

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR  
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Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting  
August 31, 1987

AGENDA

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Members Present

Frank Sharpy (facilitator), Marshall Landman, Anne Henry, Zakariah Schwartz, Moz Wright, Robert Aurnague-DeSpain, Lucy Lynch, Wally Slocum, Patti Lomont, Tom Wenk (alternate) and John Winslow (alternate).

August 3, 1987 Minutes

Frank Sharpy moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 1987. John Winslow seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Announcements

Please remember the Eugene Celebration. It will be September 26, 1987. Peter Eberhardt and Anne Henry are coordinating the OCF participation. Please contact Peter at 484-5090 if you would like to participate.

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.- The Oregon Country Fair ANNUAL MEETING will be held OCTOBER 11, 1987 at -  
- the WOW HALL, 5:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and be there for -  
.- election of one-half the Board of Directors. PLUS reports concerning -  
- the State of the Oregon Country Fair! See you all there. -  
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The Feedback Committee would like to thank folks who submitted feedback forms. Those have been tabulated and the input is much appreciated. The Feedback Committee would like to remind folks that they are able to submit those forms at their convenience. Any and all feedback forms or letters will be much appreciated whenever it is submitted. (Submit Attn:Feedback c/o PO Box.)

Any person who wishes to run for the Board of Directors should write a brief statement concerning their qualifications, as well as their wishes and direction for the OCF. This should be submitted to the OCF PO Box listed above to the attention of Palmer Parker, Election Chair.

### Land Report

The paths are ready to be seeded and many areas of the path have been graded and top soil replaced. PLEASE DON'T TRAVEL ON ANY PATH AT ALL - NOT EVEN ON FOOT. (It may disturb new grass seed starts.)

A huge thank you goes to the following and I am sure others who have helped with the readying of the paths: Ed Moye, Lucy Lynch, Robert DeSpain, Deni Shadegg, Frank Sharpy, John Winslow, Palmer Parker, Brad Mowreader and more.

### Hay (Ed Hanson)

+++ Lucy Lynch moved that the OCF enter into a five (5) year agreement with Ed Hanson who will hay fields on the OCF property. Robert Aurnague-DeSpain seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

There are 77 available acres of land on the property that can be hayed. Presently, Ed Hanson deals with 40 acres, which he has agreed to process by the Tuesday before the OCF, in order to have access to parking on the OCF property in time for the Fair. The Fair has had an informal agreement with him for many years, which has gone very well. This agreement is a continuation of the same agreement which has been in force for many years.

### Woodcutting

It was brought out that Fred Silvestri has been cutting wood that was felled in the Highway widening project, for the OCF. This wood is being sold to individuals with the OCF receiving the profits. In order to be fair to Fred, who has been donating his time in these endeavors, folks wanted to compensate him.

+++ Robert Aurnague-DeSpain moved that we offer Fred a reasonable per diem for the cutting of wood that will be used to benefit the Fair. John Winslow seconded. Marshall Landman asked to have the motion ammended to have a ten (10) day limit placed on the per diem, so as not to leave the matter open ended. The ammendment was accepted. Motion passed 9-0.

### Bylaws

There was concern that ammendments to the bylaws were being kept in a list form for future reference. It was announced that the OCF Secretary has been keeping that list.

### Entertainment Booth

There was discussion concerning the Entertainment Booth, which is staffed by entertainers who are able to offer tapes, etc., of OCF Entertainers. It was brought out that the booth may be a good place to sell OCF itmes that are similar or the same as items sold in the History Booth. Folks indicated that it seemed like a good idea, but that more thought would have to be given, because it necessitated staffing the booth by OCF staff, etc. Folks agreed that serious thought would be given to this and a report will be requested later concerning the feasibility of this proposal.



### Vaudeville Storage

It was brought out that the storage unit that Vaudeville shares with folks from Chautauqua is now being used to house and store more and more of the OCF's items than specifically vaudeville which had been the original intention of the sharing agreement. Since this is only a portion of things stored here and there in folks' garages, etc., it was felt that OCF should share a storage locker with Chautauqua to house those things that cannot be stored on OCF property in the "Barn", because of problems with moisture and vandalism.

+++ Marshall Landman moved that we authorize up to \$200 for storage locker rental. Patti Lomont seconded. The motion passed 10-0.

### Letter from Cart Vendor

E.H Brandise wrote a letter to the OCF Board of Directors complaining that because of the OCF's offering of rent free carts, she was unable to even recoup the \$65.00 fee that she paid as a strolling vendor who rents her own cart services to OCF booths. She said that she was told that once the Fair began, the free carts would be curtailed and she would be able to "sell" her services to interested booth people, etc. Evidently, the carts that belong to the OCF were used through the OCF.

Folks felt that it was indeed unfair to Ms. Brandise and many suggestions were offered for future fairs, including the lowering of fees for that particular type of "strolling vendor". There will be a policy decision that should help alleviate this problem for future fairs. Board members felt badly that this problem had taken place.

### Trespassing on OCF Property

Because of a problem with a person who trespassed on OCF property and caused damage to the OCF property as well as to property of a long time OCF member at the site, there was discussion as to how to handle the matter. After much discussion, it was decided to let the member handle the matter with the individual committing the trespass and the sheriff. Most folks present felt that if we as a group ever really intend to stop the problem of vandalism and trespassing, we have to establish a policy of being tough, so folks will know we mean "NO TRESPASSING".

### OCF Evaluation Meeting

On Sunday, August 30, 1987, an OCF Evaluation Meeting was held to receive input from folks who participated in the OCF in any way (meaning, booth people, board members, workers, coordinators, etc.). Many items were brought out in that meeting and those items have been listed and will be properly channeled to insure input gets to the proper area. That list will be available soon for those folks who are interested. Anne Henry, Feedback Committee, brought items that had been submitted through the committee, and a list of those items is available as well.

OM Team Evaluation

The OM Team circulated a prepared list of recommendations to those members of the Board who were present.

The OM Team size was discussed. The size of the team this year made it difficult to conduct certain items of business while including all members of the OM Team in the discussion. Most felt five members to be adequate.

Those present wanted to thank the OM Team for a wonderful fair. It was a big success both monetarily as well as wonderful for "Psychospiritual Rejuvenation".

Anne Henry indicated that she wanted to know about more operational issues during the fair, and some others present felt likewise. It was brought out that because the OM Team is empowered at the Fair to conduct all business to make the Fair run smoothly, it was unnecessary to apprise the Board of each action taken. Meetings of the OM Team are not closed, and folks who need more info should attend the OM Team meeting. The OM Team's job is to make the Fair run smoothly without having to halt the whole operation to get board approval on certain items. The need to "trust" the OM Team was mentioned and folks attending the meeting agreed that this is the best way to operate the Fair, Trust. The Board of Directors is supposed to focus on policy and the OM Team's area is to focus on Fair operations.

Thanks again for a wonderful job by the OM Team!!! Great Job!

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The Retreat is still in the works. We do not have a place yet, but if folks have information concerning a place that would accommodate 80+ folks with kitchen facilities, please contact Nora Roberts, in care of the OCF phone. The message number is 343-4298.

Also, the office space is nearly finalized. We will make note of any changes in the future minutes.

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 5, 1987 at 7:00PM AT THE WOW HALL.

Remember the Annual Meeting at the WOW Hall, October 11, 1987 at 5:00.

Minutes by

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