

Please Note: The January and February meeting dates will be changed to the second Tuesday of the month, Jan. 10 and February 14.

Attendance: Members: Kim Allen, Jim Sahr, Anita Parish, Ken Kirby
Others: Jeff Allen. Absent: Cathy Coulson-Keegan, David Helton

Recorder: Diane McWhorter

Announcements: Lucy Kingsley introduced herself before the meeting as the newly appointed liaison from the Board of Directors.

Charlie Ruff has expressed intention to attend the January meeting of the CC.

Jim invited Diane to become a member of the committee, and she has accepted. She will write a letter to the BOD requesting appointment, and the committee will write to the BOD as well. Members present were in agreement. She will continue to take minutes as a member of the Scribe Tribe.

Sales Tax Issue: Anita has been communicating with the vendor in question and she explained that she did not charge sales tax, but rather a service fee for using a credit card, and there was some confusion on the part of one of the booth workers that led to the misunderstanding. It is still not correct procedure (different cards have different policies) to charge a 7% fee for using credit cards. There does not seem to be a need to create a policy to address these situations, but Anita will update Charlie Ruff on the issue and determine with him what next steps might be taken. The customer could refuse the extra charge with the card provider. While it is a service to use credit cards, it is also a benefit for the vendor, and often results in additional sales. Some vendors don't process credit cards at all. In the next few years the technology will ease the transactions.

Proposed Guideline changes: Sec. 52: The suggested guideline read: under Booth Sharing, add: "After a crafter has sold at the fair in a shared booth for 10 years, a booth representative may not unilaterally remove that crafter from the booth without mediation and approval by Registration."

This requires a substantial change in the booth rep system and was advanced as essentially a piece-meal approach to fixing the system in one small aspect. It would require involving staff in the booth rep system in an inconsistent way, and should be rejected. If the Booth Rep system is changed, it should be a big conversation involving a lot of stakeholders. Ken will write his summary argument and submit it to the BOD after committee review by email.

***Motion: The committee supports Ken's analysis and position. (Anita) All in favor

Under New Booth Representative: after the first paragraph, insert “If the booth representative leaves the fair or stops selling their crafts, the most senior juried crafter (greatest number of years selling at the fair) shall become the booth rep unless he/she appoints another juried crafter in the booth to be booth representative. Again, this guideline was crafted to fix a part of the system to fit an individual, and is not seen as a necessary policy change.

Guideline #68: Permanent Placement: guideline does not need to be changed either.

The Craft Committee’s position on these changes should be given to the Board before Thanksgiving. Ken will write up the positions and send them to the BOD.

Anita will get the letter to Longlife Candles finished and sent.

Ken was filled in on the early parts of the meeting, before he arrived, and he agreed that Diane would be asked to join the committee. Kim will write the letter in support.

The committee would like a letter sent to management and Path Planning to address the situation in the space around 280. Security might be needed to assist with the changes on Thursday night when she tries to set up. Ken will draft one.

Ken announced that he will have a conflict with our regular meeting night in January and February. The committee agrees to meet on the second Tuesday for those two months and then re-evaluate.

Jen-Lin had been going to bring feedback forms to the committee but let members know that there weren’t any issues that pertained to Craft Committee business. Members miss reading the feedback forms.

Agenda for next month: Revisit the issue of email discussions and comments that cause problems. Cathy should be in on the discussion. Some members feel that the nature of emailing causes problems in communication.

At a future meeting it would be good to have a discussion of alternate booth designs, such as the cathedral arrangement. Communication needs to happen with Path Planning to create new booth space for crafts, to get closer to the desired 80/20 craft/food ratio. This leads to the question of what the vision of the committee is for the future. Before meeting with Charlie in January the committee ought to have an idea of this vision. Some points of it might be to add some new booths, perhaps twelve, in the next few years, and possibly make areas for body art, and other new types of booths. Everyone feels that change is necessary, but the details are worth discussing. If there are guidelines changes needed, what would they be?

The committee also wants to ask Charlie about site plans such as the situation with the logjam.