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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 4, 1992

Present: Kelly Campbell, Dan Dillon, Thom Chambliss, Bob Durnell, Steve Gorham, Anne Henry, Paxton Hoag, JR Robinson, Jim Sahr (alternate), Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

MINUTES

Motion: Bob moved to accept the April 6, 1992 and April 13, 1992 Board of Directors meetings minutes as corrected.

Background: In the April 13 minutes, on the LUMP item, Steve W. made both motions, in contrast to what the spacy secretary wrote who could have sworn it was Steve G. but what does she know.

David Hoffman pointed out that the Dragon is capitalized.

Vote: the motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Thom) abstained.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

Leslie Scott said we're heading for a Fair!!! She'll be signing contracts our Gulf Insurance Audit was fine; looks like we'll get a refund. Our unemployment insurance audit is scheduled for May 22. Leslie is hoping those coordinators who haven't sent her their outlines for the Operations Manual should do so poste haste. Susanna, the new Office Manager has been doing a great job; Leslie is very pleased with her work. Leslie thanked Arna Shaw for her help and support that she continually gives.

TREASURER

Nance Sledge has been going through our records now that her work with the Budget Committee is over. She is getting things together for an audit. Nance is interviewing people who handle money for the Fair to clarify their process.

CARETAKER

Bill Verner thanked everyone for their help and said the site is looking lush. There's a permanent Sani-pot across from the pump house now. Bill found a company in Michigan that produces an adaptor to recharge propane containers. Such a device will save us mucho bucks. (Bill, do i have this right? Please clarify, if not.)

FIELD TRIP

Thom Lanfear said the County Commissioners will decide on a land use permit this week; the mass gathering permit on May 20. We're still hoping.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jeanne Sharpy said that Commemorative Sales will be selling 1990 and 1991 shirts for the only \$5 each! Step right up, folks.
2. Bob said the compost is now dirt!
3. Zak Schwartz announced that crisis intervention training will be held June 27, probably at Shady Grove. Review training will be at 10 a.m., training for the untrained will be at 1:00 p.m.
4. Skeeter Duke of the Community Village talked about the Village Vision, the daily during-the-fair newspaper published by the CV. He and his co-workers would like to see the Vision include more items from Fair-wide folks and asks that people submit articles, features, announcements, late breaking news. Please call Skeeter for more info (345-3827) or mail articles to him at 866 W. 4th, Eugene 97402. Skeeter also asked if anyone knew of a good working copier near the site that the Vision can use during the Fair.

AGENDA

NEWSLETTER

Motion: Kelly moved the Board of Directors meeting minutes be printed within the newsletter so distinctively bordered that there is no doubt what is minutes and what is newsletter. The minutes will be ready for mailing no later than the third Monday of each month. In the event there is no newsletter in a given month, the minutes will be printed on newsprint within its regular schedule. Steve W. seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Margo) opposed.

Motion: Kelly moved that each issue of the newsletter be mailed to the minutes mailing list. Thom seconded.

Background: The Fair has a membership list which consists of all those who filled out a membership form. There is also a mailing list of those who receive the minutes. Some people who asked to be members asked that they not be sent the minutes; some people who receive the minutes have never filled out membership forms. There is much overlap on the two lists, but some separation.

Public Discussion: Janine Alea asked why the newsletter will be sent to people who are not members (as some people on the mailing list are).

Board Discussion: Margo and Steve W. are concerned that people will be getting something they don't want. Paxton would rather have the newsletter mailed to the membership list than the minutes list.

Vote: The motion failed, 5 for, 5 opposed. (Secretary note to Board: I did not get who voted against this perfectly sensible motion, so you'll have to tell me. I think I was too stunned to write it down.)

Motion: Kelly moved that the first issue of the newsletter be mailed to the minutes mailing list and the membership mailing list with information on how to keep getting it. Paxton seconded.

Public Discussion: Jack Macarchak asked about the possibility of broader circulation.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.

Motion: Kelly moved the newsletter be allocated an annual budget of \$3,850 for production and printing, plus mailing costs. Bob seconded.

Background: The Budget Committee recommended the budget for the newsletter.

Board Discussion: Anne did not want to approve an annual budget.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 (Jeanne, Anne, Margo) against.

Motion: Kelly moved that the newsletter committee accept underwriting donations for classified and business card sized ad spaces and maintain a working relationship with the Peach Pit. Underwriting space will take up no more than 25% of the newsletter. Bob seconded.

Board Discussion: As a point of information, Anne said that no commissions will be made from advertising sales.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.

BUM CHOICES

Motion: Bob moved that Sallie Edmunds, Robert DeSpain, and Andrew Harvey be named as Back Up Managers, as per the recommendations of the General Manager. Margo seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Jeanne) abstained.

ADVERTISING CO-COORDINATOR

Motion: Margo moved that Renee Shallerman (Margo, please give me correct spelling) be named as Advertising Co-coordinator. Bob seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Margo) abstained.

CREW BUDGET

Motion: Steve G. moved to approve \$184,144 for crew budgets as recommended by the Budget Committee, plus or minus two crew issues to be re-examined.

Background: The two crew issues have to do with proposed staff increases of the following crews: Teens, Traffic, Security, and Medical.

Public Discussion: Kelly, commenting as Teen Coordinator, urged the Board to remember the support that Fair members have for the teen crew. She said 100 teens were turned away last year and that this is the only crew the Board chose to cut the number of staff. Arna Shaw also spoke in favor of the teen crews, stressing the importance of involving teens in the Fair in a productive, legitimate way.

Don Doolin and Janine Alea spoke in support of increasing the size of Security crew, pointing out that more staff are needed around the periphery of the Fair, along the path at night, and in emergencies.

Board Discussion: Thom said that he hears from every part of the Fair "we need more," but there isn't "more" to give. He is strongly concerned about the lack of direction from the Board to the Budget Committee. There is no provision in the budget for a caretaker's residence or an endowment fund. Kelly said the Budget Committee made a strong commitment to reassess the whole budget process, including looking at equity issues. They will begin meeting in August, rather than wait until January is usually the case.

Vote: *The motion passed, 8 for, 2 (Kelly and Bob) opposed.*

GENERAL MANAGER BUDGET

Motion: *Margo moved the Board approved the recommended General Manager budget of \$195,357. Paxton seconded.*

Background: The GM budget consists of many general operation items such as Bucks, busses, legal expenses, t-shirts, insurance, printing, and salaries. (Those are the biggest expenses; there are 33 line items in this budget.). Margo said many of the items, such as Bucks and busses, are fixed expenses and are costs over which we have no control.

Vote: *The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET

Motion: *Margo moved the recommended Board of Directors budget of \$14,050 be approved. Paxton seconded.*

Background: This budget includes 16 items such as the Spring Fling, the staff picnic, telephone, copying, and the Field Trip.

Vote: *The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.*

CAPITOL PROJECTS BUDGET

Motion: *Margo moved and Steve G. seconded to approve the allocation of \$24,365 for the following capital improvement items: nursery (\$1,000); water truck (\$5,000); Main Stage foundation (\$1,750); barn wing (\$2,500); solutions booth (\$500); Fair Central Odyssey rebuild (\$3,000); two new six packs (\$4,000); reefer bridge, bus road repair (\$1,000); entertainment backstage tables (\$350); Blue Moon stage backdrop (\$300); recycling compost lid, hand cart (\$140); recycling mobile kiosks rebuild (\$450); recycling E.13th new stations (\$520); peach truck pump (\$1,000); pagers (\$2,000); White Bird control telephone (\$355); telephone system (\$500).*

Public Discussion: Jack Macarchak, Construction Coordinator, feels there may not be enough construction staff to do all the projects asked for.

Vote: *The motion passed, 10 for, 0 against.*

MACINTOSH EXPENDITURE

Motion: *Kelly moved the Board allocate \$3,551 to purchase a Macintosh computer. Paxton seconded.*

Background: (As I type these very minutes on a Mac), Margo said that a number of crews have asked for a Mac at the office to do their computer work.

Public Discussion: Have you ever been a PC v. Mac discussion? It takes friendly debate to new heights. Mac aficionados (of which this secretary is one) extolled its user friendliness, ease of learning, broad accessibility. PCers, au contraire, advocated for Windows (an application which gives a PC a Mac environment) and the fact that we already have two PC's, why buy another computer. (Norma, who didn't say this at the meeting, but will tell you if you ask, is in seventh heaven at the thought that she can do the minutes at the Fair office instead of at her dreary, paid-for-with your-taxes, workplace.)

Board Discussion: Paxton, our resident computer expert, said that Windows tends to crash a lot. Daniel felt there should be a separate computers for general use (desktop publishing, correspondence) and for recordkeeping use. Thom would rather have the caretaker's residence as a higher priority and thinks a computer can wait until next year's budget. Steve W. feels we are not looking beyond this year in our budget choices.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 (Jeanne, Thom, Steve W. against).

PEACH TRUCK REPAIRS

Motion: Kelly moved the Board authorize up to \$2,000 for Peach Truck body repairs. Steve W. seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 1 (Thom) opposed, 1 (Paxton) abstained.

USED TRACTOR PURCHASE

Motion: Steve W. moved to purchase a used tractor for \$10,000. Margo seconded.

Public Discussion: Bill Verner, the gifted caretaker (gifted because he gets to live on that most precious piece of land), said he has been investigating tractor purchases and has looked through farm journals to find a suitable, reasonably priced piece of equipment. Last week he rented one for \$125 a day and found many uses for it. The tractor would help with road repairs and could lift 50# bags, thereby avoiding SAIF claims, because the machinery would probably not hurt its back and sue the fair.

Board Discussion: Paxton would like to help buy the tractor as he has lots of experience buying used equipment. Thom is opposed to the purchase as he feels we can't afford the storage, maintenance and insurance costs. Steve G. felt we should not put out \$10,000 at one time, but instead finance the purchase and pay for it over time. Paxton also voiced that opinion. Kelly said that it is hard to finance the purchase of used equipment and that we would avoid interest charges by a one-time payment. She is also concerned that if we have a fair that loses money, we may not be able to make a payment.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 (Thom, Steve G., Paxton) against.

RECYCLING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: Bob moved the Board allocate \$950 for lining the recycling garbage pit, \$1,025 for expanding the recycling sorting dock, and \$125 for tin roofing over the recycling dock. Margo seconded.

Background: Bob explained that lining the pit is necessary to avoid the dumpster getting stuck in it; dock expansion will greatly expand sorting capabilities and decrease sorting time. (The recycling crew sorts all the bottles and cans they pick up—Budweisers go in one bag, Miller's in another—on and on); and a tin roof over the dock will keep the bins dry in winter. The pit was built last year after the nearby dump was closed; Bob said the mistake was in not lining it at that time. When it rains, the pit fills up and makes a mess.

Public Discussion: Nance is concerned about the process that has been going on with this issue. She thought that Traffic crew's concern's about the location of the pit were addressed and an agreement reached. If people are concerned about the improvements making the site more permanent, moving them is no big deal. Robert Painter, of the Recycling crew, said if this budget does not pass, if the dumpster gets stuck, the kiosks will not be emptied, that if the pit is not workable, there will be no way to get the garbage out of the Fair.

Board Discussion: Steve G. perceives the improvements as being permanent and he wants the Recycling to consider moving the dock after a study by the Land Use Management Planning committee. He feels the Recycling crew has had a non-compromising attitude. Paxton also feels the recycling area is in the wrong place. Margo, au contraire, urged support for these items. Bob said if a land use study suggests that recycling should move, they will. Paxton does not like the idea of using railroad ties or treated lumber to line the pit. Daniel has an aesthetic objection to a tin roof.

Vote: The motion failed, 4 for, 6 against (Jeanne, Steve G., Anne, Paxton, Thom Kelly).

Motion: Bob moved Board approve money for lining the pit and expanding the dock. Margo seconded.

Vote: The motion failed, 6 for, 4 against (Jeanne, Steve G., Paxton, Thom).

Motion: Margo moved to allocate \$1,025 to expand the recycling sorting dock. Kelly seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 2 opposed (Steve G., Thom).

Motion: Kelly moved the Board allocate \$950 to line the garbage pit.

Vote: The motion failed, 4 for, 5 against (Jeanne, Steve G., Paxton, Thom, Steve W.); 1 abstained (Anne).

KID LOOP BUDGET ITEM

Motion: Kelly moved to allocate \$2,000 for the construction of structures for the Kids Loop.

Background: There is an existing space for the Kids Loop in the Left Bank.

Public Discussion: Serenity and Carol Bull urged support for the Kids Loop expenditures, saying that kids need a comfortable, safe spot for themselves that is fun for them. Carol pointed out that an investment in youth will pay for itself many times over.

Board Discussion: Anne is concerned about putting out money without direction, wants the issue to go the LUMPs. Margo also felt this idea is not ready to go yet and is concerned about liability and safety issues. (Leslie said she checked with the insurance company who assured her that if the structures are not permanent and are not perceived as rides, they are treated like all the other structures at the Fair in terms of possible liability.)

Kelly reminded the Board that the Kid Loop committee had brought a proposal to the Board in November, the BoD asked them to speak to various committees (Childcare, LUMP), which they did and from whom they got full support. childcare crew is committed to staffing the Kids Loop and the Teen Crew wants to help out also.

Vote: The motion failed, 2 for, 7 opposed (Thom, Margo, Anne, Steve G., Steve W., Jeanne, Daniel); 1 (Paxton) abstained.

Motion: Margo move to reserve for one year \$2,000 for the Kids Loop committee for plans which will be developed by the LUMP Committee, Kids Loop Committee, and our General Manager and approved by the Board before expenditure. Bob seconded.

Vote: The motion passed 7 for; 3 against (Daniel, Thom, Steve G.).

FAIR ATTENDANCE GOAL

Motion: Steve G. moved that the Board set a total Fair attendance goal of 35,000 paid admissions. Paxton seconded.\

Public Discussion: How is this going to happen, people wondered. Brian Alexander suggested daily rather than total attendance goals.

Board Discussion: The Board said that different areas of the Fair can work at it, especially advertising. Margo said that ordinarily the GM gives the Advertising Coordinator an attendance goal, but that figure is generally not shared with the rest of the crews. Now, if everyone else knows the figure, everyone can work at keeping attendance at this number. Kelly felt this was too late for most crews, they had already planned for this year's Fair.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for; 1 (Kelly) abstained.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion: Daniel moved to appoint Martha Evans and Daniel Lithicum to the Personnel Committee. Bob seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.

CRAFTS COMMITTEE

Motion: Thom moved to appoint Carol Bull to the Crafts Committee, as per that committee's recommendation. Steve W. seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 against.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion: Thom moved and Steve W. seconded hat the following people be named to the Long Range Planning Committee: (oh Tommy dear, help me out here. I didn't get your list).

Board Discussion: Paxton felt there won't be any results with this many people. Kelly asked about the statement of purpose which was supposed to be developed for this committee.

Vote: The motion failed, 4 for; 5 opposed (Steve W., Jeanne, Paxton, Daniel; Margo); 2 abstained (Steve G., Anne).

LOGO JURYING

Motion: Bob moved all logo items getting seven or more votes be approved for sale at the 1992 Fair. The items are: silver pendants, cotton book bags, cotton bandanas, and niobium earrings. Steve G. seconded.

Background: Crafts persons have submitted items for possible sale with the Fair logo on them. It is up to the Board which ones get the OK.

Vote: The motion passed 9 for, 1 (Jeanne) opposed.

Motion: Paxton moved to accept the thrown pottery mug as a logo item to be sold at the 1992 Fair. Steve G. seconded.

Vote: the motion passed, 8 for, 2 (Bob) against; 1 (Anne) abstained.

Motion: Daniel moved to accept the etched glass mugs for sale as logo items to be sold at the 1992 Fair. Steve w. seconded.

Vote: The motion failed, 5 for; 5 opposed (Jeanne, Steve G., Bob, Paxton, Margo).

NEXT MEETING

June 1, 7 p.m. EWEB Building, eugene. Agenda items:?????



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