

Minutes: Oregon Country Fair Board Meeting
June 28, 1981

Present: *Sandra Bauer, Mos, *Lucy Parker, Ron Chase, Harold, Ron Saylor,
*Bill Wooten, Jim Guthrie, Indra Stern, Nancy Albro, Reese Prouty,
Mike Martin, Mike ?, *Palmer Parker, Camille, *Gil Harrison,
Pat Coyn, Sally, Jill Heiman, and others

Facilitator: (6 Board members present)
P. Coyne (followed by S. Bauer) Recorder: Jill Heiman

Meeting called to order at 8:30, following a potluck at Palmer Parkers

Announcements

1. T-shirts: coordinators must present T-shirts lists to Nancy this week.
2. Video scheduled for KVAL Monday, 6-29
3. Wanted: small dump truck for use during the Fair. Contact Jim Guthrie at 342-1038
4. Entertainment: highlights include Ramblin Jack Elliot, Slim Page. Utah Phillips will not be performing due to conflict in travel arrangements
5. Location of freezer trucks at the FAIR has been moved about 25' to make room for booths
6. East Indian food exhibition and Wild Life Safari (cheetahs, monkeys, photos) are new additions to the fair

Lost Children

Moved and seconded that during the sweep, lost children should be directed to childcare (Not to Odyssey)
Parents should be moved up and out toward Odyssey, where radio contact with Childcare will be maintained during the sweep. Parents are encouraged to radio descriptions of the lost child to Childcare; (so they can be informed promptly whether their child is there.)
)DO NOT radio child's description up from Childcare, because there is no efficient way of recording the description up there)

After the sweep, families will be reunited when the children are brought up from Childcare.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Fair Book

Camille brought portions of a book she is writing. The book concerns the Fair. Comments about the work that is done so far were very favorable. Camille plans to find a publisher to buy the book and then distribute it.

t Camille wanted to know if the Fair would pay \$1,451.00 for 25% of the royalties and some control. (Her full proposal is on file with the secretary) Discussion focused on these three issues:

1. can the Fair afford the venture?
2. does the Fair think this is something that it wants to put energy into?
3. how will the Fair chose among the various publication proposals?

After discussion, the Board defeated the proposal because of the cost, also noting that energy and funds should be harnessed for purchasing land and other more immediate Fair activities, as well as the other reasons mentioned.

MOTION TO DENY FUNDING PASSED 5: 1

Motorbike rental for traffic - good idea and within traffic budget.
Motion to rent bike passed unanimously.

Budget problems: The treasurer reported on overspending, which has become a very serious problem. It is almost certain that the Fair will operate at a loss this year.

Of particular concern is the abuse of long-distance phone privileges, charged to the Fair's number. DO NOT CHARGE TO THE FAIR PHONE: use phone only for emergencies, otherwise write. When you have to use the phone for emergency, CALL COLLECT.
Particular offenders: entertainment and food.

Food booths:

The food booths are now being coordinated by a large staff, doing the work that used to be done by Main Camp at little extra cost. 1980 was the first year Toby Alves functioned at a coordinator apart from the registration effort. 1981 has seen the growth of a beauracracy that concerns the board. After discussion, the Board and Fair members attending the meeting became particularly concerned with the following issues:

1. why the food committee members are given three camping passes when they have a camping pass from their booth?
The purpose of camping passes are not for compensation or reward, but to enable workers to stay at the fair.
This budget item amounts to over \$1,000.00]

How will other workers react?
2. why food committee members get food vouchers when then have food available?
3. why T-shirts?
4. is there a conflict of interest when food booths themselves control space allocation?
5. why should the cooler be open for most of the day?
why does the staff who "guards" the cooler get paid an hourly wage? why not work as the rest of us do?
why does the staff who works for money also get food vouchers?
6. role of the advisory committee

Discussion showed great concern by everyone present about the issues and the hope that the food people would agree to reduce their budget in conformance with Board recommendations (see next page)

Concerned with disappointing committee staff who might be counting on the fringes, but also concerned with 1. budget, 2. fairness to other Fair staff who work for meager rations, 3. propriety and fairness of the existing system.

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Moved and seconded that Fair representatives (Santos, Gil, Jim Guthrie) meet with the Food committee to convey Board's concerns and recommendations. Meeting scheduled for 4:00 Sunday June 28 (at Fair site) right before Board meeting.

Food Committee will be notified. (done)

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded that the following changes be recommended to the Food Committee Budget- only the most nec. changes with other issues to be discussed after the fair:

1. Cut out food vouchers, camping passes to committee members. (presently 3 camping passes per member- members already should have pass from their food booth)
2. cut out T-shirts if there is a shortage for those people whose function must be identified to the public at large

Motion passed unanimously

Moved and seconded that telephone privileges be denied to Food committee.

Discussion: warn them first that phone is only to be used in rare emergencies, and then the caller should try to call collect. DO NOT CHARGE TO FAIR PHONE FROM ANOTHER PHONE: call on your own number and present the bill to the Fair. If it was really an essential call, it will be paid.

Keep calls to a minimum/ time to a minimum/ dial direct when rates are cheap.

Motion to deny phone privileges defeated by 2:1 (3 abstentions)
~~May be reconsidered if warning and change in method doesn't work.~~

These recommendations will not be made final Board action until the meeting on June 28, after the Food Committee has had notice and an opportunity to present their side of the story.

Meeting adjourned.

