

Saturday Market Standards Committee Minutes- April 19, 2023

Attendance: Candice Westberg (Chair), Willy Gibboney (co-chair), Don Parker, Jessie Gustafson, Chuck Roehrich, Anna Lawrence, Michael Baldree

Staff: Shannon Lee-Hutson, Silver Lee-Hutson, Sonia Ostendorf

Recorder: Anna Lawrence

Guest: Teddi Wheeler

No other attendees.

Introductions: Each committee member and staff and guest introduced themselves.

Announcements: Gayle Wyant will be on a 2-month LOA. She will return in June.

Teddi Wheeler as guest presenter of the circular knitting loom.

Guest Presentation: Teddi Wheeler. Apparently there has been some discussion as to what constitutes knitting. All about knitting...There are many tools used for knitting. One can use their fingers with very thick, barely twisted yarn for large blankets. Also knitting spools, also known as "nancys", when nails are put into the end of a spool which creates a tube or eye cord like the cord you can see on sweatshirts or sweatpants as the draw strings. Reins were also made from stripped rawhide or string. The earliest reference for knitting that Teddi found was from 1535 in Strasbourg, France. The next reference was from 1589 near Nottingham, England with a man named William Lee where the first machine knitted stockings were knit for Queen Elizabeth the 1st. His stocking machine was somewhat like a spinning wheel which was run by a treadle. In 1816 a gent by the name of Mark Brunell invented a circular sock knitting machine which was a greatly utilized during the American Civil War. During WW1 and WWII knitting with needles was taught to injured soldiers as a form of physical therapy. Teddi provided a handout with a photo of soldiers knitting that was taken from that era. Other more modern knitting tools include knitting looms which are circular. Many hats today that are created on the circular looms make it difficult to have decreased stitches, so those hats are commonly gathered at the top and decorated with a pom-pom.

Teddi brought a tabletop circular loom to the meeting. This machine has 22 plastic needles and is good for creating arm and leg warmers. These machines are also available with 46 and 80 needles. These machines are not fool proof as the knitter can drop stitches as evidenced by an example that Teddi had available. Dropping a stitch creates a gap which can be crocheted together. This is one of many tools used for knitting. Teddi also brought a machine knitted scarf as an example of machine knitting. This tool for knitting should be considered a tool for knitting at SM.

The question about proper labeling of the good made as to whether it is a machine or hand knit product was raised. Teddi commented that knitted products only need to be labeled as to the fiber content, but not as to how the wool is made... a drop spindle, a spinning wheel, a circular loom or knitting needles.

There were no Pressing Member Concerns.

Approve minutes:

***Motion to accept March 15, 2023, minutes: Willy/Anna 6-0-0. (Anna was not present at the March meeting so she didn't vote).

New Business:

Agenda Approval/Amend/Review:

2023 Work Plan:

Anna asked for an amendment to add tie dye clarifications to the June work plan with knitting/crochet and face painting. Publishing any changes in the newsletter on a weekly basis was recommended. A suggestion was made that Standards committee folks notify those members affected as to any guideline changes. Shannon talked to the result of any changes to the guidebook for Standards. Changes hope to be concluded before the end of the season 2023...and as soon as Holiday Market 2023.

Shannon spoke to the July work Plan re: SM Merchandise. Briefly she discussed ideas re: T-Shirts with guest Diane McWhorter; what members would participate; what % of earnings would go to member vs SM; the process of accepting art would be through a confidential jury to ensure quality control as there would be items with the SM logo, or an approved graphic; and whether to sell these items in an online store and/or in the Artists booth.

***Motion to accept amendments and with any modifications made in the future...to the Annual Work Plan. Anna/Don/Willy: 6/0/1(Jessie)

Feathers and Pottery:

Pottery: Candice brought up the desire to add to the Guidebook under "Pottery" the word "Ceramics" so to be more inclusive to all clay workers. There was some concern about the commercial molds being categorized as "ceramics" using a commercial mold and there was concern about new members thinking Standards was approving that form of clay work. Discussion ensued about clarity of topic re: molds, ceramics, and clay. It was concluded that Ceramics could be added to the title of that division with the addition in the body of that subject of the definition of no commercial molds being allowed.

***Motion to approve changes: Anna/Willy/ Don 7-0-0

Feathers: to Clarify the use of feathers in art, Candice wanted to add: See the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. www.fws.gov/law/migratory-bird-treaty-act-1918 for new members and for clearer reference.

***Motion to Approve additional information: Don/Willy 6-0-1 (Jessie)

Review /update Hawking definition:

Candice read notes from a law page she Googled that included "Calling out and confronting" "solicitations of sales means the activity it requires to make sales or to influence customers to come to your booth by calling them to get their attention or by conducting demos in anticipation of sales, including demos outside your booth". Hawking is continuous and loud, audible solicitation to the customer. These activities are not permitted. Our strolling vendor Frog was brought up and suggestion was made whether he should be "Grandfathered" (this

word used in lieu of a more pc word) in The subject has many facets, and the committee came to the decision to do some homework around Hawking and discuss under Old Business at the May Committee meeting.

***Motion for us to do more homework and continue this discussion in May as Old Business: Anna/Willy 7-0-0.

Services:

“Services provided by Members at Market must meet the following requirements: any service that requires licensing, insurance or a permit ~~must attend a full committee meeting~~ must bring current papers to be presented at the office on an annual basis. Examples of these services ~~that would need to attend a full committee meeting~~ include but are not limited to mechanical services, massage therapy, physical therapy, technical consulting. Examples of services that do NOT need permits, licenses or insurance include but are not limited to face painting, faith healers, tarot readers, henna tattoo artists, sound healing.”

***Motion to approve changes: Willy/Anna 7-0-0

Streamlining meeting approval process for a timely arrival at the Board of Director Meeting: Discussion and clarification of the process as to the Standards Committee minutes will be proofed, edited by committee chair and co-chair, then sent to GM for inclusion in the Board packet, for the Board of Directors approval and then returned to the Standards Committee for their approval. This means that the un-approved committee minutes would be presented to the Board a month after the committee meeting. (For example: April’s minutes will be presented to the board in June. The Co-Chair of the committee will present to the Board in May a synopsis of April’s meeting).

Old Business:

Standards Committee Member Structure:

During the previous administration of the Standards Committee there were 2 co-chairs. Under the new administration there will be 1 chair and 2 co-chairs. The 2 co-chairs will each act in their position separately and for a 6-month period. Willy will be the first co-chair and Jessie in 6 months (starting in September).

***Motion to table Old Business: Anna/ Willy 7-0-0

Next Meeting: May 24th, 2023.

***Motion to Adjourn meeting: Anna/Willy 7-0-0