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Minutes of the Dec. 8th Meeting of the Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors

Present: Frank (facilitator), Lucy Lynch, Moz, Lucy Parker (resigning), Patti, Robert, Marshall, Brian and Mary.

Agenda: Announcements
Board appointments
Code of Conduct Adendum
Camping Policy Report
Promoting Performing Arts
John Parrot's resignation letter

Announcements: Master Gardeners will hold their annual Christmas Bizarre on Saturday, December 14 (does anybody know where?)

Approval of last minutes: Brian addressed the item of the Basketball Team, his objection was of Douglas spending \$90 for the Team shirts, not that we were sponsoring a basketball team.

Marshall asked that the results of the poll go out as stated in the last minutes (please find enclosed).

Board appointments: The term of office for all these appointments is until the next Annual Meeting in the fall of 1986.

Frank moved and Robert seconded that the Board accept John Parrot's resignation. The motion passed 7 to 1.

Point of clarification - Lucy Parker is allowed to vote until she resigns.

Those interested in serving on the Board were: Anne Henry, Maida Belove, Kay C. Renfro, John Stamp and Wally Slocum. Maida said she wished to be considered only for the alternate positions. Each person spoke briefly on why they wanted to be on the Board.

Anne - Want to focus on the educational aspects of the Fair, particularly with regard to the archeological resources and the craft demonstration project. She also wants to look at ways to bring in more diverse groups of people. With regard to the archeological site, she sees a possibility of connecting with the U of O Museum of Natural History. As a textile artist, Anne has has a craft booth at the Fair for eight years.

Kay C. - Has alot of time and energy since she doesn't work and is a housewife. She enjoyed being secretary of the Fair and worked this last year in Registration and Solutions.

John Stamp - (not present, Robert spoke for him) John has been a booth person since the beginning of the Fair. He has recently gotten more involved with the Fair through the dispute with the Oregon State Highway Dept. and is now the Coordinator of Archeological Resources. He also worked on the removal of the log jams and consults the Fair on tree management.

Wally Slocum - Has been on the Board twice before, says he provides "purified stodgy conservatism". He sees a need to address the process of booth transference. He is also disturbed by the recent resignations and hopes we won't ignore the problems of which they were indicative.

Maida - Is on the Board of Directors for OUR Credit Union and if appointed, hopes to bring about a better management/board relation. She would like to work on bringing a "name act" to the Fair. She is currently the Fair bookkeeper.

In the discussion that followed these remarks, Robert said he thought the Board needs better balance between staff and booth people and between men and women. Brian said it would be a good signal to the community to appoint a booth person to the Board. By acclamation the Board appointed Anne Henry to the position of a regular voting member of the Board. Wally was appointed to the position of alternate to the Board. Lucy Parker resigned her position as alternate, and Maida was appointed to replace her.

Code of Conduct Addendum: Douglas presented a rough draft of what Zak had written as an addition to the Code of Conduct. The Board decided to table this item until all had time to study it.

Camping Committee Report: The Committee met last week for the first time to brainstorm various issues, identify problems, priorities and consequences. Basically the Fair needs to balance the largest "tribal" celebration in the Pacific Northwest with its impact on the environment, the laws of the State, the limitations of the budget, and the over-extension of services. This is a situation the Fair has been "sleeping on" for a number of years. Camping problems are growing, as well as the burden on the Fair services and the staff. The next meeting is December 12 at 7:30 pm at 1123 Adams.

Promoting Performing Arts: In an effort to build momentum for the promotion of performing arts as well as crafts in the region, Douglas is asking the people send him articles from reasonable sources on crafts and the performing arts as they relate to the Fair. Please include the source name and date of any such items. They may be sent to Douglas c/o Oregon Country Fair, PO Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402.

John's resignation letter: Mary moved and Moz seconded that we acknowledge that John Parrot resigned from the Fair by letter which expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the way the Board handled the Monday morning incident between Dave Durant and George Braddock, and that this letter be made available to any Fair member upon request. Motion carried, 6 yes, 1 no, 2 abstained.

Next meeting: January 26, 1986, Community Room of White Bird, 341 East 12th, 7 pm

Agenda: Code of Conduct Addition
OMT appointments
Camping Committee Report
Budget Committee Report

OCF OPINION POLL RESULTS, 1985

There were a total of 51 surveys turned in.

By type the breakdown is as follows:

AREA	# surveys	%
Food Booth	6	12%
Crafts Booth	8	16%
Service Booth	1	1%
Education Booth	2	4%
Crew coordinator	11	22%
Crew Staff	17	33%
Entertainer	4	8%
Visitor	2	4%

Response Scale:

Poor/no support/ don't favor

good/do support/ do favor

1 2 3 4 5

The responses indicated here are in relative percentage to the amount of people who answered each question.

Responses were as follows:

1) How did you do financially this Fair compared to previous fairs?
<30 responses/59%>

- 1) 17%
- 2) 10%
- 3) 57%
- 4) 10%
- 5) 6%

2) Do you feel that the Fair should bring electricity from EPUD into the Fair?

To barn <42/82%>	21%	5%	14%	12%	48%
Food booths <38/75%>	71	16	5	5	3
Crafts and other <45/88%>	64	16	4	0	16
Main stage <43/84%>	28	9	16	16	31
Whitebird <41/80%>	37	12	20	17	14
everywhere <36/71%>	89	0	3	0	8
nowhere <42/82%>	36	5	21	14	24

3) If found feasible, do you feel that the Fair should install a permanent water system?

Food booths <43/84%>	19%	12%	25%	19%	25%
Crafts & other <45/88%>	56	20	29	0	22
6-pax, wash, drink <48/94%>	15	2	13	15	56
Whitebird <37/72%>	24	3	19	22	32
everywhere <38/75%>	53	11	18	5	13
nowhere <35/69%>	51	6	29	6	9

4) Do you favor budgeting part of our capital improvement funds to improve and build new handwashing facilities?

<50/98%>	4%	8%	20%	30%	38%
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5) Do you favor budgeting part of our capital improvement funds to improve and build new 6-PACK toilets?

<48/94%>	2%	6%	8%	28%	56%
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6) How much do you support the Fair's commitment to make the Fair wheelchair accessible?

<49/96%>	7%	2%	10%	20%	61%
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7) Do you support keeping the dust down by :

Sanding <40/78%>	35%	12%	15%	15%	23%
wood chips <43/84%>	33	23	14	9	21
build crown/grass <48/94%>	2	10	4	15	69
Watering <47/92%>	9	9	21	30	32
ferry in supplies <40/78%>	34	13	13	15	25
do nothing <27/53%>	89	4	7	0	0

8) Do you support the replanting of the interior of the figure eight to increase individual camp security, sight lines, erosion, etc.?

<50/98%>	0%	2%	16%	14%	68%
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9) Would you be interested in the creation of a new entrance location that incorporates a new booth area?

<49/96%>	20%	8%	35%	10%	27%
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10) Would you be interested in being located in such a new area?

<37/72%>	49%	16%	16%	5%	14%
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11) Do you think that a name music group will increase the attendance?

<51/100%>	9%	12%	14%	20%	45%
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12) Do you think that the public will pay increased admission to see such a group?

<45/88%> 33% 11% 20% 13% 23%

13) Do you feel that we should change admission prices in the future?

<40/78%>	Maintain prices	14%	10%	23%	23%	30%
<35/69%>	Raise prices	71	12	6	9	2
<41/80%>	Lower prices	24	12	12	20	31

14) Rate your overall satisfaction with the crafts at the Fair.

<51/100%> 2% 8% 16% 55% 19%

15) Rate your overall satisfaction with the food at the Fair.

<51/100%> 2% 4% 8% 41% 45%

16) Do you think that the rules concerning quality of crafts/food should be:

<41/80%>	More strictly enforced	7%	12%	27%	32%	22%
<35/69%>	less strictly enforced	63	20	17	0	0
<42/82%>	keep same	14	2	24	29	31

17) If you are a craftsperson, do you feel your craft could be juried more fairly by submitting a sample instead of slides?

<12/24> 17% 17% 42% 8% 17%