Standards Committee Meeting Minutes            September 16, 2015

Attendance: Lynn Brown, Teresa Pitzer, Sheila Pointer, Alan Pointer, Paulette Richards, Paula Gourley, Dave Lee, Deb Huntley, Sue Theolass, Shawnna Holmes, Misy Hansen (2nd meeting)

Guests: Paul Keller, David Winship

Staff: Kimberly Cullen

Recorder: Diane McWhorter

Please note: Items may not appear in consecutive order as they were addressed at the meeting, but may have been rearranged for clarity. Points of discussion are statements of individual members and not necessarily the consensus of the whole committee.

Introductions and Announcements: Intros around the room. Misy Hansen is intending to join; this is her second consecutive meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

***Motion: Approve the agenda as written (Paula/Paulette) All in favor 9-0-0

Prepackaged Foods: none

Pressing Member Issues: none

Carryover Screenings: Paul Keller: Telescoping Smartphone Tripod: Paul invented this device to take timed photos with a smartphone. He used telescoping antennas for legs, fastened to a plastic T-saddle plumbing part and flexible plastic-coated wires to make a holder for a phone. He drilled holes in the plastic part to connect the legs, which he connected with cutbolts and lockwashers. He used hot glue to attach fabric (which he cut) to the inside of the saddle to pad the phone in place, and he mounted the flexible wires to hold the phone in photo position. The tripod fits in a nylon carrying bag he designed and had commercially sewn and printed for it. He estimated that each tripod took about an hour to make.

Discussion: There are a lot of commercially manufactured components that he assembled though he does have to modify some of them with handwork. The simplicity doesn’t make it not ingenious. It is a product that is different from any of the pieces on their own. He said he could make the bags but it would take too long; they are an improvement over a paper or plastic bag. It’s a neat product though the Holiday Market may not be his best marketplace. The Committee reviewed Core Standard #2 which states: “The member contribution to a finished product must outweigh the contribution of any commercial components used in the making of that product. Skills in craftsmanship as well as creative abilities, ingenuity and design skills are examples of member contribution.”

***Motion: Approve the tripod (Shawnna/Dave) Motion passed 8-0-2; Item approved

Elena HochBaum: Painted Rocks: Small rocks with intricate painted designs, lettering on reverse side.

***Motion: Accept the painted rocks (Sue/Shawnna) All in favor 10-0-0 Motion passed; items approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 19. Correction to the wording of Pipes discussion: delete the sentence beginning with “OCF changed the…” which was incorrect information.
***Motion: Approve the minutes (Dave/Sue) All in favor 9-0-1 (Shawnna)

Administrative Report: No new Notices of Concern, no followup information. The Board sent the Scent and Sound policies back to the Standards Committee for more discussion and possible rewording.

***Motion: Approve the Admin report (Lynn/Paulette) All in favor 10-0-0

Old Business: Scent and Sound Policies: The Board had a few concerns with the wording of the policy recommendations. Some suggestions from their discussion were: the two policies should sound similar. The Board appeal option should be included. There is no provision in either policy for any possible consequences for the complainer. Discussion points included the view that if this were clothing extending into a neighbor’s booth, there would be no question that the member would be asked to confine their goods to their 8x8 space. The two policies can differ as the sounds generated are generally addressed more as a behavior issue rather than a product issue. There is an in-between state where the policy stops and the GM has to find a way to navigate the steps of mitigation with the member, which is where most of the tough problems lie. Would it help to bring the complaints back to Standards if mitigation fails? The policy should support the GM so that they can have the authority to solve the problem. The Standards Committee is not really the place for enforcement issues, but is more product-focused in scope. Enforcement falls to administration with the Board as back-up.

***Motion: Send the policies back to the Board as is (Shawnna/ no second) Motion failed due to lack of a second.

The Committee discussed and crafted a Recommendation for Scent: Members should be aware that strong scents can trigger asthma and other health problems. It is recognized that scent may be integral to the sale of a product. However, as scent may be difficult to contain, the Market requires that members whose product may have an impact beyond the confines of their booth be sensitive to the impact of their product on other members and the public. Members whose products generate member or public concern may be required to take mitigative actions. The General Manager is charged with developing a process which may include but is not limited to changes in packaging, display, formulation or other actions deemed reasonable by the General Manager. If mitigation cannot be successfully accomplished the member may lose their right to sell the products in question. All final decisions by the General Manager may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

***Motion: Accept the new language (Paulette/Sue) 9-0-1 (Deb) Motion passed.

Sound: Recommendation for Sound policy: The Market requires that members whose product may have an impact beyond the confines of their booth be sensitive to the impact of their products on other members and the public. It is recognized that the generation of sound may be integral to the successful sale of a product. However, as sound cannot be contained, if the respective parties cannot create a workable compromise between themselves, it will become the General Manager’s responsibility to impose a compromise in consultation with the parties concerned. If mitigation is not successful the member may lose the right to sell the product in question or the right to sell at
Saturday Market. All final decisions by the General Manager may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

Discussion: Most sound issues are primarily controlled by the behavior of the member in response to the use of the product by the public. It involves products but is not always as product-based as the scents (for example, people working in their booths on phases of their crafts which make sounds.) Rarely would it be an issue that couldn’t be solved by discussion between the affected members, and it would become more of an issue at Holiday Market than on the Park Blocks.

***Motion: Adopt the new language (Sue/Alan) 9-0-1 Motion passed.

Pipes: Dave Winship spoke about the new artistry in glass art opened by the use of borosilicate glass in the last thirty years in the US. Eugene used to be the center of the universe for this although perhaps Denver has eclipsed Eugene, however, Eugene artists are still incredible and it is the first time in the 4000 year history of glass that a product has come from industrial use to artistic in this way. The kinds of products they make are much more artistic than simple glass pipes.

Discussion: When the pipe sales were banned, the manager surveyed the members selling on a particular day and asked about the issue. OCF allowed the sale of pipes this year after lots of discussion and there were no issues. The sellers asked for ID and the age of 21 was required (18 is acceptable for tobacco use.) Glass sellers are forced to sell at the FSP when they should be at our Market. Checking IDs takes training for alcohol monitoring, but no intoxicants are involved in the sale of these tools, so there won’t be much reason to try to use a fake ID for this product. The question of who will be liable if IDs are not checked was considered.

Some members do not feel pipes are a family-friendly product, whether for tobacco or other uses. Others are worried that underage customers might handle or steal the products, so maybe some type of cabinet or protected display could be required. Cabinets or other displays separating the customers from the product could be required, but aren’t required of any other products.

***Motion: Send the following recommendation to the Board: Recommendation: The Standards Committee recommends to the Board of Directors to allow the sale of pipes and smoking equipment. Purchasers must show proof of the age of 18 years. (Lynn/Sue) 9-1(Dave) -0 Motion passed.

New Business: Intra-Market Transactions: Is it really necessary for the Standards Committee to be involved in these transactions? The handbook says only if it is a dominant component. The purpose is to restrict the sales of the product to one booth only. There are several of these products, such as items with drawer pulls or buttons made by other members, but those are not dominant and those transactions are encouraged. Other combinations; such as, chopsticks and chopstick rests, present a situation in which each component may be viewed as equal rather than dominant over the other. Soap dishes could be displayed with soaps but not sold in two booths. Glass pieces that are wire-wrapped are not sold in both booths. The items are transformed by the additional artwork.
It is essential to stay true to the Maker is the Seller ethic, but the goal of the Market is to increase member sales. The discussion did not result in any changes to the guideline.

**Discussion topic for future meetings**: Definition of handcrafting and handcrafted items. Advertising is using the word handcrafted to mean things like hamburgers and beer, so further definition would benefit our interpretations of the guidelines.

Collaboration is different from a single craftsperson making items alone, but is not necessarily outside the guidelines. Attribution should at least be given.

***Motion: Adjourn (Paulette/Alan) All in favor. 7:20 pm. Next meeting October 21, 2015***