

Craft Committee Minutes: 2/13/2024

Format: Zoom

Attendance: Lucy Kingsley (Facilitator) , Jay Shuster (Scribe), Ken Kerby, Kim Allen, Vince LaRochelle, Arna Shaw, James Nason, Sue Theolass

Staff: Vanessa Roy

Other Participants: Doug Quirke(Registration), Adam Budd(Craft Committee), Arbel Shemesh, Gerardo Fuenzalida

Introductions and Announcements: Arna will have to leave at 6:00. Refund policy will remain the same this year, plan to try and change again next year.

Agenda Approval: 8-0-0

Minutes Approval: ***Motion: Approve the minutes (Arna/Jay) 8-0-0

Guest Concerns:

Arbel asking about construction communication. Be patient, try again, physical work can't start until Main Camp is open.

Gerardo expressing concerns about cheating on application and guidelines violations. Committee/ coordinator response: Please let Craft Inventory know, this is a major concern, they will investigate but don't always have a quick fix. Violating crafter name and or booth number and description of craft are helpful when voicing these concerns.

Board Liaison Report: Sue

New Data Privacy Policy was approved, find it on the .net site.

Guidelines proposals were next on the agenda, proposed weapons ban, with so many things considered potential weapons discussion spiraled and in the end firearms are still banned no other language was added.

All minors must be in the database.

Volunteers must be 18 by Wednesday of fair week.

Teen crew ages were clarified as 14-18.

Guidelines apply at all OCF sponsored activities.

Booth refund date change: not passed will revisit next year working with food committee.

No late fees.

Sound guidelines change was put aside at the request of ED who is forming a task force to report findings in November.

There is a motion coming up at the March board meeting that people might want to pay attention to, it is to allow anybody to watch any recorded meeting except for closed

meetings. A lot of people have concerns about that. feel free to talk with Sue or Arna and come to the March board meeting to share your thoughts.

Emerald Ash Borer task force has their first meeting on February 28th, all are welcome, details on the .net site. The more of us who are informed the better.

In addition to board report Sue shared that she has been checking the Craft Committee mailbox and is responding to questions and concerns. Mostly people asking questions that the response is to try and jury in. There is one ongoing issue with two crafters who made a trade and one is not responding.

Discussion followed about the privacy policy as well as questions about non-computer users. Information gathered is essentially the same as ever plus email. Registration will help crafters who don't use computers through the process, payments can still be made at the office. All online payments are through a third party no one will be holding onto credit card information. Fair will own all the hardware and software for the new system which should be very helpful. Be patient as this new system rolls out. If you have questions ask Vanessa she will do her best to answer.

Staff Report:

In addition to information Vanessa shared while answering questions during the board report, staff is working to integrate the new guidelines which should be out around or before March 15th. They will be available online first and then hopefully in print at the end of March.

Early bird tickets go on sale April 1st.

Spring fling is May 4th, yes there will be Star Wars related stuff.

New ticket seller is Afton tickets. We will be selling tickets at the office again not just online etc. We will have a dedicated customer service line.

ATT is not planning to have a temporary cell tower this year, crafters should be aware and plan accordingly. If you are an ATT customer and so motivated you could let them know how this affects you especially if you are considering changing service as a result of this decision. Discussion issued and Doug plans to mention this in the first letter going out to crafters from registration in the next day. The staff will not get involved on Facebook, any individuals acting as individuals are welcome to bring this up there.

The site is still very wet though not under water. Look up if you are out there as no one wants damaged limbs falling on them.

Coordinators' Reports: Doug from Registration reports that the first communication from them should be out tonight or tomorrow. It will mainly be informing folks about the new

deadlines and process for informing Registration of intent to participate this year. The initial process for those attending is to log in and check a box saying they plan to attend. If someone is not planning to attend they are asked not to log in but to email registration. Mid March folks should be informed of fees and how to pay them. First half of booth fees will be due April 1st second half May 1st.

Adam from Craft inventory reports deadlines for applications have changed to March 22. Applications have been open for a while and we already have about 120, most come in the second half of the application period. If people have application questions reach out to Craft inventory crew.

Old Business:

Jay will serve as scribe at least until the 2024 event

Crafter welcome letter: Topics were brainstormed and the old letter was looked over. In addition to topics from the past we must add new deadlines, info about ATT not bringing cell tower. Jay and Lucy took on completion of the letter ASAP.

New Business: Consider the possibility of redoing the jury process at next month's meeting. Sue and Lucy propose we make plans for the May town hall at March meeting. (Do these topics belong here or should they be elsewhere and I'm confused?)

Next Meeting: March 13th 5:30-7:30 Zoom find the link on the .net site.

Meeting Evaluation: It's nice to get done a little early, thanks everyone.

Vanessa has question about town hall length. We agree on 1.5 hours.

Appreciate Lucy facilitating.

New craft committee emails shared for those that missed them.

Arbel expressed interest in possibly joining committee and the process was explained.

Thanks everybody.