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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 3, 1993

Present: , Dan Dillon Bob Durnell, Steve Gorham, Anne Henry, Jack Makarchak, Paxton Hoag, Jim Sahr (alternate), Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky
Somewhere else: Kelly Isgrig; Martha Evans (alternate),

MINUTES

Motion: Margo moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 1993 Board of Directors meeting as corrected. Jeanne seconded.

Corrections: The correct name of the person to submit Peach Pit articles to is Marge Kaufman, not whatever the apologetic secretary mangled it as. A name is a terrible thing to spell wrong.

Under the background section of the budget discussion, the decrease is \$6,000. Watch out for those zeroes. Although they are a pretty good band.

Vote: The motion passed 10 for, 0 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please see the Fair Family News for a statement by Don Doolin, Security Coordinator, regarding wristbands.
2. Leslie showed off the 1993 poster. It's a beauty. You'll want one. A great big thanks to the artist, Mindy Dwyer.
3. Anne announced the Peach Pit ad deadline is May 29; article deadline is May 20, entertainment schedule deadline is June 7.
4. Barney Sullivan said that Bill Verner, Site Manager, has moved into the yurt. We saved \$14,000 by building it ourselves. Bob encouraged everyone, both skilled and non- to come out and help do the finish work. Digging ditches, apparently. Want to work out some aggressions?
5. From John Doscher, thanx to the folks who safely did the highway pickup May 1. (You find things like snakes and deer bones and holiday wrapping paper. It's a blast.)
6. The Community Village is looking for a construction coordinator, If you have the time and skills and think you might fit in here, please come to the next Village meeting, Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m., Whiteaker School Community Room. (Oh, but you won't see this in time, will you? Darn. Now, see if the Fair would pay me and I could quit my dull, boring day job, I could get these minutes out much faster. Come on folks, how about a petition to give sax a job, since we're in such a petition mood lately.)

7. Advance tickets will not be sold outside Oregon this year. Tune in same time next year for perhaps another story. ("As The Ticket Turns," or "All My Tickets.")
8. John "One More Thing" Doscher announced that he has turned over the to the Secretary an initiative petitioning the Board to (give sax a job. Oh, no that's not right, it really was to..) direct the Elections Committee to place on the 1993 General Election ballot the following initiative: "That the Board of Directors adopt as policy the following: In keeping with the 3rd provision of the OCF Code of Conduct, all Fair Family Members shall work together to do whatever possible to insure a grass covered, barefoot-safe path during the Fair."
9. Congratulations to Thom Lanfear, Fair cartographer, on the birth of his daughter, Emma.
10. Margo talked about a letter being circulated that expresses concern that the Board made a policy change by recognizing the Vegmanecs as a crew. Margo reminded everyone that it is indeed the Board of Directors which does make policy changes and, who knows, they just might do it again in our lifetime.

Margo encouraged everyone to send in their Long Range Planning surveys printed in the Fair Family News a couple of issues ago. Have fun with it, but please give some serious feedback also. (Lots of them say give sax a job. Lots of them sax has gotten her hands on, that is.)

REPORTS

General Manager

Leslie Scott, General Manager, said we had a lovely Spring Fling, one of the highlights of which was a video of the '92 Fair produced by our Video Coordinator, Rock Badger. (And the secretary stole the office copy this morning so she could watch it while she does the minutes. can sax write and watch at the same time? you be the judge. oh, there goes...oh, sorry the parade just went by.) Leslie thanked Camille Cole and Norma Sax for organizing the event and David Paul for his entertainer expertise.

Leslie also reported that we had a wonderful turnout for our first "let's show off for the neighbors" open house. We invited about 100 Veneta/Elmira neighbors for a walk around the site and about 50 came for a beautiful Sunday stroll. Thanks to Patti Lamont and Beth Middleman for organizing the event, Bill and the Vegmanecs (sounds like a garage band) for making the joint look so spiffy and safe, Sue Kesey for the tasty ice cream, Cory Sullivan for arranging the entertainment, . And here's to the goddess of sunshine for the brightest, warmest day we've had in these parts in quite a long, strange spell. The neighbors had such a good time (and so did we) they asked us to do it again.

An emergency response drill is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6 at the Fair site. Everyone is urged to participate, particularly coordinators and crew leaders.

The first draft of the operations manual is almost complete. Leslie is hoping to have it finished by the Fair.

Site Manager

Bill Verner, Site Manager, (and lead washboard player) thanked the volunteers who helped turn all the fallen tree limbs into a nice pile of chips. And dips. And salsa. Sour cream, avocados. (Oh, sorry, there was the stir fry booth in the video.)

So, Bill what else is new? There are lots of mosquitoes at the site, "a sign of a healthy ecosystem," we are told.

Bill expressed his appreciation to the Vegmanecs for their stewardship of the land. Each Vegmanec took an area of responsibility, to seed, mow or do whatever is needed.

Bill, with no prompting from anyone, thanked everyone from his heart for the yurt. He's a happy not-camper.

Treasurer

Hilary Anthony, (hmm, we have Bill and Hilary in this organization - are we following a trend?), said we are moving from the season of budget to the season of cash management. She and Leslie are getting the office ready to accommodate the flood of receipts and checks coming in and going out, respectively. The CD's that were deposited after last year's Fair have matured. One of them is now liquid and the others are to be spent for start-up expenses. Two of the CDs are reinvested, including the endowment which now has \$30,468.

Hilary presented the Board with a cash report and proposed that in this "converting the budget cycle," the Fair budget year go from May 1 to May 1. (NOTE TO HILARY: i'm sorry i couldn't quite get this. could you please put dictate to me a sentence or two summing this up. i had no idea what you were talking about. it's my limitless ignorance of and almost total disinterest in financial matters. i stand in awe of people like you. norma)

Hilary is going to write to coordinators, clarifying the reimbursement process and explaining how to spend their budget, how to get paid back for expenditures, how to get that receipt from the vendor to the Fair office.

Hilary will continue Nance's practice to giving a printout on a regular basis to coordinators of their budget compared to how much money had been spent to date. the budget committee would like feedback from coordinators on how and why their budgets are over or under.

NEW BUSINESS (PART ONE)

A GATHERING OF NATIONS

Several organizers of the First Annual Spiritual Gathering and Gathering of the Nations '93 asked the OCF Board of Directors to consider allowing the Gathering to be held on the Fair site in late July or early September.

The organizers write "The Spiritual Gathering and Gathering of the Nations '93, is conceived in the spirit of potlatch. This is the cultural teaching of sharing and giving which was embodied in the native way of life on this continent for many, many centuries, and is kept alive today within the culture. This gathering is intended as an encampment of Native People for the purpose of celebration, ceremony and thanksgiving. The encampment is designed as a sharing of culture for the purpose of awakening, remembering and education. Through the sharing of traditional foods, crafts, laughter, song and dance the gathering will provide an educational experience that will promote understanding and unity among native and non-native people."

The Gathering was rained out from its original time and place of May in Coburg. The process for securing a mass gathering permit is in the works. They Gathering would be held in the Fair parking lot area. About 40,000 people are expected attend the event; there would be 2-3,00 campers.

Board members asked the organizers to provide them with information on the organization of the event and insurance options prior to the next Board meeting, where they will vote on the proposal.

Leslie SUGGESTED this might be one way for the Fair to participate in the Year of the Indigenous People .

The Board will vote on the proposal at its next meeting.

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

Motion: Anne moved to approve the Capital Projects Budget as presented by the Budget Committee., with an additional \$1,000 for yew poles. Margo seconded .

Background: The total capital projects budget recommended by the Budget Committee is \$28,175. including \$13,320 for projects carried over from 1992. Proposed 1993 expenditures are: Move Circus \$5,700, Widen Bus Road \$8,800, Reefer Bridge II \$2,500, Main Camp Kitchen \$25,00, 500 Yew Poles \$1500, New Gates \$500, Fencing \$1,500, Traffic Shed \$600, Community Village \$500, Community Village Stage \$300, Move Youth Stage \$1,200, Tractor Frontloader \$1,200; Recycling \$225; Yurt Repair (Main Camp) \$2,000.

The Budget Committee is recommending the Fair make a \$15,000 payment on the yurt, making \$7,500 right away. and paying the other half in November when it is scheduled.

Public Discussion: John Higbe of Community Village explained the Village's plans to rebuild several of its booths. The CV asked for \$3500; the Budget Committee approved only \$500. The Village, which is concerned about making safe booths, has set aside \$700 from their general budget to work on these booths.

dahinda meda said there is a resource for acquiring yew logs at a great discount now and urged the Board to consider another sum included in the budget for purchasing as many yew poles as possible.

Leslie said part of the difficulty for the Budget committee regarding the CV was that the Village has its own bank account and the BC does not have enough information on how the Village handles its finances. Also, some BC members see the CV as a booth and since the Fair doesn't pay for other booths's reconstruction, it shouldn't pay for the Village's.

Board Discussion: Jack said \$500 is not a realistic sum for the Community Village, even if they have to do minor repairs. He also said if we don't take advantage of the yew poles deal, we'll be sorry.

Paxton asked about the Village's ability to complete construction sincere there is no construction coordinator. John Higbe assured the Board the CV will complete the project.

Anne feels If the construction amount for the Village is increased, she would like to see the Village work with the Fair in making these booths as safe as possible.

Steve G. would also like to see the relationship with the Community Village clarified.

Amendment: Paxton moved to add \$1500 to the Community Village Reconstruction of the Booths Project. These monies will be accounted for separately from the Community Village funds and will be used only for 1993 booth construction materials. Any amounts left over after the 1993 Fair will revert to the OCF General Fund. Bob seconded.

Vote on Amendment: The amendment passed 8 for, 2 opposed (Jeanne and Margo).

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

BUDGET REVISITED