

Oregon Country Fair

Craft Committee Minutes

March 11, 2026

Format: Zoom

Committee attendance: Lucy Kingsley, Jay Shuster, Sue Theolass, John Govsky, James Nason, Ken Kirby, Tash Wesp

Coordinators: Adam Budd, Morningstar Owens

Staff liaison: Vanessa Roy

Board liaisons: John Govsky, Lawrence Taylor

Scribe: Christine Claringbold

Announcements: Lucy will not be able to facilitate the next two meetings (April and May) due to travel plans.

Saturday Market starts on the 4th.

Agenda Approval: Sue moved to approve March agenda. James seconded. All in favor.

February meeting minutes approval: Sue moved to approve February minutes. Jay seconded. All in favor.

Board liaison report (John and LT): Membership secretary has resigned.

Board approved filling the open seat vacated by George, with Felicia Kirsch. John wound up not voting to approve it because it was a majority vote not a super majority as most board decisions are.

Approved 2026 capital projects budget.

Sunshine database is now up. Not for crafters yet. Working on emailing crafters from the database.

Ticket sales are off to a good start. Changes to full price June 16.

Guidelines are supposed to be on the .net site in early March, printed version available at Main Camp. Craft applications are closed. Teen crew requests open April 1 - May 15. Work session with a lot of input on changes to bylaws. Mostly changing language now that we're doing hybrid voting.

LT reminded us about the motion from February to set renewable terms for committee members. There's been a referral to the committee best practices committee to try to find some factual basis to the assumptions underlying that proposal. LT and Indigo are working on that, anticipating questions sent out to all committees. As for the bylaws work session, it is anticipated that the proposals will be referred to the bylaws committee. Intention was to have the most operationally significant changes lined up in advance of this year's election. John and LT are both expected at a closed session at 6:30 this evening. Vote on committee terms is postponed to May meeting. The report from CBP committee is due in May. Not being fast tracked.

Staff report (Vanessa): Guidelines went up today! Added a button at the top of the page, and everything is refreshed on the craft booth side. Please review. Might do about a week before sending off to printers, so they will be in-house hard copies in about a month.

Ticket sales are encouraging. Sitting at about 3700 sold right now. Shirts, commemorative sales, stages, poster (most amazing ever!) are in the works. Come to Spring Fling to see it. There is also a help page at the top of .net. You can email out of the database now. Payments have been turned on but booth reg might still be doing some work on that.

Co-event manager is the business model but the person who started in January is a junior events manager. Mark is coming back into his old role to train her and get her ready to go by July.

Coordinator Report - Craft Inventory Report (Adam): Test round 1 jury on the 22nd at 2:00 pm at the Fair office. Will take 6 hours if looking at all 477 applicants. Ken asked if we were scoring entries or is this just to do an up or down decision? Adam hasn't finalized that yet, agreed to start an email chain to make those decisions together. Everyone should bring a laptop. Sue will bring two and there is one at the meeting place.

Booth Reg report (Morningstar): 17 craft booths and one stroller have paid so far. Booth fees should be in people's carts. Should be able to email tonight with better instructions. Waiting for an email update to get pushed through. Then crafters will be notified and can pay the booth fees. But it should be in the cart, just haven't been able to let people know yet. However, Jay is finding that his cart is empty with nothing to pay for. Maybe because he took a leave of absence last year. Morningstar made a note and will work on getting this fixed.

The process for requesting additional passes is still through booth reg, not Sunshine. They use a google form which they will email to you. Check payments will be processed this weekend. Will know how many booths on April 8.

The process for reviewing your Peach Pit entry is the same, please take a moment to review it. The Peach Pit is still available on the .org site, kind of hidden. Email vanessa@oregoncountryfair.org for help. Hoping to do the 1 year onlies right this year, we will likely do a page of them at the info booth and in PP as long as they are entered into PP by May

1. Made a supplemental web page for them last year, always check the website, people are being added all the way up to Fair. May 15 is the drop dead deadline for PP - goes to print around May 20 to be on shelves by June 20 every year.

Will have numbers by the meeting on the 8th. Booth fees only, wristbands are later.

Vanessa recommended using Chrome, using a PC instead of a Mac, to Tash who asked what would be a good laptop to get for using the Sunshine database. Morningstar said please just call booth registration, you don't have to buy a laptop just for Sunshine.

Food News: Sue shared the new food booths.

- Friends United BBQ in space where RAW was
- Fizzworks - simple flavored fizzy water drinks, in space of Herbal Junction
- Horn of Africa space split for this year between Earth and Spirit Elixirs, and Peekaboo Mexican Delights
- In SOS Space where Azure Ocean used to be - Brandywine Fisheries (smoked fish)
- Pizza Frida - Native American fry bread where NW Empanadas used to be - will be open late
- Community Village gets Be Heavenly - they have a truck at Kesey Square in Eugene. All vegan.

Old business:

Craft Policy Review: Jay had sent around a document with proposed edits and comments. The document was reviewed as a group and some items were updated, changed, edited or deleted for better clarity. For example, removed the part about crew leaders being board appointed when they are now management appointed; removed the part about the "pink sheet"; added a reference to Craft inventory "whirled headquarters" (booth 52), so folks know where to go; changed info about maintaining the database to "managing" it because Sunshine maintains the database; added a reference to Sunshine (Sunshine crew is known as OCFIS); added a separate paragraph to explain what Sunshine is; updated the language about number of years in a booth before you can become the new permanent Booth Rep; clarified that the Wait/Share list is not ranked by jury score and the process for getting on the list; rewrote the part about the types of booths.

Lucy asked Jay and Morningstar and somebody from Craft Inventory to form a subcommittee and to get together before the April meeting to finish reviewing the whole document, and then bring that back to the April meeting.

Morningstar says Construction has been building mostly single crafter spaces and we do have people giving up permanent booths, if we could offer those original booths - what does craft

committee want to say about how many booths we need to have for 1YO? James would like to see us raise that number.

Pre-Jury public event: James said we can't get the longhouse up at LCC, to do a public event for the jury items and give a chance for the public to meet the jury. Wondering if we should put it off until next year. This would happen on the 28th which is also the date of the next No Kings protest. Haven't done any public announcements either. The committee agreed to wait till next year.

New business:

Agenda for Town Hall scheduled for May 3: Lucy will send out an agenda which the committee can tweak at the April meeting. She will be in town for the town hall and can facilitate.

Meeting evaluation: We did some good work, and will continue to do more!

Sue volunteered to facilitate the April meeting.

Next meeting: 4/8/2026 5:30-7:30 Zoom