Standards Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017  5:00 pm

Attendance: Voting members: Paulette Richards, Teresa Pitzer, Alan Pointer, Sheila Pointer, Alex Lanham, Non-voting members: Tym Mazet (will resume voting after Annual Standards Review), Kim Allen (2nd meeting), Jeff Allen (2nd meeting), Jamie Gentile (2nd meeting), Elvin Middleton (1st meeting)

Staff: Kimberly Cullen  Recorder: Diane McWhorter

Guests: Jill Krol, Sara Krol, Shane Stark, Michele Farley, Sage Liskey, Ginny Griffin

Introductions and Announcements: The next screening will be on March 29th. There is a bill in the legislature regarding pipe sales (OR HB 2556)

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. All approvals are pending the provision of all required licenses, labeling requirements, and payment of fees in a timely manner.

Agenda Approval: Commercial Frames was moved from the agenda for this month to give members more notice.

***Motion: Approve the agenda (Teresa/Alan) 5-0-0 All in favor

Minutes Approval: Minutes of 2-15-17. No changes.

***Motion: Approve the minutes (Teresa/Sheila) 5-0-0 All in favor

Full Committee Screenings: Prepackaged Foods: Shane Stark, TBS Apiary: Shane works with his family on a farm with a commercial kitchen where they process the products of their bees. They use raw honeys and make mustards and BBQ sauce that are sold fresh. They sell many flavors of honey, honey sticks, beeswax, and Royal Jelly. They sell at other markets including LCFM at the Tuesday and Winter Markets. They do use employees in the packaging but not the making of the products, but try to hire family only. He will be the person selling.

***Motion: Accept the honey products (Teresa/Sheila) 5-0-0 All in favor  Amend: add: as paperwork is complete. (Alex/Sheila) 5-0-0 All in favor

Michele Farley: The Wise Owl: Tooth Care products, including mouthwash and tooth powder. She is already approved for other body care products but these were questioned until the laws could be checked to see if they were considered to be “ingestibles” which would require a licensed kitchen. The law did not mention these products but does require tamper-proof lids for this type of product. She supplied proof of insurance and will make sure they have tamper-proof lids.
***Motion: Approve the mouthwash and tooth powder pending paperwork and tamper-proof lids (Teresa/Sheila) 5-0-0 All in favor.

Jill Krol: Cookies: Jill is adding a new product in response to customer interest. She brought ginger cookies but plans to add sugar cookies as well. They will be sold in sealed bags in quantities of nine or one. She works in a commercial kitchen and provided her lease, proof of insurance, and food handler’s card. Her labels lacked sufficient contact information but she will add a business card to the package.

***Motion: Accept the ginger snaps pending paperwork is complete and contact information is on labels. (Alex/Alan) 5-0-0 All in favor

Books and Pamphlets: Sage Liskey: Rad Cat Press: Sage has made zines for several years and has had a couple of books published by print-on-demand. He cuts and binds most of the books himself and most of the content is original. A couple are compilations of art and writing done by others, but those he binds himself. He brought about nine of his current twelve publications.

***Motion: Accept all of his current books except the Phases of the Moon one (Teresa/Alan) 5-0-0.

Discussion: Other members use found content but make the books themselves; commercial binding is also acceptable when the content is original or nearly all original. He sees his work as similar to collage when he uses found content.

Ginny Griffin: Denim Bags with Patches: Ginny makes bags from pants, fully lined, using the pockets and sewing the inseams to make sturdy straps. Some are from new pants and some used. The patches are purchased and are said to be handmade (machine embroidered) by the retailer. She feels that the patches add to the product although she does sell bags without patches.

***Motion: Approve purses with no more than two patches on them (Teresa/Alan) 5-0-0 All in favor

Discussion: She is approved for the bags without patches. The guideline on patches was intended to regulate the sale of the patches themselves, not as a commercially made embellishment on other items. In this product the handmade component of the sewing and lining outweighs the impact of the decoration, but if it were covered with patches that might not be the case. She has been asked to rescreen if she uses other types of embellishment.

Eric Myers: Logo T-shirts, Skid Gloves: Eric has his shirts commercially printed but he designed the logo and it is not text-only, so they meet the guidelines. The Skid Gloves are commercial work gloves to which he has glued patches of plastic in places where they will protect the hands. Some of the plastic is heat-formed at an angle to conform to the hand shape.

***Motion: Accept Eric’s t-shirts (Teresa/Alex) 5-0-0

***Motion: Accept the skid gloves. Amended to add: with a disclaimer that they are not safety-rated (Teresa/Sheila) 4-0-1 (Teresa).
Bianca Hutchison: Painted Wood: This was brought to the full committee as it appeared to be a commercial object, but as a plaque it represented more of a canvas than an object.

***Motion: Approve her art (Teresa/Sheila) 5-0-0 All in favor

Discussion: There were concerns that the gloves were commercially made but the addition of the plastic patches makes them another type of glove, transformed to a specific purpose, and no longer useful for the original purpose. The second question is whether the handmade component outweighs the commercial components. Members felt that the ergonomic shaping of the plastic took effort and skill. Protective gear is sometimes rated by ANSI but un-rated products can still be sold as long as they don’t claim a rating. There was concern that in the past some trucks and wheels were offered for separate sale that were not handmade, and that his longboards need to be handmade.

Pressing Member Issues: none

Administrative Report: Kimberly reported that she is busy getting ready for opening day.

***Motion: Accept the Admin report (Teresa/Alex) 5-0-0 All in favor

Old Business: Rescreening after absence: Because policies and guidelines do change, members who leave for more than a few years might need the opportunity to get caught up. Leaving for two years is relatively common for people who use leaves of absence, but three years is less common. Some do use the sustaining membership option to pay less to keep their membership current, others let it lapse or pay the full membership.

***Motion: Members who have been absent from selling at the Market for three consecutive years must re-screen. (Amended to add “consecutive”). (Alex/Sheila) 5-0-0 All in favor.

The motion did not mention attending the orientation. This may not always be needed. Currently the GM makes a recommendation to them if she thinks they would benefit from the orientation.

***Motion: Require the GM to decide if people need to be re-oriented and apply them if it seems fit. (Alan/Teresa) Rescinded.

Sale of Alcohol: Last year the decision was made to not make a rule about alcohol sales unless someone was applying. Investigation of the regulations showed that there would be some difficulty applying for the licenses without knowing the exact location where the alcohol would be sold. Insurance requirements seemed complex and the costs to change the insurance were unknown.

***Motion: Do not allow the sale of distilled spirits at the Saturday Market. (Alex/Alan). Withdrawn.

Discussion: Kimberly explained the current insurance situation, which is not settled at this time, leading her to be reluctant to include changing the current “liquor exclusion” on our policy right now. When the situation is resolved and the policies are written, there would be a better opportunity to investigate what additional costs or arrangements might be needed to allow alcohol sales. While small distilleries are popular and increasing, it may be better to wait and see if someone comes along who would be a
good fit, rather than making a rule against it. The insurance doesn’t allow it now, so no guideline is needed. Members requested that the information be found regarding the costs of insurance.

An attempt to call the question failed on the grounds that there was not agreement on the use of calling the question in committee meetings. The motion was withdrawn and no votes were held.

**New Business:** None

**Meeting Evaluation:** The committee got a lot done. It’s good to see new people at the table.

Adjourned 7:00 pm.