

Board Members Present: Wally Slocum, Robert Thompson, Moz Wright, Lucy Parker, Mary Wagner, Palmer Parker, Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, Jon Silvermoon.

Approval of Minutes: The Board minutes of January 29, 1984, were approved by the Board.

Announcements: The Annual Meeting is March 25, 1984, at 7pm at the WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln, Eugene, OR. Nominations are open for a Board of Directors position. There are no booth people on the Board now, please nominate someone or if you are interested call Kay C at 747-5830.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting will be approved by the Board at the meeting on March 4, 1984.

Reminder-NASCO Board Training. Saturday, February 25, 1984, 10am to 5pm. Bring your own lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw Review Committee: A lot of work is needed before the Bylaw revisions could be approved by the Board, so Robert Thompson moved we table the discussion and set a date for a special meeting for the Bylaws only. Motion seconded and passed. A date for the meeting will be set at the next Board meeting.

Staff Appeal Process: The Board of Directors appointed these nominees as the Staff Appeal Committee: John Winslow, Maida Belove, Robert Painter, Lucy Parker, Fred Silvestri. Alternates are Robert Aurnague-DeSpain and Joan McDonald. Robert Thompson moved the term of this committee be until the first Board meeting after the 1984 Fair. Motion seconded and passed.

General Fair Management: Jon Silvermoon moved the Board accept this proposal: That in order to facilitate effective communication during the Fair among the Fair family and in order to ensure that those staff empowered to make significant decisions can do so with as much as the necessary information as possible, the following procedures to be followed during the Fair:

1. At least one coordinator, or their designated substitute, from each functional area of the Fair staff shall attend a coordinator's information sharing meeting to be held each day of the Fair including the Thursday prior to the Fair, at a designated time and location. (Suggestion, each night after closing...before or after sweep?) If prudent, decisions may be made at this meeting. However, those delegated or empowered to make "emergency decisions" can still do so when necessary irrespective of the information sharing meeting. Of course, the expectation would be that the circumstances surrounding these significant "emergency decisions" would be explained, if appropriate, at these information sharing meetings.

2. Each coordinator or Board member will check Odyssey for messages if they do not normally carry a radio. Motion seconded and passed.

Grievance Review Panel: We are not getting enough volunteers to serve in the pool for the selection of a grievance panel. Brian Rohter suggested we postpone the selection until after an announcement can be made at the Annual Meeting to recruit more interested people.

Legal Council: Mary Wagner reported that she has done some research in forming the Fair some optional legal council. She will present some suggestions at the next Board meeting.

1984 Guidelines will not be ready to be mailed out with the Annual Meeting announcements. Jon Silvermoon moved the Board authorize a separate mailing for the Annual Meeting announcements. Motion seconded and passed.

Booth Construction Guidelines: The following guidelines are presented for approval by the Board. Any suggestions or revisions should be submitted in writing with copies for the Board members by the next Board meeting.

IF YOU DON'T GET ANY FARTHER READ THIS:

SIMPLICITY-As an organization we would like to encourage the concept of nomadic types of structures. Avoiding elaborate massive structures is a policy we feel is necessary to avoid losing the character of the Fair and potentially running the risk of confrontation with the County.

NO BRUSH CUTTING-Violators will be expelled for one year. In recent years much of the natural ground cover that lends to the unique character of the Fair has been removed. Use existing campsites and encourage the growth of natural barriers between camps. No additional clearing permitted.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY-Any loft structure must be built soundly. Staff on site will be available to assist you with determining what is sound. Please contact them before you begin construction.

Anyone Involved in BOOTH CONSTRUCTION Please Read This:

Whatever you build should,

1. Be built with the understanding that the area floods up to 5 feet deep.
2. Be ultimately removable, striving for a temporary character.
3. Be compatible with all standards listed elsewhere in the Oregon Country Fair Guidelines.
4. Be built with adequate structural support. The OCF Staff is available to assist in determining what is adequate.
5. Be of sound construction with,
 - a. poles packed in sand or gravel,
 - b. all ladders removed to upper loft after the Fair,
 - c. sound flooring and railings on lofts,
 - d. loft maximum floor height of 8 feet. Any loft to be built above this height must be approved by a member of the Staff.
 - e. loft floor space not to exceed 100sq. ft.
 - f. all rotted timber removed from the structure.
6. Be set a minimum of 10 feet away from the Long Tom River banks.

Pay attention to the environment and,

1. Avoid nailing into trees as much as possible and DO NOT USE GALVANIZED NAILS in living trees.
2. Do not use lumber treated with Penta or Creosote. Both substances are highly toxic.
3. Remember that poured concrete is prohibited.
4. Be aware that rare plants and trees exist on the property. The Fair reserves the right to limit human access to environmentally sensitive areas.
5. Note that NO BRUSH CUTTING ALLOWED this year. Violators will be expelled for one year. In recent years much of the natural ground cover that lends to the unique character of the Fair has been removed. For this reason no additional clearing is permitted. Use existing campsites and encourage the growth of natural barriers between camps.

HOW COME ?

This Fair whose magic we all work to preserve, is constantly changing- the land, the participants, the experience. Yet, we have managed for some time to be incredibly unique. Unique enough to survive, swell in numbers, buy land. In doing so we have affected some very noticeable changes upon this land. Some are fine, some aren't. The only way we can raise the percentage of good changes is to communicate. The Reality vs. No One Owns the Land. The Country Fair does- and that's all of us. The Organization-Board, Officers, and Staff- hold the responsibility to effect changes as necessary to preserve the health, safety and quality of the Fair. Let's face it, as a group we have tendencies toward self determination and anarchy, but as a group the only way we can become personally free, (no one telling you what to do) is to become aware of the effects of our actions on those around us and the Fair in general. Maximum Personal Responsibility equals Maximum Personal Freedom.

The brush which has helped make our Fair unique and fairly secure has been caught between a certain amount of megalomania and the thinning affect of the flood waters, especially the winter of 1982.

The gusto with which so many cut brush out in the last few years has exposed much to public view not previously seen or passable, and joined many back yards making it much harder to retain privacy and security. Cuts made by the Staff to preserve the road at Shady Grove changed it from the quiet intimate stage space it was. The crowding of booth spaces, as the Fair has become more renown, made the last few years seem more commercial than ever- with no place to just sit down out of the straw and dust of packed isleways. These things are part of the quality of the life at the Fair and the Fair itself. Is this really what we wish to evolve into?? Can anyone deny that they hope to have as good a time as they can at the Fair. So, our responsibility becomes communicating- with each other and recognizing where personal boundaries end and group awareness begins, thus we can find solutions to our problems. Perhaps our biggest issue is the aesthetic quality of the Fair. To retain the original character requires a conscious change in how we relate to the experience. At current rates the organization has no choice but to make laws to control our change of character.

If we can share the same picture of the future, we will all be there sooner and easier. Thus, what you bring with you to decorate your booth with, can become more what makes it exotic or unique, and less time and dollars consumed building little bonanzas. Together we can retain the brushes and the magic.

Moz Wright

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Dates: This year's Fair dates were moved to July 13, 14, & 15, so the Karamazov Brothers could attend, but Mary Wagner brought it to the Board's attention that these dates conflict with the Arts and Crafts Fair in Salem, OR.

EXT MEETING: March 4, 1984, 7pm at Mary's, 1123 Adams, Eugene, OR

Militator: Wally Slocum

1a: OLD BUSINESS

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ity-Palmer Parker

ga. Council-Mary Wagner

Construction Guidelines-Jim Guthrie

OCF Guidelines-Marcia O'Dell

Bylaw Review Committee-Frank Sharp

NEW BUSINESS

Information-Carol Brewster

agement of the Fair-Ron Chase

