

Members present: Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Jim Sahr, Kim Allen, Diane McWhorter, Anita Parish, Ken Kirby, Sue Theolass, Lucy Kingsley

Other participants: Bill Wright, Jeff Allen, Charles Ruff, Moon Rainbow, Fran Chylek, Amy Rochelle

Minutes Approval:

***Motion: Approve the minutes of the November 2012 meeting (Jim/Kim) All in favor.

Charlie spoke briefly to the committee to thank them for the guidelines work recently submitted and to mention an upcoming opportunity to meet with Marie Pickett, who runs a farmers market in Veneta. He has invited her to our February meeting to talk about a new Fair collaboration possibility with Veneta. He would also like the Craft Committee to make sure to make a motion of recommendation to the Barter Fair Task Force to help them figure out the guidelines for the Monday Market.

Guests: Moon Rainbow outlined her situation with her former booth rep, and the Committee tried to help her figure out her options. Craft Committee is a good place for crafters to come to be heard, but the committee has no real power to find space for displaced crafters. Registration generally handles finding new spaces for crafters who are moved from booths; Justin from Registration is the best person to help her find a booth. Craft Inventory says that Moon's former booth rep complied with probation restrictions and Moon is now in the position of finding another booth, using the wait-share list, FFN ads, and solutions. When the booth rep was on probation, it was perhaps irregular to kick out a crafter and change the craft, so the committee will follow up by checking with Registration and Craft Inventory to see if ongoing scrutiny is being given to that booth and booth rep, and if solutions are being looked for in this case, for Moon. We will also be discussing the booth rep system and the terms of probation to see if we can recommend any changes.

Amy Rochelle from Recycling came to the meeting just to find out what kind of things Craft Committee does, and to make contact between the Recycling Crew and the crafters.

Letter for Packet: Next month we will work on a letter for the packet to remind folks about plastic signs, fire extinguishers, etc. Diane will write a proposed draft. It will need to be finished by March.

Lucy reported on the recent discussions of the Barter Fair Task Force. They are working on decision-making structure, how to site the 2013 BF, and how to site the 2014 BF. There continue to be many detailed decisions to be made without a lot of actual BF participants present. The Task Force would love some recommendations from Craft Committee about what they would like to see happen. After a straw poll the committee suggested the following agreed-upon restrictions:

The Committee would recommend:

1. No camping, walk-in only, no vehicles
2. 5x5 and 10x10 booths, and strolling vendors
3. Advance registration and pre-payment only, with wristband checks and enforcement
4. No finished imports; raw materials okay, Fair Trade only
5. Clean up the site, pack it all out, leave no trace

Craft Inventory Letters: should the committee formally support the letters Jeff sent? Jim felt that since we usually do support the actions of Craft Inventory, there was no need for this motion..

***Motion: Craft Committee supports the actions of Craft Inventory in relation to the three letters Jeff recently sent. (Lucy/ Cathy) 7-1-0 (Jim opposed)

Elders Craft Booth: Diane received a letter from an Elder asking the Craft Committee opinion of craft sales by Elders, which she will respond to informally. The Committee clearly favors an "Aging in Place" type of plan for crafters rather than some kind of consignment sales.

Next meeting February 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the town office