

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 4, 1990**

PRESENT: Janine Alea, Bedo Crafts, Michael Goldhammer, Kathryn Madden, Dahinda Meda, Palmer Parker, Darrel Sink, Wally Slocum, Mary Wagner, Moz Wright

NOT PRESENT: Frank Sharpy, Tom Wenk,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. THERE WILL BE NO BARTER FAIR IN 1990.

2. The OCF is accepting nominations for people to serve on the Endowment Committee which will be formed in November. This committee will oversee distributing donations from the Fair endowment fund.

3. Coordinators, please check your envelopes outside the Fair office.

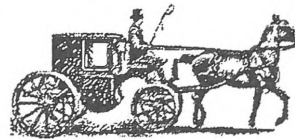
4. Coordinators, please let Arna know when you have a meeting scheduled at the Fair site.

5. Main Camp opens June 16.

6. The Board of Directors will accept nominations to a land-use committee at its August meeting. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please leave a message on the Fair phone.

7. Thanks to Dick Stewart for his tireless help in proofreading and sending out the May minutes.

8. Please remember to CARPOOL TO THE FAIR.



9. The OCF would like to start a newsletter to be published occasionally with items of interest to Fair members. All contributions are welcome; please let us know what you are doing, dates of upcoming crafts fairs, crossword puzzles, very short stories, poems, dirty jokes, whatever you would like to share. August is the targeted month for first publication. Please send articles to Newsletter, c/o OCF at the above address.

10. Don't forget - if you would like to be Fair secretary, leave a message for Norma on the Fair's answering machine - 343-4298.

11. The Fair secretary has it on good authority that the-hasn't-been seen-in-these-parts-for ages-sun promises to make an appearance for the three days of the Fair.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7, 1990

There were several (well, two) corrections:

(a) Darrel would like the minutes to reflect the fact that more than one person wants there to be a Barter Fair somewhere other than the Fair site.

(b) Arna said Russell Poppe, the Fair attorney, said, regarding the Barter Fair, that if the OCF decides to allow the Barter Fair to happen, then the least risky thing to happen would be to have it closed to the public. (Underlined words were missing from minutes. Suddenly, they turned up.)

Dahinda moved and Kathryn seconded to accept the May 7, 1990 minutes as amended. The motion passed, 10-0.

(The secretary is making too many mistakes. Shoot her.)

CRAFTS BOOTH APPEAL

Christine Delaage of Booth 224 presented a letter to the Board explaining a problem she had with registering for this year's Fair. Christine, a previously juried craftsperson, said she approached Rebecca Harris before the registration deadline to ask advice about the process of having her 18 year old daughter and production partner, Gaelle, juried in as a full working partner in the booth. Christine is not planning to participate in the booth this year as she will be out of the country during the Fair. She was unaware of the dates of this year's Fair when she made her travel plans. Christine said Rebecca's response was that Christine should either postpone her trip or take a leave of absence. The booth was given to another craftsperson to use this year. Christine appealed to the General Manager who told her she "had until May 14 to decide either to stay or give up the booth," and that she could appeal to the Board on June 4, which she is doing now. Christine asked the Board to overrule the Registration Coordinator and General Manager's decision and allow her daughter to have the booth or let the former booth representative, Mira Rainey, take the booth back for one year.

Arna explained that the guidelines state the juried craftsperson has to be in the booth and that Gaelle, who was not previously listed as a craftsperson in the booth, does not qualify to be the juried craftsperson. Arna said she wrote to Christine, holding the booth for two weeks after the registration deadline in case Christine changed her travel plans. Arna says Christine did not reply to this letter. The matter was discussed by Arna, Kathryn, Rebecca, and Palmer, who all agreed with the Registration Coordinator's decision.

Darrel said the problem lies at least ^{as much} with the Board as anyone else because the Board has not given Registration clear guidelines when it has asked for them.

Moz said the Board needs to look at right of inheritance, that Gaelle should be able to inherit the booth from her mother if she is doing the same kind of craft.

Arna pointed out that booths are not passed on, that they stay in Fair hands.

Palmer said the booth representative is responsible for what happens with the booth and hopes that booth reps will be held accountable for their booths.

Several Board members felt it was an unfortunate incident and were sorry there was no way to resolve this question to everyone's satisfaction.

Mary moved that Christine Delaage's booth be put on leave of absence for 1990 and that

her booth partner, Anita, be put at the top of the wait list so she can be in the 1990 Fair. Wally seconded the motion which passed, 7 for, 2 against, (Darrel, Moz), 1 (Michael) abstained.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager - Arna Shaw, General Manager, said advanced tickets should be at WOW Hall ticket outlets by June 15. The Fair is signing a contract with Sani-Pots to provide portable potties. The cement floor of the reservoir has been poured. There was a coordinator's potluck at the Fair site on June 2 and everything seems to be going well.

Caretaker - John Winslow, Caretaker, thanked everyone who helped with the Spring Fling: Kathryn Madden, Bernie Bradvica, Don Tadda, Don Doolin and Barbara Newhouse, and Jeanne Sharpy. John said work on the new service road is going smoothly. The site has been mowed and fertilized as usual. Someone drove through the front gate on Aero Road without bothering to open it first. It's been repaired. Several people carried dirt in peach carts from the barn to Toad Hollow to fill in the flooded area. What a crew!! **No dogs allowed** on Fair property until the end of August. John thanked all the usual suspects he managed to round up to help him: Dean and Cheryl Felders, David Hoffman, John Stamp's crew, Jerome, Scott and Erin (or Aaron) with no last name, Bernie Bradvica, Rebecca Harris, John Anthony, Dahinda Meda, Vic Parkinson, Tim Walden, Jim Dunsmuir, Dave Wilson, Dennis Todd, Barbara Morris and et cetera.

Personnel Committee - Kathryn reported that the Personnel Committee, as per its direction from the Board, interviewed candidates for the bookkeeper and treasurer positions and has recommendations for both.

The Personnel Committee recommends hiring Linda Kerr as bookkeeper for \$25 an hour. Linda has worked extensively with non-profits.

Kathryn moved and Mary seconded that the Board of Directors hire Linda Kerr as bookkeeper for the Oregon Country Fair at the rate of \$25 per hour, as per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. The motion passed, 10-0.

The Personnel Committee also recommends appointing Christina Hoffman, CPA and long-time Fair Information Crew volunteer, as an interim treasurer.

Kathryn moved and Mary seconded that the Board of Directors appoint Chris Hoffman to fill the unexpired term of treasurer until the November 1990 officer elections. The vote passed, 10 for, 0 against.

Moz said he feels the Board was deficient in its duties in not more closely supervising the activities of the previous Fair treasurer. Moz thinks the Board should be doing taking a legal response to the late filing of the taxes for which we are being charged \$1,300 in penalties by the IRS.

Arna pointed out that she told the Board in August there was a problem with the taxes and that the penalties are being appealed.

Several Board members emphasized they had been working on this issue a long time and felt the whole Board was responsible. Most Board members want to move on with a new treasurer. Kathryn said she has been talking with both immediate past treasurers for several months in an attempt to straighten out the situation. Darrel pointed out that the treasurer did not have motivations of hurting the Fair. Mary explained that trying to sue for \$1,300

that trying to sue for \$1,300 would cost the Fair about \$2,000 in legal fees and the OCF would probably lose.

Moz moved the Board of Directors take legal action to redress the financial responsibilities left fallow by the misaction of the former treasurer. The motion was not seconded.

Other Board members disagreed with Moz' assertions and stated that the Board should all accept responsibility.

Budget Committee - The Budget Committee met with Moz to work out issues regarding the entertainment crew budget (discussed in previous minutes).

Darrel moved and Kathryn seconded to accept the compromise worked out between the Budget Committee and the entertainment coordinator that states that \$225 will be added to the Ambience budget for the 1990 Fair. This is a one-time addition, not to be reflected in any future year(s) budget process. The Entertainment Committee is expected to figure out the equity issue before budget committee starts up next fall/winter for the 1991 Fair. The Entertainment Committee's recommendation will have been presented to, and acted on by the Board before Budget Committee commences therewith. The motion failed, 6 for, 1 (Janine) against, 3 (Darrel, Bedo, Moz) abstained.

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Moz asked for clarification from the Board if they intended to cut one red vehicle sticker from entertainment crew budget when they passed the budget. He was concerned that the Board acted without proper information. Moz explained that in the past entertainment has received 3 red emergency vehicle stickers: two for crew to go in and out, and one for his car so he can pick up entertainers at the airport or a variety of other tasks.

Arna said the Budget Committee recommended cutting one emergency vehicle sticker and the issue was not discussed at the April Board meeting.

Several Board members said they agreed with the decision to cut the red vehicle sticker from the budget.

Planning Committee - The Planning Committee recommends it self-destruct and that a land-use committee be named by the Board in August. Tom Lanfear, Dahinda Meda, Dennis Todd, Darrel Sink and Charlene Tremayne have would like to be on this committee.

Dahinda amoved the Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the Planning Committee to self-destruct and that the Community Village/ Energy Park Equity Sub-Committee be appointed as an ad hoc committee. Kathryn seconded the motion which passed 10 for, 0 against.

Thanks to Ron Chase, Dahinda Meda, Tom Wenk, Toby Alves, Darrel Sink and Charlene Tremayne for serving on the Planning Committee.