

Attendance: Committee members: Diane McWhorter, sue theolass, Lucy Kingsley, John Govsky, James Nason, Vince LaRochelle, Ken Kirby, Kim Allen Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Other Participants: Adam Budd, Mark Phinney, Doug Quirke, Sierra McComas, Paxton Hoag, Vanessa Roy, Alicia____, Ascha Champie, Fire Bill, Mat_____, Richard Wiget, Rob Goettler, Samantha Backer, Suzanne Glick, Shari Trnka, Dennis Griffin, Liz_____, Lutawellness, Sylvia_____, Woody Jackson, Wren Davidson, Peter Huiras, Colin Liotta, Carlyne Lynch, Amy B, Janae Stephens, Daisy LaPoma, Liz Shuster, Jay Shuster, Mariah Albanstoft, Alison Grayson, Beth Kabat, Jonathan Briggs, Debbie Bloom, Debbie K, Katherine Getta, Thalia, Alicia Swearingen, Angela Lees, Ashtine, Brian Alexander, Elizabeth Winship, Erika Milo, Fiora_____, Holly Gonella, Joanie Proctor, Matthew Lauritsen, Tash Wesp, Jenna, Felice Nirenstein-Rich, mindzeeye, Jack Inglis, fransita, Alissa Clark, Faith Jennings, K, Thwing, Elizabeth, Ramon Averett There were 66 participants at times.

Introduction: Diane welcomed everyone and went through the following reminders: Duties of Craft Committee, Booth Registration, and Craft Inventory Crews. Ask Quartermaster for the proper direction to crews such as Bee Crew, Camping and Re-Solutions, and so on. Read the guidelines and share the packet materials with others in your booth. Mentor or help new people to learn how to navigate the complexities. Support each other and stay healthy, and protect others' health. Get yourself into the Peach Pit (<https://forms.gle/ZZdB76Rz2taygAwS8>), Artisan Directory (vanessa@oregoncountryfair.org or <https://www.oregoncountryfair.org/type/artisans/>), and on the Craft Committee interested members list (ocfcraftcommittee@live.com). You can access a reader-friendly version of the Craft Policies on the .net site under the Booth Rep page.

Board Liaison Report: sue reported on recent Board actions such as the guidelines regarding firewood and ash wood.

Site Report: Sierra McComas, Site Manager, gave the following list of booths with damage: 850: sign fell off; 416: fallen tree; 101: rotten posts; 44: minor damage to bamboo wall; W13: minor damage; 210: crushed by tree; 212: minor damage from tree. There is other damage on site. There are invasive plants and other tree parts to clean up. Deadlines are listed in the guidelines for various aspects. Please do not rake duff. Be thoughtful about what you bring to site, including on your shoes. Do not dig or cut brush.

There are new guidelines regarding ash wood, pallets, and firewood in efforts to control the Emerald Ash Borer and other potential invasive species. Please read them and check with Sierra or Construction if you have questions.

Coordinators Reports: Mark reported for Booth Registration. They will be using the email packet again this year, with the addition of a page on the oregoncountryfair.net website where all types of information for Booth participants will be posted. <https://oregoncountryfair.net/information-for-booth-reps/> Links, documents, and references can all be found there. You will get an email soon asking you to state your level of commitment this year which will determine what will follow. Getting that data will help with making decisions about how many one-year-only booths there will be and the extent of the wait/share list.

Adam reported for Craft Inventory. The jury for material crafts will take place April 8th. Applications are due by April 1st. Esoteric crafts have a different jury process. Body care products and other similar items are juried using samples. All of the information can be found on the Zapplication or by emailing

crafterinventory@oregoncountryfair.org If you are juried in but don't have space, you can be on the Wait/Share list. Email boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org to get on that list.

Logo items will be juried at the April Board meeting and applications can be found on the oregoncountryfair.org website. You must already be juried in to sell logo items.

The Permanent Booth Placement process is outlined in the guidelines. You need current jury scores for that process regardless of the length of your participation in OCF.

Booth participants did not need a formal LOA in 2020, 2021, or 2022, but they will in 2023 if they do not participate. If you sold in 2018 or 2019 you are still current as an active crafter.

You can share your booth with any approved crafter that you wish to, just let Booth Reg and CI know.

People who are having trouble jurying their products should be advised that the jurors change every year, and often it helps to have good photos, with something spectacular or attention-getting for best success.

Staff Report: Vanessa reported that 3-day tickets will go on sale March 17th with regular ticket sales opening on April 1st. Attendance will be capped at 15,000 tickets sold per day (public attendance.) Teen Crew applications are still open on the .net site. Guidelines should be completed by April 1st.

The Peach Pit is offering a 60-character listing by enrolling at <https://forms.gle/ZZdB76Rz2taygAwS8> For the Artisan Directory you can email vanessa@oregoncountryfair.org to be listed. There is an updating link on the directory if you are already there, at the bottom right of your page.

The Spring Fling will be May 6th. Donated goods are being collected for fundraising for Culture Jam. You can drop those off at the office or get them to Norma or Vanessa. Volunteers are needed.

There will not be a vax requirement this year. Any Covid protocols will depend on what the CDC recommends, or Lane County requires.

Recycling: Pack it in, pack it out.

Fire: Fire Bill asked everyone to please be vigilant about fire hazards. Every booth is required to have a current, inspected fire extinguisher. Campfires require permits. There will be extinguisher trainings on Wednesday and Thursday of the event week. Propane tanks must be secured. Each booth needs two five-gallon buckets, one full of water, one with wet burlap in it. Please refer to the guidelines with questions.

Construction: Booth construction guidelines are listed in the guidelines. Please stop working once the event opens. Safety first.

Main Camp opens on June 3rd and at that time you may begin to work on your booth. You may visit the site any day, but for safety reasons they ask that you not do construction or demolition when there is no medical staff on site.

During the Q&A period concerns were expressed about the ordeal caused by restricted access to the site during pre-Fair for people wanting to do construction on booths. Being denied access, forced to unload and wait for gators, and being delayed for unknown reasons all create repeating problems for booth participants who need to coordinate their efforts.

People in one-year-only booths need more certainty in their locations this year. Last year was a difficult year with a lot of new participants and 2023 should be much smoother.

