

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, Mary Wagner, Frank Sharpy, Marshall Landman, John Parrott, George Braddock, Brian Rohter, Patty Lomont, Jeremiah Schwartz, Lucie Lynch, Lucy Parker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wanted-Tractor with brush hog to mow Security Camp in early June. Contact Robert Luby at 343-9555 or Robert Thompson at 343-8008.

Fire Crew needs a 3/4 ton flatbed, prefer 4 wheel drive. Will only be used in emergency. Contact Frank Sharpy at 461-0732.

Highway Flaggers needed. If interested in being trained as a flagger please contact Kay C at 747-5830. Only reliable applicants need apply.

Board of Director and Officer liability coverage is still being researched by Robert Aurnague-DeSpain.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain was elected unanimously as President of the Oregon Country Fair for another year.

Treasurer: Anya Montgomery was unanimously elected as Treasurer of the Oregon Country Fair for another year.

Secretary: Brian Rohter has a suggestion concerning the secretarial position and solving a problem we might have. Mary Wagner also has a suggestion about the presidential duties, but feels this is not the time to redefine the duties of those offices.

Brian Rohter moved we table nominations for secretary. Motion seconded and passed. Aye 7, Nay 2, Abstain 1.

Discussion: Brian, it is no secret that I and several other Board members are extremely unhappy with the minute taking that has occurred this past year. I do appreciate the amount of energy that Kay C has put into the job as a whole-just like all the other people who put time into the Fair. My suggestion is to job share the secretary duties, have co-secretaries. One person taking care of the minutes, printing and distribution, and the other person taking on the other secretarial duties. We make a conscious effort to take tapes of the meetings, keep them in order and allow the person taking minutes to use these to make an accurate and nonpartisan account of the meetings.

Brian so moves we have co-secretaries. Motion seconded.

Frank, that is an improper motion Brian as it changes the duties of the secretary whose job description is part of the Bylaws.

Brian, can we not change the bylaws now.

John Parrott, do you have someone in mind to recommend as transcriber of the tapes.

Brian, yes, Lynn Caulley volunteered.

Frank, please word your motion in the form of a bylaw amendment then Brian.

Mary Wagner, speaks against the motion. It seems peculiar to me that the office of secretary has been singled out for the distinction of needing help and therefore requiring an amendment in the bylaws. Eventhough we have the QMTeam which has spread the responsibilities for the day to day operations of the Fair around, no one has said why don't we make the QMTeam members the presidents or remove the respinsibilities from the Board president. No one has said let's make two or three people registration-which is a very time consuming job. Personally, this motion to amend the bylaws in order to get 2 secretaries is in fact nothing more than a political move because you don't happen to like the political perspective of the person who is secretary now and would like to be reelected secretary. If Kay C needs help she ought to have the authority and ability to go out and get help. If anyone on the Board or at the Board meetings disagrees with the minutes they have the right to amend them at the following meeting or they have the right to submit their own version of what happened.

Kay C, If you would like to read the minutes over before I send them out you are welcome to do so.

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Marshall Landman, To try and get 2 secretaries because the minutes are not the quality some would expect I question as a motive for a bylaw change. I'm interested in the amount of work and if there is a real need for more help, not the quality of the minutes. Would you like to see the duties of secretary coshared, Kay C?

Kay C, No.

George Braddock, the secretary job is the grunt job and if there were to be a paid office it should be the secretary. I feel it would be a good idea to have someone else do the minutes and take the pressure off Kay C.

Brian, I feel the minutes have left out pertinent information and have been slanted and editorialized. I'm sorry about what you have to say Mary, because I am not trying to make this a political or personal issue, but to solve a problem that I and others have complained about. I feel Kay C has done a good job on the other secretarial duties and I'm making a genuine suggestion to improve the minute taking process.

Lucie Lynch, before we move to legislative action to redefine the job of secretary and since Kay C is open to review and comment, let's reach a workable solution. Moving to 2 secretaries is premature.

John, wish we had someone else we could nominate for secretary that everyone would go whole heartedly for and look at as a real alternative.

Brian, I've asked many different people for the last 2 weeks if they'd be interested in being secretary, but everyone said it was too much work. That is why I asked to have 2 secretaries. Lynn was the only one who would consider it.

Marshall, Brian, did you talk to Kay C and ask her if it was too much work?

Brian, No.

Marshall, You talked to people about the secretary job and they all said it was too much work, but you never asked Kay C first.

The motion to amend the bylaws concerning the job description of the secretary was withdrawn. Nominations for Secretary were reopened.

Kay C Renfro was nominated for Secretary. Those in Favor 6, Opposed 3, Abstained 1. No Secretary.

Discussion on minute taking and the secretary job reopened.

Zacheriah Schwartz moved a rough draft of the minutes be sent out within a week of the Board meeting for Board member review. If one disagrees with the minutes and cannot work it out with the others, then they have the right to have their minority opinion added in the minutes. Motion seconded.

Lucie Lynch amended the motion to read; If one disagrees with the minutes and it cannot be worked out-then a team of the secretary, the Board member who disagrees with the minutes, and a member of the QMTeam, would meet to review the tape and try to achieve clarity. If still no agreement can be reached then the minority opinion may be printed in the minutes.

Amendment to the motion was approved and seconded.

The motion with approved amendment was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Nominations for Secretary were reopened. Kay C Renfro was nominated. The vote: Aye 7, Opposed 2, Abstain 1. Kay C Renfro was elected Secretary.

P.S. Since Brian Rohter, George Braddock, and John Parrott do not approve of me, Kay C Renfro, as Secretary of the Oregon Country Fair, I feel it best that I resign.

If you are interested in being secretary please come to the April 28, 1985, Board meeting at Growers Market at 7pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board meeting minutes of February 24, 1985, were approved by the Board with the following corrections:

The vote of confidence for George Braddock and John Parrott was; Those in favor, 1; Opposed, 3; Abstain 3.

Bylaw Revisions: Kaz Sussman asked that his motion (made during the discussion on the bylaws) requesting that a tax audit of the Oregon Country Fair be held at regular intervals be printed as it called for a roll call vote. The vote was: John Parrott; Aye: Moz Wright, Ron Chase, Robert Thompson, Brian Rohter, George Braddock, Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, Frank Sharpy, Santos Narvaez; Opposed.

John Parrott moved that henceforth, all roll call votes be automatically printed in the minutes. Mary Wagner amended the motion to state this was a matter of Board policy. Motion seconded and passed. Aye 7, Abstain 3.

BUDGET: Douglas Parker presented the Budget Committee's proposal. In order to balance the budget the committee is asking for a raise in admissions.

George Braddock, (a Budget Committee member) I do not really approve of a raise in admissions, but went along with the budget proposal because I did not feel there was anything else that could be done that night. Since then I have talked to a lot of people and I now have a change of heart.

Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, as a Board member you may say anything you like George, but as part of a committee that made its decisions by consensus and recommended these decisions to the Board of Directors, this is not the time to change your mind.

Marshall Landman, You should not be afraid of speaking your mind in the budget meetings. We strived for consensus in this decision and one should go by that decision.

Lucie Lynch, Our obligations as Board members is to work with a balanced budget. What the Budget Committee has proposed here, with the one day's increase in admissions, represents the zero sum budget. In order to fulfill our obligations to the public and provide all needed services we had to have an increase in revenue and the Budget committee has gone over all the alternatives.

Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, There are some changes we may be able to make, but these will not cover all that is needed. We may be able to train our own flaggers instead of sending them to school and I've proposed a membership drive.

John Parrott, Another way to turn up more revenue, in talking to Joanne Jones of Childcare, it seems possible to make Childcare self-sustaining. Booth people could be charged a small fee, perhaps.

It was moved, seconded and passed, Aye 8, Abstain 2, to table the discussion on the Budget proposal until the following Board meeting.

HIGHWAY: Robert Aurnague-DeSpain gave a presentation on the latest highway developments following the Highway Hearing held April 10. The Lane County Commissioners made a tentative decisions to go with the northern most route, but have asked the Oregon Country Fair and the Highway Department to negotiate a workable solution. We are no longer for Option F, but now know that the southern most route is workable and hope to convince the Highway Department.

Robert Aurnague-DeSpain moved that he (on behalf of the Highway Committee) be allowed the prerogative of appeal in the negotiations with the Highway Department. The final decision to appeal would rest with the Board of Directors. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

WEST LANE HORSE ASSOCIATION: Herb Trotter asked permission for the West Lane Horse Assoc. to use a portion of the OCF property for a fundraiser breakfast ride. They would not enter the Figure 8 or park on our property. Patty Lomont so moved we allow West Lane Horse Assoc. the use of OCF property. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS: Frank Sharpy was interested in the final tallies of the election. Mary Wagner moved the Election Committee be permitted access to the ballots and that part of the voter register which listed ones association with the Fair for the purpose of making a report on the election results. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the election process. Some members expressed dissatisfaction with the numbered ballots with which one could not remove the number before depositing the ballot. There will be more discussion on the election process at a later meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION: A taped message by Moz Wright was played and was met with unfavorable response by the Board. Other discussion took place before adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: April 28, 1985, 7pm, Growers Market

Facilitator:

Approval of Minutes

Agenda: Old Business

1. Election of Secretary
2. Budget Proposal
3. Bylaw approval-Be prepared to approve those tabled items.

