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Minutes for Board of Directors' Meeting
June 6, 1988

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Members Present:

Frank Sharpy facilitating, Don Hathaway, Marshall Landman, Lucy Lynch, Anne Henry, Zakariah Schwartz, Kathryn Madden, Wally Slocum, Bedo Crafts, Tom Wenk alternate and John Winslow, alternate.

Announcements

Main Camp will be opening soon and a gentle reminder now, so you won't have to turn around and go back home, "NO DOGS" at all, anytime at the OCF site.

Saturday, June 4, 1988, Water and Electricity were hooked up on-site.

Please keep in mind that we have a minimum amount of parking available, and pool when you come to the OCF site. The OCF staff would like as few autos as possible for staff and booth people, so that we can have more room for guests on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the fair.

+++ Frank Sharpy moved to have Reba West appointed co-coordinator of Recycling for the 1988 OCF. Tom Wenk seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Crew and General Budget was approved 9-0-1.

The Construction Guidelines have not changed this year. Ken Rodgers, Construction Coordinator indicated that he had clearly outlined the county guidelines that apply to booths at the OCF. All booths that needed to have that information have received it at this time. Questions may be directed to Ken Rodgers or Construction Crew.

The Sheriff will have an extra car in the area at all times during the OCF. It was unclear concerning emergency vehicles in the last minutes.

The May 16, 1988 meeting indicated the advertising budget was increased through a motion. That motion was approved 8-1-1.

The Community Village did not come to the meeting asking for more budgetary expenses, regarding the removal of the loft. Because of a lengthy discussion, it appeared that that was the case, but they did not ask for any monies at this meeting.

The WOW Hall has been asked to provide "monthly" financial reports, not "timely reports" as indicated in the May 16, 1988 meeting minutes.

+++ Tom Wenk moved to approve the ammended minutes of the meetings May 2, 1988 and May 16, 1988. Anne Henry seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

WOW Hall

There will be a "Cashiers" band reunion at the WOW Hall July 3, 1988. The WOW Hall also received a grant from an arts foundation for \$1,000.00 which should help in their fundraising efforts. Bruce Newhouse, new chair of the WOW Hall BOD was present and indicated that the WOW Hall's planning process is going on now and it looks good at this time for a good year and lots of hard work. A fundraiser will be working with the WOW Hall with certain funds earmarked to pay the OCF Loan back.

New Craft Items in Existing Booths

Clarity was requested regarding the manner in which existing crafts booths are allowed to carry new items. The registration crew's representatives explained that the items are juried in a blind show, just as other items are juried. However, the total "score" that an item needs to be selected is much lower than that required to admit a new booth. The crafts people who brought this item to the Board were not satisfied with that manner of judging items. The Board apologized, but indicated that the process could not be changed at this time, because of the nearness to the OCF dates. This matter will be discussed after the fair and any changes instituted to make matters as "Fair" as possible for all participants.

TV from Hawaii

A public broadcasting station from Hawaii has asked to do a "documentary" on the OCF. Because of questions regarding the privacy of Fair goers, more answers need to be forthcoming before the BOD can discuss it further.

AAAA

Alter Able Access Area presented a budget which should cover all their needs during the OCF.

+++ Marshall Landman moved to accept the AAAA Budget as presented with the understanding that AAAA will apply for a grant from Access Oregon as AAAA indicated. This motion also asks that Will Grant be approved as coordinator of AAAA. Lucy Lynch seconded. Motion carried 10-0

Guidelines

General and Craft Booth guidelines have been rearranged for clarity. The OCF staff guidelines have been devised to contain the needed info-concerning staff, which has been gleaned from the other guidelines. In the past many people have had questions concerning rules and regulations, which are spelled out to craft and food booth participants. Now staff members will have a clear indication of direction in writing that is easy to follow.

OCF Picnic

+++ Wally Slocum moved to schedule the OCF Staff Picnic for August 20, 1988 at the OCF site. Tom Wenk seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Spring Fling Follow-up

The Spring Fling was a success. The income that has been projected at this time is approximately \$40.00 after expenses.

20th Anniversary Commission

The Commission has been meeting and it appears that all will go well at this time.

Publicity Update

Mel Urban, Advertising Coordinator is in Arizona working, but he has managed to set up some wonderful advertising, including an ad during the broadcast of Saturday Night Live. The posters are going well. He has the distribution lined up. People felt confident that Mel was doing a wonderful job as usual.

LRAC MEMBERSHIP

David Paul, (Main State Entertainment), would like the OCF to be a member of LRAC. (Lane Regional Arts Council). It is inexpensive and the information that would be available through the membership would be very helpful.

+++ Marshall Landman moved that the OCF spend the \$40 to join LRAC. Bedo Crafts seconded. Motion carried 8-2-0.

Parking Lot

People present at the BOD meeting had questions concerning the policy to tow cars that are parked in the lot without proper permits. It was explained that because of problems in the past that we must let people know that we will not allow 1,500 cars to be parked in that lot all night when it is not needed. In order to have room for guests, we must make certain that people know we mean business when we say "no parking". There has also been a problem with people camping illegally in the lots. Some present felt we would be creating more problems by forcing people elsewhere. It was pointed out that the rules say that there will not be parking and camping and we should be able to enforce those rules. The OCF provides information concerning camping and inexpensive motels in the area for people who are having problems with places to stay. Some present felt that a great deal of the people camping in the lot were from the Eugene area and not from out of town. The bottom line is that we must be certain that the space is not over used anywhere.

Cartographer

Peter Eberhardt was present. He is the OCF cartographer and each year he updates the maps to include new areas and changes. Each year, the OCF tries to make certain that the maps are clear and it really helps the visitors, as well as fair participants.

Archaeology

John Stamp, Archaeology Coordinator presented a proposal to raise OCF Archaeology funds through the sale of commemorative coins. The coins would be a limited minting and would be available in several different denominations.

Marshall Landman said that he was unhappy that John had made this presentation after all the problems regarding this sort of thing in the past. Evidently a meeting was setup to talk with John concerning this and John didn't show. Marshall reminded John that all budget impacting items must first be presented to the Budget Committee. Anne Henry also asked why he had taken orders for something that hadn't been okayed by the OCF. John Stamp said he was sorry, but the "excitement" just made him forget that he was supposed to use channels. The idea is to go back to committee for more.

First Aid

The First Aid course will not be held this year, at least before the OCF. It will cost approximately \$10 per person and will be taught by a well-trained EMT-RN, Tom Aikens. We will note times and places for all interested people in plenty of time to take advantage of this.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting at OCF site June 26, 1988 at 7:00 pm. SEE YOU ALL AT THE FA !!

Minutes by

Cheryl Jones

TV from Hawaii (Continued)

+++ Lucy Lynch moved to refer the TV from Hawaii proposal to the Video Committee. Tom Wenk seconded. Motion carried 9-1-0.

Barter Fair Again

Michael Bertolli, a fair participant presented a proposal to the BOD asking that the Barter Fair be allowed to take place, if strict guidelines were adhered to. He indicated that he would be able to put together a "fresh" staff to help monitor things and keep it moving smoothly and move folks along when it was time to go for good. Much discussion followed. The staff is still feeling that this added day is not good for tired people who are already over worked. Michael Bertolli and Jim Guthrie who had independently studied the Barter Fair both said that they felt that the Barter Fair was beneficial to people who had items that they wanted to trade with other crafts people, because during the fair, it was impossible to get away from their own booth.

Frank Sharpy moved that subject to legality and liability for the 1988 OCF only, the Barter Fair concept be allowed, as envisioned by Jim Guthrie and Michael Bertolli. The responsibility of the "Barter Fair Concept" will accepted by Michael and Jim, as to expenses and impact to the Oregon Country Fair. There will be a liaison with the OCF Board working with Jim and Michael. Zakariah Schwartz seconded. Motion failed 6-3-1.

Much discussion centered around the fact that part of the reason many people were against the "Barter Fair" was the fact that they were against people bring truck loads of items made in foreign countries or any type of factory produced items. People felt that if they were able to purchase items to fashion crafts for sale it would be acceptable. They also said that they felt that crafts people were often so busy staffing their booths at the fair that they did not get an opportunity to do trades with fellow craftspeople.

+++ Anne Henry moved that for the 1988 OCF only, subject to legality and liability, the Barter Fair Concept as envisioned by Jim Guthrie and Michael Bertolli will be allowed, with the responsibility accepted by Michael and Jim for expenses and impact to the OCF. There will be an OCF BOD liaison in close contact with Jim and Michael, with items allowed sold at the Barter Fair meeting OCF guidelines, or items that can be used to make crafts. (Those guidelines state that items must be hand gathered, hand crafted or hand prepared, etc.) Frank Sharpy seconded. Motion passed 7-3.

Security Staff

Questions were raised about the qualifications and moral character of one of the members of the Security Staff. Members of the Security Crew and Coordinators were present and all indicated a willingness to work with the individual, as well as making certain that the safety of all concerned is maintained. Many people in attendance expressed opinions that people must go on with life; pay for mistakes and be allowed to participate as an equal unless the trust is betrayed once again. The individual has lived up to all the expectations of their fellow or co-workers. The BOD felt that if Security was okay, so were they.

White Bird

Frank Sharpy asked about a contract that was signed by the OCF president which indicated that White Bird would not be moved from their space this year. He stated that he was confused, since at the last Board meeting, one of the items for further discussion was a "White Bird" move and he felt that some questions should be answered. The reason White Bird stated specifically that they were not to be moved was because certain dollar figure items depended on White Bird's booth remaining where it is presently. If there was a problem with that clause, someone should have drawn White Bird's attention to it. Frank stated that he felt Bedo shouldn't have signed the contract with that clause in it without consulting the lawyer. Bedo Crafts indicated that she had talked with the lawyer, but was still sorry that she had signed the contract in error.

1989 OCF Dates

+++ Lucy Lynch moved to affirm July 7, 8, 9, 1989 as the dates for the OCF. Anne Henry seconded. Motion carried 8-2-0.

Registration Updates

Registration staff presented a wonderful and well received "show" with slides of newly accepted crafts for this year's fair. People were impressed with the quality and creativity of the crafts.

+++ Marshall Landman moved to suspend an unnamed booth that has had problems, for this year's fair only. They will be able to claim a booth for the 1989 OCF on booth claim day, as available. Zakariah Schwartz seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1.

This motion pertained to a booth that has been on the agenda several times in the past year because of problems experienced in the 1987 OCF.

Randy McCarley, a crafts person in long standing at the OCF, was present to request the BOD approve her logo item that somehow was not received by OCF people, even though Ms. McCarley sent it in ample time. This logo bag has been available for several years as a logo item, and the crafts person has always followed every guideline to the letter. People felt that this was simply a case of "lost in the mail".

+++ Lucy Lynch moved to accept the bag as a Logo Item for the 1988 OCF. Zakariah Schwartz seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

Caretaker

John Winslow, OCF caretaker presented a lengthy list of the huge amount of time he is spending doing "duties" on OCF property. John wants to make certain that it is clear to everyone, the caretaker job is a great deal of work. John also wanted people to note that even though the mobile home has been on sight for a long time, it was only on June 2nd that the electricity and water were finally hooked up. The Board will be evaluating the caretaker position and the tasks the caretaker is expected to perform in the near future.