



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

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

NOT: Daniel Dillon

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### MINUTES

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Bill Verner, Site Manager, said the correct spelling of the name of the person he thanked last month is Lynn Kampher. Bill still thanks Lynn and the Secretary apologizes for mangling Lynn's name.

Jack said he wanted to say, when speaking of setting the Fair dates, that "the Board made a smooth move," not "good move" as reported by the Secretary who probably needs to have her hearing checked.

*Motion: Bob moved to approve the August 1993 Board of Directors meeting minutes as amended. Margo seconded.*

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. Gil Harrison, boothperson, suggested that Fair staff send a postcard to those who write to the Board, acknowledging receipt of the letter.
2. Anne Henry said we've received 115 feedback letters about the 1993 Fair. She will compile a report and present it at the Annual Meeting.

3. The next highway cleanup is Saturday, October 30 at 10 a.m. Meet at the Site Manager's residence. (that sort of round, brown house. you'll know it when you see it.)
4. The Recycling Crew would like feedback on the trial butt cans used at the picnic.

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### STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

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#### General Manager

Leslie Scott, General Manager, thanked everyone who filled in at the office while she was gone, specifically Shirley Demaline, Susannah MacDonald, Katie Cousins, Hilary Anthony, and Heidi Doscher. She also thanked Norma Sax, Bill Verner, Wally Slocum, Cory Sullivan, and David Paul for organizing the picnic which was, as Leslie put it, "wildly attended."

The evaluation meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., WOW Hall.

Leslie reminded the Board that last year a motion was passed stating that before the Annual Meeting the Board would dedicate a percentage of excess revenue to the Endowment Fund. Leslie and Hilary will present accurate and current financial information to the Board in time for it to make a decision regarding the Endowment Fund.

Reports from the BUMS (Back Up Managers) will be given in October. (well, the problem is, leslie said "write if you get work" and since they are bums...)

#### Treasurer

Hilary Anthony, Treasurer, distributed a draft, not-final, financial report which includes a comparison of last year's and this year's

cash balance and income, and a projected income and expense report from January 1, 1993 to September 30, 1993. Hilary will have a much firmer report at the Annual Meeting.

Hilary asked that coordinators get their receipts in as soon as possible.

#### Site Manager

Bill thanked everyone who came out early to get the site ready for the picnic. He thanked Norma for doing such a great job of co-organizing. (norma thanks bill for doing such a great job of co-organizing. and you thought we were just a couple of singers in a rock and roll band. isn't life strange?) Bill also thanked Wally Slocum who worked so hard behind the food table at the picnic, and David Hoffman and Dick Stewart who started cleaning up at some ungodly hour the next morning.

If anyone needs any hay, straw, or mulch, talk to Bill.

The site is kind of dry, but still green.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Bauske said the Endowment Committee is announcing the endowment opportunity and requesting letters of intent for endowment projects. The Fair Family News has the scoop—if you look you'll see a copy of the press release. (this brings up a question\_ which part of the Fair Family News do you read first?)

There is a two-tiered process for choosing projects to be funded. First is a letter of intent from fund seekers describing the organization, the project, and how it fits into our goals. The second tier is a more detailed application about the proposed project and the organization.

Although an organization can be housed in Eugene, the project must occur in West Lane County.

### ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Carol Bull reported one initiative and nine candidates for Board seats are on the ballot as of this date. Candidate and ballot initiative statements are in the Fair Family News. Check it out.

Carol requested the Board review the membership of the Elections Committee every year and that up to six people be appointed by the May meeting so the Committee can be operational long before the Annual Meeting that happens every year, 365 days after the last one.

### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee is meeting.

### BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

So is this one.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

They haven't met lately, but have extended the hiring date of the Office Manager because of a typo in the job announcement. The next hiring committee meeting is September 26; they will present the Board with a hiring recommendation on October 4.

### CRAFT COMMITTEE

Thom Chambliss reported that the Craft Committee had an open house August 31 and set priorities for issues to be dealt with during the coming months for the next Fair.

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## AGENDA

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## Fair Dates

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Motion: Paxton moved to pull from the table his motion to rescind the dates for the 1994 Fair July 15, 16, 17, 1994) that were set in July (and hold the Fair July 8, 9, 10, 1994. Bob seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 - 0.

*Motion:* Paxton moved to rescind the dates for the 1994 that were set at the July meeting and reset the dates to July 8, 9, 10. Steve G. seconded.

Background: At the July 1993 Board meeting, the Board passed a motion to hold the 1994 Fair July 15, 16, 17. (just in case you missed the first couple of times i said it.)

Public Discussion: Marge Wise, Vaudeville, spoke about how the dates would affect circus performers. A late date for the Fair would present a scheduling conflict and might mean they couldn't perform at the Fair.

Gil Harrison, present boothperson and former staff person, asked that the dates be changed to July 8, 9, 10, pointing out entertainers and boothpersons who participate in events normally scheduled the week after the OCF would have to choose between the OCF and other events.

Mary Shuler said that as a staffperson for the Fair Family News (and a damn great one, too) she has received much feedback from Fair family that says they do not want the Fair to be held later than usual.

Leslie pointed out that the issue of setting the dates for the Fair was never intended to be a choice between staff and booth people. Staff's concerns were not intended to be against booth people. Staff is willing to have the Fair a week earlier and asks everyone's cooperation in making that go smoothly. She is asking local people to consider opening their homes to out-of-town booth people for the period between the Fourth of July and Thursday of the Fair.

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, Crafts Inventory Coordinator, said changing the dates of our event has serious impacts on other events which have built their schedules around ours.

Board Discussion: Steve G. saw good reasons to make the dates either weekend and setting the dates later is not a change from when we were last faced with this situation. New dates may bring new blood in.

Anne said she is continuing to hear from

others who would have problems if the dates were set at the later weekend. Some craftspeople and performers get a major part of their livelihood from participating in two fairs. Anne is very willing to work with Leslie on finding places to stay for Fair family.

Kelly said we've gotten lots of comments from Fair family and sentiment seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of the earlier weekend. Kelly urged the rest of the Board to listen to what the Fair community wants.

Jack sees this as another internal struggle about self-centeredness, questioning how we present ourselves to the larger community. This discussion is indicative of the notion that much revolves around the Fair.

Bob said he finds no compelling reason to change the dates.

Steve W. said the implication of either date can be planned for.

Jeanne looked up the dates of the Fair the last time the Fourth was on a Tuesday (in 1989) and discovered the Fair was held the 7, 8, and 9.

Margo said she is willing to support the second weekend in July (8, 9, 10) and asked everyone to be open to change and reinvention.

Jim feels the dates for the Fair are more critical for boothpeople and entertainers than it is for staff.

*Vote: The motion passed 10 for, 0 opposed. (and you were afraid we weren't going to have a fair, weren't you?)*

### WORK SESSION DATES

The Board set work session dates for November 15, 7 p.m. (topic: budget), and December 13, (topic: safety issues). Regarding location, the intrepid secretary will find a joint.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

#### Elections Committee

*Motion:* Anne moved and Margo seconded to appoint Heidi Doscher to the Elections Committee.

Board Discussion: YEAH HEIDI!!!

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

### Newsletter Committee

Motion: Kelly moved to appoint Michael Ottenhausen to the Newsletter Committee. (which really should be the newsletter crew, but that's another story. wanna hear it? i have plenty of time.)

Public Discussion: Norma Sax, of the Fair Family News, said Michael should be recognized for his work with the newsletter by being officially named to the crew wannabe. Michael has been working with the FFN from the very beginning and we couldn't get along without him.

Board Discussion: YEAH MICHAEL!!!

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

### Budget Committee

Motion: Kelly moved and Margo seconded to appoint Gale Houlihan to the Budget Committee.

Public Discussion: Leslie said Gale worked with the Budget Committee last year and did a wonderful job. She urged making him an official member of the Committee.

Hilary said other people have expressed interest in the committee. It's kind of catch as can to appoint one person and not go to a full recruitment. It would be helpful to have some with expertise in budgeting, particularly skills in assessing capital project costs.

Board Discussion: Martha felt it wasn't right to choose someone for a committee without an open recruitment process.

Bob felt that Gales' attendance at committee meetings for a year should be seen enough of a sign of interest.

Kelly thinks there should be a process, but with Gale expressing the interest that he has and doing the work that he did, he should be appointed.

Margo said that appointments to the Budget Committee have been approached differently because of the nature of the work and the time commitment.

Anne recommended the topic be revisited next month.

Bob suggested the question of committee appointments be referred to the By-laws Committee.

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

### Personnel Committee

It needs members.

### Elections Committee

Motion: Martha moved to appoint Merrill Levine to the Elections Committee. Margo seconded.

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

Motion: Bob moved to appoint Mira Rainey to the Elections Committee. Paxton seconded.

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

### LAND ACQUISITION

Motion: Steve W. moved to direct the Land Acquisition Response Group (LARG) to expend up to \$1,000 for a market appraisal of the Larson property. Bob seconded.

Background: Hilary, Leslie, and Dennis Todd have been investigating the purchase of the Larson property. Larry Larson has said he has a serious offer on the land for \$390,000.

Public Discussion: Leslie said this is a necessary next step if we are going to pursue purchasing this property.

Board Discussion: Steve G. feels we have better things to spend our money on.

Kelly wants the fundamental questions of what we would do with the property settled first.

Margo is in favor with the understanding that we will be looking at acquiring this property with perhaps immediate resale with restricted covenants.

Steve W. thinks this is an astronomical figure that Larson is asking and if we don't act



we may find ourselves with neighbors we can't live with.

Paxton doesn't think the market appraisal will cost \$1,000 and that an appraisal now will help us evaluate other pieces of land in the neighborhood that may come up for sale.

Bob feels the Board should be providing leadership and say yes or no to purchase. Keeping our options open is a good idea.

*Vote: The motion failed, 5 for, 5 opposed (Jeanne, Kelly, Martha, Anne, Steve G.)*

*Motion: Jack moved we offer Bernie Larson \$250,000 for his property. Steve W. seconded.*

Board Discussion: Jack feels this is a legitimate offer. Steve G. doesn't see a groundswell of support to buy this property.

Jack withdrew his motion because he liked this one better:

*Motion: Jack moved to spend \$700 for a market appraisal of the Larson property. Steve W. seconded.*

Bob offered an amendment (not accepted) to direct the LARG to make a recommendation of what to spend for the property and a suggestion of what we could do with it.

Anne thinks we should hear from Fair family before making a decision on the purchase. Jim, however, doesn't think we will hear from the community on this.

Jack feels this is a logical next step and will be added to the process in any future land acquisitions.

*Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 opposed (Kelly, Jeanne, Anne).*

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## NEXT MEETING

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Monday, October 4, 1993, EWEB Building, 4th and High, Eugene, 7 p.m. Agenda: Craft Inventory Co-coordinator, Jim Evangelista proposal, Construction Co-coordinator, Elections Update, Reggie's Horse Blanket Proposal, Endowment, Office Manager, Flute, Office Location, Land Acquisition.

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