

Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors Meeting - October 3, 1988

**OREGON COUNTRY FAIR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 1988**

PRESENT: Bedo Crafts, Anne Henry, Don Hathaway, Frank Sharpy, Marshall Landman, Lucy Lynch, Tom Wenk, John Winslow

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Anne said the final factfinding meeting regarding Mycall Sunanda will be October 24 at 6:30 p.m. at 1508 Oak. Call Anne at 345-3597 for more information.
2. The Garbage and Recycle Collective has formed. Reba West is the Board contact as well as contact for the coordinators.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1988 MEETING

Corrections to the minutes include: Lucy is Treasurer-in-Waiting rather than Treasurer in Training; Tom seconded the motion to allocate \$400 to remove the log jam; Marshall was not the coordinator of the OCF entry in the Eugene Celebration parade. *Don moved and Bedo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 1988 meeting as amended. Vote was 8-0 in favor.*

EUGENE CELEBRATION PARADE

We won the first prize for the non-commercial, non-float division. Thanks to all the marchers, including the band, the Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Orchestra/Band.

WOW HALL LOAN

Jim Campbell of the WOW Hall said they have applied for a bank loan to repay the OCF and has several guarantors, one of whom is donating between \$2,500 and \$5,000 toward the debt. The loan package is to pay the OCF; there is no other money authorized for this debt. As per questions by the OCF, Jim explained the WOW Hall's management policies. The probationary period for the begins when the WOW Hall Board finishes organizing and presenting to the coordinator its recommendations of actions to be taken in the near future, i.e. rebuilding the job description, which will begin immediately. WOW Hall financial reports were delivered to Lucy Lynch by September 28th as requested by the OCF. The OCF Board thanked Jim for his presentation.

The WOW Hall requested a 30 day extension to pay its loan to the Fair should they need it for paperwork. *Lucy moved, Tom seconded to extend the due date of the repayment of the OCF's loan to the WOW Hall to November 30 with the previous terms and requirements. Vote in favor was unanimous.*

RESIGNATIONS:

TOM WENK: Tom is retiring as one of the Security coordinators. *Lucy moved and John seconded that the Board accept with deep reluctance Tom's resignation and thank him for his years of faithful service. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

ROBERT DESPAIN: Robert DeSpain submitted his letter of resignation as printing coordinator. *Lucy moved and Tom seconded a motion that the Board accept with regret Robert's resignation and thank him for his great work. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

KEN RODGERS: Ken resigned as construction coordinator and pointed out that the job has become too big for one person. *Lucy moved and Bedo seconded to accept Ken's resignation with deep reluctance and thank him for the tremendous job he's done and hope he participates in the Fair*

in some way . The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

FRANK SHARPY: After this season, Frank Sharpy is resigning as path maintenance coordinator. *Lucy moved and Marshall seconded that the Board accept with joy and delight Frank's resignation and offer him not one word of praise for the thankless job that he's done.* FOAD(?) Frank. Consensus reached.

CONSTRUCTION

Lloyd Burnell, construction coordinator of the 1988 Community Village, presented a proposal that the OCF form a group of "trustees" consisting of representatives from all the areas of the Fair (e.g., water, recycling, entertainment) to manage construction projects. The Board decided to study the proposal further before acting on it. Lucy suggested that some of the people who have been working on construction projects meet to investigate the proposal and come back with suggestions. Frank suggested that the water project, which needs immediate attention, be taken care of in the meantime. Thanks to Lloyd for his proposal.

CARETAKER REPORT

Main Camp six pack is open until the end of October. All the garbage by the barn, including the wood pile, has been cleared away. Roof of the trailer is waterproofed with duct tape. Gas furnace is repaired. Cows are visiting the Fair on a regular basis (probably looking for their relatives at Dan's Original Burgers). Amos installed a new gate out by the highway (the Grateful Gate) and a new back gate is being put in. Tasks to be done include fertilizing and seeding, moving sandpiles in figure 8, putting a cover on power board and moving garbage left over from the picnic.

Sallie, John, Frank, and Bedo are working on revising the caretaker's job description.

LAND PURCHASE

dahinda meda is in the process of buying the property next door to the Fair and is willing to sell it to the Fair for the price he pays.

Marshall moved that between now and the next Board meeting a clear proposal for the OCF's acquisition of the adjoining 5 acre parcel be developed by the Treasurer-in-Waiting, the President, the General Manager, the Treasure-in-Residence, and dahinda. Vote was 8-0 in favor.

ANNUAL MEETING

Marshall distributed to the Board members and officers an official notice of and agenda for the Annual Meeting, October 16, 1988, 5 p.m., WOW Hall.

CRAFTS COMMITTEE

Marshall asked for a report from the OCF Crafts Committee which was formed to facilitate communication between the Fair and craftspeople in response to concerns about the jurying and registration processes. Wren Davidson said the Committee met twice with the new crafts guild which developed a newsletter to be sent out to members on the OCF mailing list. The newsletter describes the formation of the crafts guild composed of craftspersons, asks people to come to the annual meeting, and lists some of the concerns that have been expressed including returning craftspeople not being allowed to have new crafts. Wren explained the intent is to begin an ongoing network of information between craftspeople and the Fair Board. Temporary crafts guild representatives to the Crafts Committees are (until the guild gets more feedback): Lynn Caullay, Woody Jackson, Prem Denesh, Wren Davidson and Bob Lamby. The next meeting is 1 p.m., October 16, at 2295 Riverview Street.

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Marshall moved and Tom seconded that the OCF Board authorizes the one-time use of the Fair list of names of craftspeople, food booth people, and strolling vendors for the issuance of an announcement of the formation a crafts guild, and its next meeting date, as well as the creation of a newsletter . It would encourage people to contact Lynn to get on the mailing list for the newsletter and other information about the crafts guild and to become involved with it. The motion passed, 7-0.

Anne suggested the newsletter be sent to the 80 people on the guild's own mailing list .

Lucy, Palmer Parker, and Roy Lisi will work with the crafts guild to get out the mailing. The Fair will label the envelopes.

ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES

The Board brainstormed priorities it would like to set for the coming year. These included: pay off land, pay off charter members, 20th anniversary, completion of water system, getting the trailer up to snuff, discuss the question of paying a general manager as the job has gotten too big for a volunteer position; consider making a permanent storage facility for food booths; plan for work off-season (maintenance of property - planning and staff to do that); plan a process that includes outreach to areas of the fair that are affected by a project; deal with reforestation, conservation and erosion; pay the caretaker; Hawaiian retreat for all Fair family.

The new board will get this priority list.

GENERAL MANAGER POSITION

Frank moved and John seconded that the OCF Board establish the paid position of general manager, the details of which will be worked out once the financial status is known and the budget committee is consulted. This will be brought to the new Board with a job description to be developed by past and present general managers, Ron Chase, Robert DeSpain, and Sallie Edmunds, and anyone who has been on the Om Team. The vote was 7-0 in favor.

SPONSORSHIP OF EDUCATIONAL EVENT

Jim Guthrie asked the Oregon Country Fair to sponsor a visit to Eugene by Daniel Sheehan, chief counsel of the Christic Institute, a public interest, non-profit law firm. Board members expressed concern about the Fair sponsoring an event of this nature and felt it was out of the scope of the Fair's activities. Questions were raised about other groups in town who might have a more direct interest in this activity, such as CISCAP and CHRLA.

There was no quorum of Board members present and the proposal could not be voted on.

NEXT MEETING:

Board Meeting - Monday, November 7, 1988, 7 p.m., WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln

PRINTING COORDINATOR NEEDED

Responsibilities: The printing coordinator is responsible for overseeing the design and production of OCF printed materials including guidelines, letterhead, passes, booth applications and bumper stickers. **Application Process:** Send a letter of intent to the OCF, P. O. Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402, attention Management Team. Please include a phone number.

