

Board Members Present: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, Ron Chase, Santos Narvaez, Lucy Parker, Robert Thompson, Mary Wagner, Moz Wright, Brian Rohter, John Parrott, George Braddock, Jim Guthrie.

Approval of Minutes: The Oregon Country Fair Board meeting minutes of August 26, 1984, were approved by the Board with the following corrections-

Utilities: Brian Rohter's motion should not have a) set a limit on the number of persons to serve on the Utility Committee. Brian felt the committee should be left open to any and all interested volunteers.

b) Brian did not move the Chairperson "run the committee as he sees fit".

Brian stated he had "faith in his ability" to run the committee.

Sunday Night Incident: Brian Rohter did not say he "would like to file a grievance". Brian stated he considered the incident on Sunday night with the water truck to be very serious and he wanted some disciplinary action taken with those involved. He did not know who all the people involved were, but wanted some steps taken in dealing with this matter. If no action was taken soon he would put forth a motion at the next Board meeting for the dismissal of Santos Narvaez and Ed Moye and any other staff members involved.

Mary Wagner and Lucy Parker of the women's caucus would not "handle any complaints concerning staff members at this year's Fair". They would investigate staff complaints for Sunday night only. If, however, events on either Friday or Saturday concerned that some Sunday night staff complaint then it would be reviewed.

Announcements: A written summary of the Fair survey was made available by Brian Rohter. Notes from the Annual Fair Evaluation were passed out.

OLD BUSINESS

1985 Fair Dates: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain moved the 1985 Oregon Country Fair be held as usual on the second full weekend in July-July 12, 13, 14, 1985. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Budget Report: The financial report of operations for the 1984 Fair was presented by our treasurer, Anya Montgomery. The Fair's excess revenue projection is only \$5,059.84.

The Operational Management Team Report was handed out. It was decided it would be discussed at a later time to allow Board members a chance to read the material.

Election Committee Members: Kay C Renfro, Kaz Sussman, Mary Wagner, Maida Belove, Lynn Collie and John Parrott. Mary Wagner volunteered to be the Chairperson. Robert Aurnague-DeSpain moved the Board approve Mary Wagner as Election Committee chairperson. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. John Parrott asked Mary Wagner if she did not have a conflict of interest due to her involvement in the investigation of the ballots cast at the 1984 Board of Directors Election. Mary Wagner said it was because of that very investigation that she wanted to serve on the Election Committee. The fact that any doubt was cast on the fairness of our annual Board of Directors election was enough reason for her to want to be on a committee involved in improving our future election process.

Fundraising Committee Members: Patti Lomont, Marshall Landman, Carolyn Nelson, Barbara Stern, Brian Rohter, Mary Beth Havel, Craig Patterson and Robert Aurnague-DeSpain. Robert volunteered to be the chairperson. The Board unanimously approved this committee.

Highway Committee: Further archeological discoveries have prompted the Highway Committee to propose an alternative to the proposed Highway 126 bypass near Veneta. A letter and map of our proposal (we'll call Option 1½) was sent to Mr. Jim Gix, Regional Engineer, Oregon State Highway Division, by Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, OCF President. Some of the advantages of the Option 1½ proposal are listed below.

It avoids the western-most archeological site in the southern route;
It decreases the necessary land purchases from the OCF and eastern neighbors;

It returns to the southern option for entry into Veneta;
It affords a smaller bridge over the Long Tom River;
The channel-change may be more desirable than in the northern route;
It avoids about eight acres of trees and undergrowth the Fair values as a visual buffer from the new highway;

There is probably much less organic matter needing to be removed from the field rather than under the trees;

It avoids the 350' log jam in the northern route;
There would be less destruction of wetland habitats;
There would be less mitigation and there would be a possibility for negotiating access to the project over OCF property.

Utility Committee: Only four people showed up for the first meeting- Gregory Howard, Moz Wright, Robert Aurnague-DeSpain and Jim Guthrie. You may still join this committee if interested. Topics to be covered are: electricity, communication systems, and water-both new sources and delivery improvements. Reports will contain: background components; a description of the need for improvements and alternatives to meet that need; a budget; a Fair impact statement. Proposals will include: a course of action; time limits for completion; a budget; qualifications and limitations; any minority opinions.

Jim Guthrie proposed the next Utility Committee meeting be held two hours before the next Board meeting. It was agreed the Utility Committee meet at 5pm, October 28, 1984, at Growers Market.

Sunday Night Incident Report: 54 people were contacted by Mary Wagner and Lucy Parker during their investigation of the events surrounding the closing of the Fair Sunday night. Facts in the report were stated by first-hand eye witnesses only. Anyone is welcome to look over the task force's records and report by contacting either Lucy or Mary.

A short report summary: The breakdown of normal Fair closing procedures (pulling the plugs on the public water barrels and the recycling trucks making pickups in the Figure 8) created the problem Sunday night. At 7:45pm it was decided three vehicles would go through the Figure 8 signaling the closing of the Fair. Santos was driving one of the trucks. Brian Rohter did not like Santos' behavior. He felt Santos drove too fast and was rude. Brian went to Main Camp and demanded something be done about Santos. Harsh words were exchanged among people in Main Camp.

The task force did not receive any reports of injuries or water damage other than Wally Slocum's pants which did get wet. Some people did feel Santos was not driving slow enough, some felt he was driving OK, others in the area did not even notice the truck.

The task force made these recommendations: a) Coordinators wishing to change their normal routines must first consult the Operational Management Team. b) We must all recognize when our coworkers are burned out and offer our help. c) People enforcing the rules must have Crisis Intervention Training. d) Board members whose normal Fair business does not entitle

them to a security clearance (T-Shirt) for entry into Main Camp should, in the future, have allowances made for them. e) Santos took on too many responsibilities this year and should take a vacation from working the 1985 Fair-except he may work construction before the Fair. f) There is too much tension between Board members. To help relieve this the Board Evaluation should take place much sooner than February, 1985. Douglas Parker and Zachariah Schwartz will facilitate this meeting.

Robert Thompson moved the Board approve of these recommendations and see that they are carried through. Motion was seconded. Kaz Sussman called for a roll call vote. All the Board members present voted AYE, except Santos who abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Working Assets: Information on a new money market account, Working Assets, was distributed by Robert Aurnague-DeSpain. It offers an 11% yield versus the 6% presently earned by the Fair's OUR account. However, Working Assets is not in our own community and does not directly benefit our own Fair members as does OUR. It was suggested that Working Assets profiles be examined in more detail. Robert Thompson moved that Anya Montgomery and Robert Aurnague-DeSpain meet with an OUR representative to review Working Assets profile and present their findings to the Board. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

OMTeam Report: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain would like to go ahead and present the OMTeam Report. Brian Rohter moved the OMTeam report be tabled until the next meeting. Motion seconded, but failed, Aye 6, Nay 4. Robert Thompson suggested Robert Aurnague-DeSpain be allowed to give his oral presentation and have some discussion on the issues, but that any decisions would not be acted upon until the next Board meeting. Robert Aurnague-DeSpain did present some of the OMTeam report-the recommendations only. No discussion followed. No Board action taken.

Management Help Required: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain presented a memo to the Board of Directors requesting their recommendation on a suitable solution to the Fair management overload problem. No discussion. No Board action.

Land use Planning: The land use portion of our meeting was devoted to brainstorming on appropriate land-use topics. Those topics receiving top billing are: Field planting; raising and seeding the Figure 8; highway impact; replanting the forest and river banks; preservation of the floral and fauna; establishing a museum for Indian artifacts; and a nature conservatory.

MEETINGS:

Utility Committee: 5pm, October 28, 1984, Growers Market

Board Meeting: 7pm, October 28, 1984, Growers Market

Facilitators: Lucy Parker and Patti Lomont

Agenda-OLD BUSINESS

OMTeam Report

Grievance Procedure Rewrite

Working Assets

Management Overload-discussion

Land-use Planning-discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Committee Proposal

New members to Fundraising Committee

NEWSLETTER: Norma Sax and Barbara Stern are taking over production of the Newsletter. You may submit your articles to them in care of the OCF, PO Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402

