

Standards Committee Meeting Minutes- January 24, 2024

In Attendance: Candice Westberg (Co-Chair), Willy Gibboney (Co-Chair), Chuck Roehrich, Don Parker, Sophia Laverdiere, Anna Lawrence

Absent: Michael Baldree

Staff: Shannon Lee- Hutson, Sonia Ostendorf

Agenda Review/Amend/Approve:

Amend agenda with additional names for Pressing Member Concerns.

Motion: Approve Amended agenda Anna/Willy 6-0-0

Approve Minutes: November 8th, 2023

Motion: Approve Minutes from November 8th, 2023. Don/Willy 6-0-0

Pressing Member Concerns:

There was much discussion regarding a number of members whose products are in violation of the Standards Guidelines. Action in a variety of ways has been implemented regarding those members, whether sending them a Notice to Appear before they register for the SM 2024 season or to see them at SM once we are on the Park Blocks in 2024.

Scents continue to be problematic for a number of members, especially from soap. Odorous soaps when not on display must be kept in plastic bins with a tight lid. Are these soaps being cured for 6 weeks?

Motion: All soap makers must wrap their individual soap bars. Anna/Willy 6-0-0

Housekeeping:

Election of Co-Chairs for 2024:

Candice Westberg (Chuck/Willy 6-0-0) and Anna Lawrence were elected to these positions. (Chuck/Willy 6-0-0)

Minute Taker:

Motion: Anna Lawrence will take the minutes for 6 months during meetings where she is not chairing. When Anna is chairing the meeting Sophia Laverdiere will step up and take the meetings minutes and eventually take over the position. Anna/Willy 6-0-0

Standards Committee Presentation: Shannon Lee-Hutson

A presentation of Board mandated Standards training class is to be presented to the Standards Committee by the General Manager annually. After reviewing the document the GM realized that it was outdated and need to be revised to be current. The Standards Committee has the document and they were given homework before the February meeting to bring it up to date.

A change in the New Member application (back page, #4, of 2024 membership application) is the addition of a clarifying statement regarding an artists compliance with SM standards: "I understand that upon one week's notice I am required to produce proof of my process(es) in the presence of a representative of the Standards Committee, any item offered for sale. New Members may be required to show proof of their processes." (This was a motion in 2023 and approved at that time to be added to the application).

Code of Conduct: Forms were handed out that outlined the required Code of Conduct of Standards Committee members to sign.

Old Business:

Standards Guidelines were discussed and given final approval before the Guidelines "go live" for the 2024 season.

Don Parker clarified that under Laser/CNC/Plasma Cutters that the standard needs to read: The third sentence must say "Any files used in a commercial program must also be the sole work of the member and not produced by a scan of any prototype of any medium or downloaded from any source..."

Motion:

The third sentence shall say, "Any files used in a commercial program must also be the sole work of the member and not produced by a scan of any prototype or of any medium or downloaded from any source"...

Don/Anna 6-0-0

Motion: A general approval of all the edits to the Guideline Handbook from 2023-2024. Don/Anna 6-0-0

Businesses with Employees:

Discussion of the SM rule about use of Employees was started. There are a number of businesses that utilize employees to produce their product. No decisions were made but the topic is to be continued in ensuing Standards Committee Meetings this year.

Product Copyrights, Licensed Images and Trademarks:

Discussion about these 3 items (Copyrights, Licensed Images and Trademarks) has become an important topic as our market continues to grow with new members.

Motion: The artistic rendering or re-purposing of any licensed images, names, logos, characters, etc will be accepted or denied on a case by case basis, based on the degree of uniqueness and originality evident in the artists' interpretation as determined by the Standards Committee of the Eugene Saturday Market. If in the opinion of the Standards Committee a product is a blatant copyright infringement, the product will not be allowed for sale at SM and will be instantly removed from a vendor's booth. Copying or duplicating the products, ideas, or works of others is discouraged. The SM will not be held responsible for a Member's unauthorized duplication or infringement of others' products, ideas or works. Saturday Market members are responsible for their own due diligence and members are to seek legal counsel on their own accord. Willy/Don 6-0-0

The Maker is the Seller...

New Business:

Work Plan 2024:

- February: Members with Employees
- March: Lane County Fair 2025
- April: Pipes/Headies- SM/ HM 2024/2025
- May: TBD *digestibles*
- June: TBD
- Etc.

Lane County Fair 2024:

Shannon Lee-Hutson presented a new idea to Standards about SM participation in the 2024 Lane County Fair by having some SM Members sell their art in The Performance Hall for 5 days in July. How would the Standards Committee determine our Guidelines/Standards for those participants?

Motion: It is unfeasible for SM to participate in 2024 Lane County Fair. There will be continued discussion during the March meeting for SM's participation in the LC Fair 2025. Anna/Willy 6-0-0.

Next Meeting : Feb. 21, 2024: 5:15

Motion: Adjourn meeting. Anna/ Willy

6-0-0