sales activity, which is improving. Most times when he tells a seller the guidelines, they pack up and comply. The situation of clothing being sold from an unimproved space next to the mask booth was discussed. It was better this year but the space is still being mis-used. We can ask Path Planning again to address it; it seems to

have been lost in the overwork of site repair this season. It could be returned to craft booth use, or tables could be installed to make an eating area, which would ease congestion in that location.

The committee will discuss this again at the next meeting and remind Path Planning that the space needs to be a priority.

Sue announced that she is running for the Board in the October 20 election. Vote for a Fair Family Crafter!

Next meeting October 10, 2012, at 6:00 pm at the town office.