

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD MEETING, 8/16/82

Medical Report. Lucy Parker presented the White Bird report. Problems were discussed, and a committee of Lucy, Ted Campbell, Daniel Meyers, and Mari Nomack was appointed to meet and then report back to the Board.

Lucy also suggested and Mary Wagner heartily agreed that internal security (Info) and White Bird work more closely. White Bird is willing to provide a training program and some staff help for the Information staff.

Kathy Ging of the Oregon Energy Round-Up suggested the Fair buy some display boards she has. The Fair felt it does not need them.

Guidelines and the rock controversy. Sandra Bauer presented the problem of craftspeople selling imported crystals and stones, which does not technically meet the Fair's standards. One idea discussed was that since jewelers need imported and uncut stones for marketing, these items could be sold before or after the public hours or under the counter, but not be displayed in view of the public.

A motion was passed to uphold current Guidelines requiring handcrafted, hand-gathered and hand-grown items, and that the burden of proof be on the sales person.

New items will be juried from now on, and the new Guidelines will have more clarification.

Registration problems. Two booths sold pot cookies. Another booth never brought any crafts, but sub-leased the booth space. A few other problems were discussed, resulting in the expulsion of three old booth members and probation for three more.

The Board appreciated hearing the recommendations of the Registration Committee and would like to continue hearing serious problems before action is taken.

Little Saigon. Robert is uncomfortable being asked to clear, clean up and change the contours of the Little Saigon area without Board approval. After discussion the Board moved to go ahead to clear brush, clean up and move dirt into the low hole in the pathway, specifying that this decision does not infer future development of the area.

To ward off a debate on Fair policy on sale of alcohol and controlled substances in the Fair, Ron Chase would like to have the Board issue a statement reaffirming the policy at the 9/19/82 Grievance Committee meeting. The Board approved and Ron and Mary Wagner will draft a statement on the history of this issue. The Board feels privileged to be able to enforce this policy and keep the sheriffs from policing us. The Fair is not inviting people to break the law.

Next General Meeting, 9/12/82, 6 PM at Main Camp.

Grievance Committee Meeting, 9/19/82, 7 PM at Growers Market.