

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 6, 1990

PRESENT: Janine Alea, Bedo Crafts (late), Michael Goldhammer, Kathryn Madden, Dahinda Meda, Darrel Sink, Wally Slocum, Mary Wagner

NOT PRESENT: Palmer Parker, Tom Wenk, Moz Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Fair Family Picnic will be held Saturday, August 25, 1 p.m. at Main Stage area. The Fair will provide chicken, corn, beverages; picnickers are asked to bring salads, desserts. Look for surprises, but not too hard or you won't be surprised.
2. Janine says thank you to whoever found her wallet.
3. Thanks once again to Dick Stewart who is as almost a good label putter on-er as he is a recycler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE AND JULY MEETINGS

JUNE 4, 1990 MEETING: Janine had several changes for the minutes of the June 4 meeting. (1) *Crafts Booth Appeal* - 3rd paragraph should read "Darrel said the problem lies at least as much with the Board..."; (2) *Barter Fair* - delete "signed by members of the Fair"; (3) *Barter Fair* - Instead of "The outcome of the vote would decide...", should be, "The petition sought to decide..."; (4) *Barter Fair* - Instead of "They were able to verify 23 names on the list of 38 as Fair members...", should read "they were able to verify 23 names on the list of 38 as eligible to be Fair members..."; (5) *Barter Fair* - Include that Janine had given membership applications to people circulating the petition; (6) *Electricity-Sauna* - There were two abstentions, Palmer and Janine; (7) *Crafts Booth Appeals*-- The motion should read: "Janine moved and Wally seconded that due to the complexity of these issues that they be tabled and that Moon and Stacy take leaves of absence with no penalties or status change due to non-participation this year."

Darrel moved to approve the minutes of the June 4 meeting as amended. Mary seconded the motion which passed, 7-0. (Bedo had not arrived yet. No one is worried.)

JULY 1, 1990

The secretary apologizes for time confusions. The meeting was held before the Fair, but the final minutes were done after the Fair so you heard about the Secretary's great time in the minutes of a meeting that happened before she even had the great time. She's been watching too much "Doctor Who" and thinks she's a time lord. Chris Hofmann is Chris H-O--F-M-A-N-N with one F and two NN's. *Janine moved to accept the July 1 minutes as amended. Darrel seconded the motion which passed, 7-0. (Bedo still has not arrived. We're mildly concerned.)*

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager

Arna Shaw, General Manager, said we had a Fair. (We were shocked.) She said it went very well and thanked everyone who participated. Darrel (the one with the lonely L), said he was **OBVIATED**, because several people told him this was the nicest Fair in years. (The secretary looked up the word obviated and is confused because Webster says it means, "to prevent or dispose of effectively; anticipate so as to render unnecessary." So, Darrel, what the hell are you talking about?) Arna particularly thanked Jim Sahr for his electric work. She also thanked Darrell Nealon (now that's Darrell with two LL's - it takes all kinds) for caretaking the property while John Winslow has been on vacation. Arna said the IRS said there will be no penalty for filing the 1988 taxes late.

Arna saved her best news for last - **WE MADE THE FINAL LAND PAYMENT. YAHOO!!!!** Celebrations across the land (or at least at the Fair) are planned.

Caretaker

Kathryn gave the Caretaker's report in John's absence. Main Stage is being watered and is making a recovery. The straw is being raked up. Special thanks to childcare which raked up their own straw. The enormous mess left after the Fair is mostly cleaned up. Thanks to everyone who helped. Recycling did a wonderful job.

Treasurer

Chris Hofmann, Treasurer, gave a preliminary report of attendance, income and expenditures for this year's Fair. She emphasized that this is an early report and will be certainly changed as more information comes in.

Total attendance was 33,235: Friday, 9,166; Saturday, 13,162; Sunday, 10,907.

Total revenues were \$364,600: Sales at gate, \$187,800; advance sales, \$37,000; registration, \$107,500; other revenue (history booth, commemorative sales, Spring Fling), \$32,300.

Total expenditures were \$292,500: Cash expenses to date, \$228,700; unpaid bills \$36,800; Remaining salaries through 12/90, \$13,000; Other costs through 12/90, \$14,000.

Total Capital Costs are \$55,900: 1990 Fair projects, \$21,000; estimated new loop, \$16,000; last land payment \$8,900; Dahinda's acres, \$10,000.

NET INCOME: \$16,200.

Chris strongly pointed out that this is money on paper and we should not start spending it yet. (So the secretary cancelled her order for that new Jag.) A final and more complete report will be forthcoming in the next few months. The Board thanked Chris wholeheartedly for her report.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

In regard to the Oregon law which states that non-profit organizations must make a list of their members available to all the members upon request, Darrel asked that a policy for creating a membership list be put in place. He said there hasn't been an official movement by the Board to institute a process for doing the list. Darrel, Arna and Kathryn had talked about checking with coordinators to verify crews. He and the secretary have been collecting membership forms. Darrel wanted to know if this was the way the Board wanted to keep on going. The Board affirmed Darrel's work with the list.

Dahinda said the Board should institutionalize the membership list and an ongoing

committee should work on the list. Mary agreed but said there should be an alternative to filling out a form for someone to become a member. She said it was too easy for forms to get lost and overlooked.

Janine said she would like to see accessibility to the membership list restricted because of the inability of the Fair to have control over the list once it goes out.

Darrel said there is an exemption for non-profits in the law which Russell, the Fair's attorney, said fits the OCF. The exemption said if we provide the membership at their expense with a mechanism to communicate with the rest of the members, we do not have to make our membership list available to anyone. We can do the labeling for members who want to write to Fair members who provide the communication, envelopes and postage.

Wally and Janine would like to see the list coded to be available by area of Fair (crew, booth, etc.).

Rebecca Harris, Registration Coordinator, asked if a member has to give his/her address in order to be a member. Members should be given a choice to provide their address or not. Arna said that it is part of the law that an address be provided.

Janine would like to see coordinators be under the same restraint to not make public the names and addresses of their crews. Mary said she feels that coordinator's lists are irrelevant to the membership list.

Darrel moved and Kathryn seconded that any member wishing to communicate with other members regarding agenda items for the annual meeting, election or recall of the Board of Directors, or other legitimate Fair business, shall have the following method available to them. At a member's expense, they may provide the Secretary with sufficient copies of:

(1) written communication inside stamped envelopes or on stamped pre-printed post cards

(2) envelopes bearing a return address

(3) postage

The Secretary shall then facilitate the addressing and mailing of same to the membership at large. Consistent with the By-laws, it shall remain the responsibility of the individual member to maintain a current address on file with the Secretary. The motion passed 7-0. (Bedo still had not arrived. The mounties had been called.)

ABSENTEE BALLOTING

The ByLaw Committee proposes the following amendment: "All members present at meetings shall be entitled to vote. Members requesting absentee ballots may vote by mail. Voting by mail shall occur by mailing ballots to members' stated addresses not less than 30 days before any duly called meeting."

AGE OF MEMBERS

The question of minimum age for membership has arisen. Does there need to be one? Kathryn will discuss the issue with the Fair attorney and will report back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Moving White Bird - Several Board members pointed out that at the June meeting, a motion was passed to allow a temporary power line to go the White Bird booth on condition that the whole issue of electricity for and/or moving White Bird be re-examined and felt that it should be discussed. No one from White Bird was at the meeting and everyone felt they should be there for the discussion.

Arna said it was more of an operational issue than a Board issue, although others said the topic of electricity was policy, therefore up to the Board. The Board decided to talk about issue of moving White Bird at the December Board meeting. They will discuss the issue of electricity in general at the November meeting.

Everyone was pleased that there was a degree of long-range planning for Board meetings.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 11, 7 p.m. EWEB Building, 500 E. 4th Avenue, Eugene.

Bedo finally did show up (we were all relieved), but no votes were taken after her arrival. Don't take it personally, Bedo.

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