

Attendance: Ken Kirby, Lucy Kingsley, James Nason, Diane McWhorter, sue theolass, Kim Allen

Other Participants: John Govsky, Jay Shuster, Dani Derrick, Paxton Hoag, Adam Budd, Katy Parker, Vanessa Roy
Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Introductions and Announcements

Staff Reports: Vanessa announced the Peach for the Stars Donation campaign, the Annual Meeting on Saturday, and the election deadlines. It's Budget time at the office. The database project is being relaunched. Hybrid meetings are now possible in the office, with six people comfortably at the table and ten people possible in the space.

Board Liaison Report: The vax policy is rescinded for now, subject to change.

Coordinator Reports: Katy reported that the Quick Books info has been caught up and inventory reports will soon be generated. Electronic communications and recording will continue to be expanded. The cost of receiving electronic payments was a lot higher than expected so that will need to be researched and adjusted for next year. There should be a discount for nonprofits.

Agenda Review: ***Motion: Approve the agenda (Ken/James) 5-0-0

Minutes Approval: Minutes of September 14th

***Motion: Approve the minutes (Ken/Lucy) 5-0-0

Guideline Changes: If any are going to be submitted, this meeting and the next are the last chances to do that.

Booth Representative Description: A quick look at our previous document indicated that it is nearly complete. The word "equally" was changed to "equitably" in regards to sharing costs. Booth Registration is able to process payments from individual crafters a little bit more easily than in the past, so possibly the role of the Booth Rep can be less essential. Taking separate payments for things like the booth fee is a problem, so Registration usually asks that that kind of sharing payments be done internally in the booth. Maybe the booth fee itself could just be changed to a crafter participation fee.

Some of the bigger booths could possibly be split into single crafter booths, though that might cause problems with camping. That would probably need to involve Path Planning and possibly Construction. The time to do it would be when it changed hands or is awarded in the Permanent Placement process.

A Town Hall on the Booth Rep system might be ideal for drawing out concerns from more voices. A survey could include even more crafters if it were sent to everyone, not just Booth Reps. A survey could provide safety for crafters who are afraid they will lose their place if they speak up about their arrangements with their Booth Rep. A Town Hall would have to be focused so it didn't turn into a complaint session. A survey could be crafted by email and then discussed at a meeting, with a Town Hall scheduled later.

Presently the database probably holds about 60% of crafters who are not Booth Reps, and about 98% of Booth Reps.

Ingestibles: The few crafters who were allowed to continue to sell tinctures and other ingestibles have been complying with providing licenses and insurance documents, which are put in a folder (paper and PDF) by Registration. There isn't any practice of verification of them or further action. New products, such as mushroom extracts, are being developed all the time, so a clarified guideline would be helpful.

Teas are handled by other events as "prepackaged foods" which are not allowed at OCF. It would be possible to not label them that way. Protecting the traditional methods of wildcrafting and growing herbs ought to be part of the goals. If something for the "Craft Specifics" could include some details, it might be possible to not make a guideline change.

Service booths could be split off with clear requirements for licenses, inspections and insurance, and perhaps that category could include other booths that don't sell material crafts.

The meeting was closed for confidentiality.

Permanent Placement Process: Three artisans were selected for permanent booths. Normally only one or two booths would be awarded, but due to the pandemic it was felt that more could be possible this year.

In order of choice, they were:

1. James DeRosso
2. Tyler Spencer
3. Dustin Lyons

They will choose booths in May, working with Booth Registration crew, who will determine which booths are available.

Next meeting: November 9th