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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JULY 5, 1993

PRESENT: Daniel Dillon, Bob Durnell, Martha Evans (alternate), Steve Gorham, Anne Henry, Paxton Hoag, Kelly Isgrig, Jack Makarchak, Jim Sahr (alternate), Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

MINUTES

Motion: Steve moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 1993 Board of Directors meeting. Anne seconded.

Background: Anne had a few corrections: (1) one hundred feedback forms for the 1992 Fair were received; (2) the representative of the Gathering of Nations who spoke was Jim Bossler; (3) in the wristband discussion she had said that Board and staff were compassionate.

Vote: The motion passed 10 for, 0 opposed.

REPORTS

General Manager

Leslie Scott, GM, said advance ticket sales are going swimmingly (an apt choice of words given our recent weather). Speaking of the weather (the relentless rain. the unremitting rain. the wet rain. you call this a summer? Oh, sorry, where was I?) The excessive rain has caused us to lose 300 parking spaces so advertising is focusing on the merits of bus ridership. In fact, just to make it more attractive, the bus loading platform has been improved; three, count 'em 3, busses can unload at one time.

Plans for Zumwalt Park camping are going well.

Leslie feels we're ready to party. What do you say?

Site Manager

Bill Verner, Site Manager, said the site is getting ready for a special occasion. A chipper is going to do what it does best to the brush which has fallen in the path.

Steve W. expressed concern about all the brush cutting he has observed on the eight, specifically inside booths.

Bill Clinton said Hilary Rodham (no, that's Bill Verner said Hilary Anthony— they all look so much alike) arranged for a service organization to take away the former residence of the caretaker and turn it into a home for someone who needs one. Yeah, Hilary. Rodham couldn't have done a better job.

Treasurer

The very same Hilary Anthony, Treasurer, said crews are doing a good job of keeping within their budgets. Capital projects are coming in close to budget. She recommends the Fair purchase 10 additional peach carts.

Hilary says we have the largest budget we've ever had.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Steve W. said the Oregon Alliance for the Arts is tracking legislation regarding mass gathering permits which is likely to pass the Oregon House of Representatives. If the bill passed, the Fair would have to pay \$5,000 for a mass gathering permit. (Steve, do you mean annually?)
2. As of Friday, July 2, 9,100 tickets had been sold. Margo expects 5,000 to go. Quick. Hurry, go get 'em. Come on, now, you want to be there, don't you.
3. Margo reported that 14 kids have signed for rape awareness training, but there was not a large enough age group to schedule the trainings. Sexual Assault Support Services will do a safe touch puppet show at the Youth Stage every morning of the Fair at 10.
4. Anne apologized for the error in the Peach Pit which named Nance Sledge as Treasurer instead of Hilary Anthony. (hilary said no hard feelings, punched anne in the nose, and the whole thing was forgotten.)

OLD BUSINESS

FERN RIDGE LIBRARY

Motion: Bob moved to table the discussion about the Fern Ridge Library. Jeanne seconded.

Background: The Fern Ridge Library Planning Committee asked the OCF for a donation to help in its funding campaign.

Board Comments: Several Board members suggested to the Planning Committee that it submit its request to the Endowment Committee.

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

TRAFFIC COORDINATOR

Moving right along....bad joke.

Motion: Steve G. moved that Hawk Owl deYoung be named Traffic Co-coordinator. Steve W. seconded.

Background: One of the Steves (I can't remember which—those traffic boys all look alike, too) said that Hawk Owl would be coordinating pre- and post- traffic. (To and from for us.) There are now six Traffic Co-coordinators. (what do you call a group of traffic coordinators—a carload of traffic coordinators? a steering committee of traffic coordinators? do they meet in plymouth rock or chevy chase?)

Public Discussion: Frank Sharpy pointed out that it now took six people to do what Santos Narvaez did alone.

BUDGET

Rain Contingency

Motion: Margo moved to allow Leslie to spend \$5,000 overrun for rain contingency expenses. Anne seconded.

Public Discussion: John Dochser promised it won't rain. Well, okay, John, if you say so. (the secretary for one believes anything john doscher tells her. but, then, she's easy for anyone who makes her believe the sun will shine.)

Board Discussion: Anne thinks it's a great idea (the money, not the rain). Bob hopes we are not encouraging more overruns. (or else there won't be anything left for the secretary to run off to tahiti with. she hears the sun shines in tahiti.)

SECURITY

Motion: Margo to approve expenditure of \$1,00 in food vouchers to keep the information booths staffed from 10 p.m to 6 a.m.. Jeanne seconded.

Background: Information booths will be staffed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for the first time.

Board Discussion: Anne said this suggestion was made in a feedback form received after last year's Fair. Paxton would like to see booth staffing 24 hours a day next year.

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

ALTERNATIVE PASS SYSTEM

Motion: Paxton moved to spend \$1,000 for 300 photo IDs. Bob seconded.

Background: This is probably going to come as a great shock but there are some people who do not want to wear wristbands. A photo ID is suggested for these folks. (Now that's being important.)

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Jeanne) abstained, 0 opposed.

PERSONNEL

Motion: Daniel moved to appoint Camille Cole, Leslie Scott, Doe , and Heidi Doscher to the Office Manager Hiring Committee. They would serve with the Personnel Committee: Daniel Dillon, Brad Lerch, and Martha Evans. Anne seconded.

Background: Sad to say Camille is leaving her position as Office Manager. Sob.

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

SAFETY

Motion: Margo moved to allow the Sexual Assault Support Services to use the OCF logo on sheets detailing safety information at the Fair. Steve W. seconded.

Background: Jill of SASS said safe booths will be identified as places for children to go if they feel they are in danger. When the occupants are present the booths will display signs identifying themselves as "safe booths" .

Board Discussion: Anne asked that the signs be identifiable by children too young to read.

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

1994 OREGON COUNTRY FAIR

Motion: Daniel moved that next year's Fair be July 8, 9, 10, 1994. Margo seconded.

Public Discussion: Robert Aurnague DeSpain suggested the Fair be held the next weekend. The earlier date is too soon after the Fourth of July and will lessen the time staff has to prepare for the Fair. Leslie would like to see the Fair put off to the next weekend; she feels we could use the extra time and separation from the Art in the Vineyards (a Eugene event). (the secretary wonders why they don't just move independence day. the fair is much more important than any old national holiday.)

Board Discussion: Anne pointed out that the weekend of July 15, 16, 17 is the same weekend as the Salem Art Fair and the Vancouver Folk Festival. This could cause a conflict for vendors and entertainers.

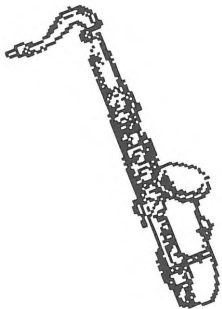
Vote: The motion failed, 4 for, 6 (Margo, Kelly, Daniel, Steve W., Jeanne, Jack) opposed.

Motion: Jeanne moved to have the next Oregon Country Fair the weekend of July 15, 16, 17, 1994. Margo seconded.,

Vote: The motion passed 7 for, 3 opposed (Bob, Paxton, Anne).

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 2, 1993, 7:00 p.m., EWEB Building, Eugene. Agenda items: by the time you get this the meeting will be over so who cares.



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