

Attendance: Craft Committee members: Ken Kirby, James Nason, Lucy Kingsley, Diane McWhorter, sue theolass, Vince LaRochelle
Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Other Participants: Adam Budd (Crafts Inventory Coordinator), Katy Parker (Booth Registration Co-Coordinator), Kirk Schultz (Construction), Paxton Hoag (Board,) Jon Silvermoon (Board,) Hilary Anthony, Samantha Backer, Dennis Griffin, Gary Becker, Dani Derrick, Tine Tesere, Sam Scharf, Selene Neufeld, John Rose, Ascha Champie, Thalia Tredell, Byron Bray, Samantha Haglund, Leslie Finch, EreK Andous, Jay Shuster, John Govsky, Beth Kabat, Romy Benton, Jay Hennigan, Woody Jackson, Krista, KK, Becc, Dawn Scuteri, Kathryn Dubois, L Katz, Janae Stephens, Diana, Tony Walters, Sherry Duniho, Nancy Barry, Kate Whitehorse, Diana DeFazio, Konnie May, Paul, Thwing, Dan Grossman, Adalina, Elisa Saucy, Jean Heneghen, Belinda, Tanera Greywolf, Diede, Keri Roberts, Hoodock family, Joe Murphy, Betsy Resick, Daisy LaPoma, Willow, Kusi, Samonberry, Fiona McAuliffe, Sarah Magnusson, Leah Passaro, Katy, Allyson Barlow, Kelly Frohnauer, Shelley, Tonai, Joe Murphy, Paul, Laurin, Athena R, Jeffrey Falkenstein, Shanna, Erika Milo, Chris Beekman, Shelly D'Amour, Cada Johnson, Jayme Vinyard, AG Newman, Maeve Callahan, Shakina Cloke, Robin Havens, Michele, Alicia Swearingen. At least 88 total attendees.

Announcements: The Board will have a special meeting March 21st to discuss scenarios for the event. Link is on the .net site. Craft Inventory has posted applications on the oregoncountryfair.org site. Craft and Logo Items Applications are due April 1st. The jury will be held April 10th.

Craft Committee member Cathy Coulson-Keegan of Touch the Earth passed away. She will be greatly missed.

There are two new managers, Operations Manager Corey St. Germain and Site Manager Sierra McComas, plus Asst. Mgr Mark Malaska, Office Asst. Alex Zabala, and three open positions: a second groundskeeper, a Marketing Manager, and a Volunteer Support Specialist.

You can email safety@oregoncountryfair.org to register your vax status in advance of going to site.

Craft Committee Report: Diane reported that a guideline was passed that 2020, 2021 and 2022 will not be counted as Leaves of Absence. Another will require hand sanitizer in every booth. The packet letter from CC usually goes out April 1st with the packet and may be delayed, but all the information in it, as well as in this meeting, will be repeated many times so you won't miss anything. Meetings and minutes are available on the .net site. In 2019 there were some guideline changes passed by the Board.

Displaced crafters must now be notified in writing by July 1st, a full year before displacement, so they can network at the event to find a new spot. Booth Reps wishing to transfer their booth to another crafter can only do so to an approved crafter who has sold in their booth for the last five years, including the previous two fairs. This might catch some people mid-planning and will have to be adjusted to fit the situation of two years without an event, so if that is you, please let the committee and Booth Registration know so we can help craft solutions with you.

Craft Committee is looking for new members, ideally those with experiences outside the "older booth rep" demographic currently on the committee. We are also forming an Artisan Involvement group, friends of the Craft Committee, that you can subscribe to by sending an email to the Craft Committee at occraftcommittee@live.com

Booth Registration Report: Katy reported that an effort will be made to do as much of the packet process electronically as possible. Booth Reps will receive an initial email so make sure they have your email address. If you don't have one, they probably already know you and will contact you by phone, but check with people you know who might be missed. The Booth Registration email is

boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org They want to know if you are returning or not before May 1st, but they do not want to collect money until it is certain that the event will happen. Fees are due June 1st.

Operations and Site Report: sue reported in the absence of the managers, who had a meeting scheduled at this time. They answered some questions:

- Should booth people use the work party form on the .net site? Yes, use the form but put your booth info in place of the crew info. This is just to track how many people might be on site and what might be needed by them (health and safety concerns mostly.)
- If you are not attending this year, what do you have to do about your booth? Many booths will need repairs. If you can't come on site due to not being vaccinated, your booth will be secured so that damage or safety concerns can be addressed.
- When can booth repairs start? When White Bird is on site (probably June or late May) it will be safe to work on booths. If you have a specific need to do it earlier, please contact Site Manager Sierra to make arrangements, who will evaluate the situation. sierra@oregoncountryfair.org The Red Tag crew has to do their work and will contact you about any damage to your booth.
- When can we drive in? When the site is dry enough (determined by weather) vehicles with full loads will be able to drive in. it is not currently dry so you have to park at the Main Camp entrance.
- You can go out and clean up your site, assess your booth situation, and enjoy the site by walking in and around. There may still be mud or downed trees.
- Please don't install lofts or set up any structural elements before Red Tag Crew can do their evaluation

Construction Report: Kirk reported on the scope of the booth situation. There will be rot and damage in many structures, and Red Tag Crew has to do their assessment before repairs can happen. That crew is shorthanded, as is construction crew. If anyone wants to volunteer for construction, particularly if they have skills, email Heather Tucker at constructionchick.ocf@gmail.com. They require 80-100 hours to get a pass so that might not be an option, but there might be ways to participate as a volunteer. Red Tags will begin soon, and they will contact you if your booth needs repairs.

Work parties are ongoing and you can register for them on the .net site.

Site and Tree Crews have been working and there shouldn't be many hazards, but if you find one, please report it to the Site Manager.

Questions and Answers: Paxton reported that there will be many added handwashing stations and hand sanitizer stations. That will be purchased in bulk and members will have opportunities to get some, either on their way to site or at some other designated pick-up site. They'd like to coordinate the type of it so that safety will be maximized, so the org made arrangements with local distillers. (Perhaps it could be ordered online and shipped for those who don't go through Eugene ?)

Jay Hennigan reported from IT crew that the wifi was improved for the Xavandu and Left Bank areas in 2019 and those improvements should still be functional. They hope to still add improvements that were scheduled for other parts of the site.

Will the public be required to be vaxxed? The Board passed a requirement that either a vaccination or a test will be necessary for the public, with some medical and religious exemptions to vaxxing. There will be more discussion of these considerations at future Board meetings. At present testing is not sufficient for member participants, who must be vaxxed.

Will it be necessary to take a Leave of Absence for 2022? No, it will not count as a LOA so rejuryming won't be necessary if you already have taken two years of LOA in 2018 and 2019.

If you transition to Elder status, you cannot sell if you get your pass through Elders. If you still get your wristband through your booth, you may still sell, even if you are a registered Elder.

Will masks be required at the event? That will depend on the CDC and Lane County regulations at the time. At present masks are not required.

The site is in pretty good shape overall but there are a lot of berry vines all over the site. You may be able to uproot those by pulling but please don't dig without notifying Archaeology, as usual. The Shady Grove tree came down and that stage will not be used this year. Reed Gray, woodworker, has a few bowls he made from the wood.

It's possible that some temporary booth solutions may be needed if time runs out on rebuilds. Empty booths might be used as one-year-only booths or extra space for distancing. Path Planning has been discussing solutions as well as the usual process of Booth Reg filling them on a temporary basis for one year. They will need to be secured and not look boarded up, in any case.

Would it be okay to be selling only one or two days if you can't make sufficient stock? The expectation is still that you must bring sufficient stock for all three days.

There will be increases in the wristband prices (to \$100.) There was not an increase in the booth fee itself, or the vehicle sticker fee. If the event is canceled there will be refunds.

Can booths take on additional crafters if someone is displaced? Yes, in most cases. That would be arranged through Booth Registration. Generally they have the ability to purchase with two passes and a vehicle sticker.

There aren't restrictions on the number of passes you purchase, but if you can purchase fewer this year, that will support the goal to reduce the population.

Please be patient with staff and volunteers as they are not necessarily in the position of making decisions, and are adapting to pandemic conditions too, so all the kindness and understanding you can bring will be appreciated.

The next Board meeting is April 4th at 7:00 pm, and will be available on zoom and YouTube. You can email the Board at board@oregoncountryfair.org.

All of the info shared in this meeting will be widely spread in the next few weeks and months.