

Final Minutes

Oregon Country Fair Food Committee Meeting 10-26-16

In attendance: Shane, Tom (Recycling), Jason, Jonah, Danye, Larry, Saman, Sue, Brandelyn (scribe)

Agenda: Have everything in place to send out emails to anyone who might be put on probation or suspension. Talk about problem booths and come to a conclusion. Develop guideline proposal for water systems left unattended.

Recycling check in: Recycling is happy to be working with the food committee to streamline process. Every year there has been progress made since the two committees have been working together.

Can we ban items that are not recyclable? Yes and no....water bottles are a tricky one due to traffic crew being sited far out and needing access to water that is easily accessible.

Is there a way to communicate to all camping areas and crews at the fair? Recycling needs to get face to face with all campers. Lots of packaging is being left onsite. Having campers not wait until Sunday or Monday, start recycling on Friday.

Durables discussion: Recycling does not want to handle durables anymore.

When the forks can be washed and dried within 3-days post fair it all works well, we need this to be the focus so that the project can continue.

Currently wash, dry in convection oven, sealed and put away.

What are the other options?

Main concern: when you have a volunteer crew it is hard to have it come out perfect each time, however; with durables it is a necessity that it come out correctly every time (due to health and safety reasons).

We really need some continuity in staff for this process for several years, because each year we have to re-train a new crew and info. and process gets lost.

Additional concerns: compostable plastic cups are having trouble breaking down the cups are "low nitrogen", contaminants are an issue. The small plastic particles stay in the soil.

Biggest problem: 95% of food booths bring compostable cups but 5% have a plastic cup that looks compostable but actually is plastic. If something gets through that is actually plastic it can ruin the entire compost.

Booth probation discussion: actionable issues discussed.

Food committee and Construction cohesion discussed.

Food Crew discussion.

Strolling vendor guideline noncompliance discussed.

FC supports this idea moving forward. All booths must comply with the guidelines.

Many carts are over the guideline size limit. Proposal to send a letter to all over-sized carts that they need to be in compliance with the guidelines regarding size before this year's fair.

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Strolling vendor non-compliance multiple issues discussed:

A strolling vendor may not set up in two locations at the same time. Strollers must vend where they are sited unless an exception has been made.

Justin (registration) is involved with placing the strolling vendors, but we need someone on the grounds to monitor, set up and size. FC will assign a member to monitor onsite.

Letter to all strollers: with the following in mind

- Reiterate guidelines for the strollers
- If you think your booth has an existing exception please contact FC.
- Specific strollers will be invited to a FC meeting to discuss size non-compliance and how we can resolve the issue.

Guideline changes:

- 1) All booth reps need a valid email, address and phone.

January agenda:

Email food vendors that left items onsite past the Teddy Bear Picnic.

November Agenda

Probationary booth discussion w/management.

Next meeting:

Nov. 30th meeting 4 p.m.