Saturday Market Standards Committee Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2017

Attendance: Paulette Richards, Teresa Pitzer, Alan Pointer, Sheila Pointer, Jaimee Gentile

Absent: Sue Theolass, Alex Lanham, Kim Allen, Jeff Allen

Staff: Courtney Kauffman

Recorder: Diane McWhorter

Guests: Mary Millard, Zac Gardiepy, Mike Schwab

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.

Introductions and Announcements: Paulette will step down as Co-Chair after this meeting. Thank you for your work! A new volunteer is needed. Alex will continue with screenings but wants to take a break from meetings.

Agenda Review: No changes

***Motion: Accept the agenda as written (Alan/Teresa) 5-0-0

Prepackaged Foods: none

Full Committee Screenings: Mary Millard: Ink Box Tattoos: This packaged tattoo system is similar to henna except it uses inks which develop over time. Ingredients are natural and safe and the skin is not penetrated. Mary will sanitize the tip of the applicator between uses. Although stock designs are provided she will use original designs for her decorating.

***Motion: Accept the Ink Box Tattoos (Teresa/Alan) 5-0-0 Motion passed.

Zac Gardiepy: Torchless Nail: This product is a system for lighting marijuana oils with a battery-operated heat system. Zac is the person producing the 3-D printed case and putting the components together. He designed the case, lays in colored parts in the production, and handpaints details on the plastic case. All 3-D objects need to be approved by the Board as well as the Standards Committee. He does not own the company but is the exclusive maker of this product. It uses lithium ion batteries so members wanted to make sure the charger was the right one for those batteries.

***Motion: Accept his product if the charger meets muster (Teresa/Alan) 5-0-0 Motion passed.

Mike Schwab: Fun Photo Booth: Mike is a photographer and plans to bring props and costumes to take fun photos which he will then enhance and email to subjects for a donation. He will pay a fee on his income and any commissioned appearances he makes from contacts made at Market. He thinks of it as a fun activity and a service to build community rather than a product. He will also promote his forming group of an Artists’ Brunch Club. He requires electricity (not available on the Park Blocks) so will need batteries.
Pressing Member Issues: None

Approval of Minutes: Corrections: Remove “excused” from the attendance. Standards members are either present or absent, not excused.

***Motion: Accept the minutes (Teresa/Alan) 4-0-1 (Jaimee)

Administrative Report: Courtney reported that there are still scent concerns but no Notices to address. A soapmaker did come to the Board to show and ask about using Plexiglas boxes but the Board did not feel the boxes were a requirement they wanted to impose at that time.

***Motion: Accept the Admin report (Teresa/Alan) 5-0-0

Discussion: What does it mean that the scent issue was turned over to the Board? The Standards Committee felt that the guideline was written as strongly as possible and didn’t find any ways they could strengthen it. A suggestion was made that a generic formula for soap could be documented and given to new makers, but those are available online and most members do not want to tell their secrets to successfully making their products. There may be some expertise that could be accessed to help committee and Board members understand the processes used, but what will solve the specific problems of a product remains hard to pin down.

New Business: Questions for the hiring process: The committee was asked to formulate at least one question to ask each candidate for the GM and Promo Manager positions. Presentation of a scenario was thought to be a useful method for discovering a candidate’s problem-solving process and to see that they had researched our policies, handbooks, and other information available on the website. The scent issue is currently sensitive so a sound violation was suggested, when sound essentially represents hawking. The suggested scenario for the GM was: A Notice of Concern has been filed by a member about another member’s product that makes noise. How would you approach the situation?

A backup question could be: What do you think is the future of hand-crafting?

For the Promotions Manager: Members are known to complain when their products are not featured in the advertising. A question might be: How would you promote and advertise the Market in an inclusive way so every member felt included and their product honored?

Diane will send the questions out for approval and then forward them to Kim.

Meeting Evaluation: Need more people. Volunteer recruitment might be something to ask the candidates about. There seems to be less participation by volunteers and more work done by staff.