

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD MEETING, 6/17/82 at Lamb Cottage

Grievance Committee. Liason person, Mary Wagner made phone contact with each member of the committee to discuss an approach. She said they:

- ** would like to try to solve problems ahead of the Fair,
- ** will not try to deal with solutions during the Fair,
- ** will be available to listen to complaints at Main Stage each day at 10 AM,
- ** will bring problems to the Board if appropriate.

Food Booth Complaint. A returning member who has a Charter Membership complained of being turned away this year. The Food Committee reviewed their decision with the Board and were supported for it. Lucy moved and it passed that Lynn meet with the Committee again with a facilitator if she like.

Following this item, Mary Wagner moved that the Grievance Committee make itself known and work out a procedure subject to approval of the Board of Directors. It passed.

Ave proposed that the Board give an endorsement to a certain group of wood carvers to do some art work in the Fair. Jim Guthrie agreed to represent the carvers and to work toward some viable ideas to propose to the Fair.

Dead Concert. Tickets will be \$12.50. There will be two stages. Entertainment will start around 9 AM, with the concert in the afternoon of August 28. Mary moved we approve the contract subject to Jill's approval.

Genesis Juice's issue has come before the Board again for a final resolution. The Board asked Brad Probst more questions and made a specific complaint about changing their menu by Fair time last year. Other complaints from Main Camp were that Genesis staff was unresponsive to Fair personnel and were not compliant with the Fair Guidelines.

Brad agreed to be out of the Fair by Sunday night.

In response to Brad's complaints that the Fair has made unfounded allegations against Genesis Juice, the Board directed Robert to retract any accusations regarding quality of Genesis's products and apologize for there being a negative impact on Genesis regarding food quality. Below is the main body of a letter Robert read to the Board of Directors.

"In the period of time since the Fair put Genesis on probation for not complying with Fair Guidelines, I have learned a few pertinent facts I wish we knew before we acted as we did.

'First of all, as a result of our allegations that Genesis served bad food at last year's Fair, Genesis members have put in a great deal of time trying to validate that accusation. Nothing conclusive has come up. Nor has there been any contact made with any individual who was directly affected by bad food from their booth. Never-the-less, negative rumors are circulating which are causing a great deal of stress to members of the coop.

'My feelings are that the publication of Fair meeting minutes has spurned these rumors and the Fair owes Genesis an apology
(over)

for having made accusations which cannot be proven.

'The Oregon Country Fair should not be the perpetrators of damage due to rumors and untruth.'

Robert Aurnague-DeSpain
Secretary

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 27, 6:30 PM Potluck at Main Camp

July 4, 2 PM meeting
4 PM potluck