

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 22, 1991

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Darrel Sink voiced his objection to this meeting, he feels it violates article 8, section 4 of the bylaws, about proper notice. He agreed to assent to the actions made by the BoD tonight. (No one asked her, but the secretary objected to this meeting because she hadn't sent out the minutes for the last meeting yet, she's swamped by the absentee list and final member list for the Elections committee, she's a whiner...)

2. The following statement was read at the meeting and given to the secretary to include in the announcements by Dennis Todd.

"As chief petitioner on the Board recall, I want to commend two Board members for their integrity. JR Robinson and Darrel Sink are the two Board members with continuing terms who have not filed candidate statements to run for election at the upcoming annual meeting. Let me explain how this demonstrates integrity and offer a personal comment.

The math of recall and re-election favors the incumbent who runs for election. At least 51% of the membership must vote to recall a Board member, but a candidate might be elected to the Board by only 20% of the vote because there are so many positions to fill. A Board member could be ousted by 80% of the membership during the recall vote and immediately be re-elected by the other 20% during the general election. By not filing candidate statements, JR and Darrel have demonstrated their integrity through their willingness to abide by the vote of the majority.

Some Board members, including some with a year left in their terms, have filed candidate statements. They might be tempted to follow Dahinda's example and avoid the recall by resigning before the annual meeting. Such actions are cynical and contrary to the democratic process and the fundamental principles the Fair stands for. I, for one, call such actions chickenshit. (Signed) Dennis Todd"

THE MEETING...

SPECIAL AGENDA:

- 1) Who gets the voter's pamphlet?
- 2) Elections budget request
- 3) Statement from Arna Shaw in pamphlet?
- 4) Request for membership list
- 5) Personnel committee question

PRESENT: Rene Knowles, Wally Slocum, J. R. Robinson, Darrel Sink, Janine Alea, Bedo Crafts, Kathryn Madden, Dean Felders, Jeanne Sharpy

1) Who gets the voter's pamphlet?

It was suggested that it would be a good thing to send the voter's pamphlet to all members, not just to absentee voters. The BoD was polled before the meeting by phone and unanimously agreed to do so. Before this meeting there was an executive session with the lawyer to discuss the potential liabilities of sending the VP out. The lawyer did not choose to discuss those possibilities at this public meeting.

*******Dean moved to send the voter's pamphlet to all members. Bedo seconded. The motion passed with 6 for, 2 opposed (JR, KM), and 1 abstention (DS).**

2) Elections budget request

Jim Guthrie, of the Elections committee, requested an increase in their budget to \$6000, to cover the increased costs for printing and mailing the voter's pamphlet.

*******Dean moved to give the Elections committee the additional \$5000 for this one time only voter's pamphlet. Bedo seconded. The motion passed with 6 for, 2 opposed (JR, KM), and 1 abstention (DS).**

JR opposed both of the above motions, although he has no problem with giving what it takes to put this election on, because it appears to open the organization to a variety of legal jeopardies.

Rene voted to send the VP out because this is who we are right now. The Board has been accused of doing things in secret, this gets things out in the open.

Jeanne was sorry about the cost, but felt that this way people could come to the annual meeting with information in hand. It may be ugly, but it is reality.

3) Arna's statement in the voter's pamphlet?

After assembling the pamphlet, the Elections committee asked Arna if she wished to include a statement, since her name is mentioned so many times in others' statements. Arna then read the statements and wrote her own. Several people felt Arna had a right to state her views but perhaps the Voter's pamphlet wasn't the place. There were a couple of motions made but they were withdrawn, so the decision was basically left up to the committee.

*******Bedo moved to have a voter's pamphlet with candidate statements only. Dean seconded. The motion failed with 2 for (BC, JR), 5 opposed (JA, KM, WS, DF, JS), and 2 abstentions (DS, RK).**

4) Membership list request

The requestor agreed to follow the most recent procedure, which requires him to prepare the mailing, and the secretary will facilitate labeling with member addresses. (This was almost the last straw for the secretary...)

5) Personnel committee question

The PC asked what to do since the employee contracts end on September 30 and the next BoD meeting is a week after that.

*******Kathryn moved, and JR seconded, to extend the contract for the two employees for the week of October 1 through 7. The motion failed with 5 for, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions (JA, DS, DF, BC).**

*******JR moved to adjourn, Dean seconded. Everyone left.**

Minutes by Heidi