



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 1, 1994

**Present:** Tom Alexander, Daniel Dillon, Bob Durnell, Martha Evans (alternate), Anne Henry, Paxton Hoag, David Liberty (alternate), Jack Makarchak, Jim Sahr, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

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### MINUTES

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Motion: Margo moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 1994 Board of Directors meeting as corrected. Steve seconded.

Correction: Anne voted against the KRVM motion.

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

Motion: Margo moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 1994 Board of Directors meeting as corrected. Steve seconded.

Correction: Leslie said our total liabilities as reported at the June meeting were \$37,320.41, not whatever the aging and mathematically challenged secretary reported.

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who put on such a fine and dandy event.
2. Michele Sharpy, Admissions Coordinator, announced the following attendance figures for the 1994 Fair: Friday, 14,149; Saturday, 18,967; Sunday, 16,558. Okay, math majors, what's the total? Give up?

**49,674 tickets sold.** Twenty-seven percent of tickets were sold in advance of the Fair.

3. Categories and numbers of the 71 feedback forms received during June and July are: Admissions (8), advance tickets (5), advertising (3), Alter Abled (2), busses (3), camping (2), carts (1), cartography (4), childcare/kid's loop (1), Community Village (1), construction (4), craft inventory (10), craft committee (7), Energy Park (1), entertainment (10) fire (4), flowers (1), food (1), information (2), inventory (1), neighbors (1), newsletter (1), Peach Pit (2), recycling (1), registration (16), sanitation/toilets (3), sauna (1), security (12), teens (2), traffic (5), Vegmanecs/path (10), water (7), water barrels (3), operations (20), signs (5), caretaker (1), office (1). Copies of all of these forms have been distributed to coordinators' mailboxes at the office.
4. Commemorative shirts and posters will be for sale at the picnic.
5. Picnic. August 20, look up for more info.
5. **CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION MUST HAVE THEIR STATEMENTS TO THE OCF OFFICE BY AUGUST 29 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER FAIR FAMILY NEWS. 300 WORDS LIMIT; PRINTED VERBATIM AS SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE.**

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## REPORTS

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### General Manager

Leslie said we had a really wonderful Fair (which, of course, we knew) and expressed a deep amount of appreciation to everyone who pulled it off.

We did have a fire during the Fair, but the Fire Crew did a great job of putting it out, as did the booth people who were nearby. This was our first potentially serious fire in twenty-five years. We hope it's the last.

Many thanks to the Neighborhood Response Team who dealt with problems caused by illegal campgrounds run by neighbors. Leslie had a meeting with several county officials about these campsites. The County is writing to the neighbors involved describing the permit process and penalties for unauthorized campgrounds. There will be a general meeting in October to answer questions about campsites.

Zumwalt Campground ran beautifully, Leslie said.

Off-site parking worked well, although there were some problems with the shuttle bus. The high school parking lot was about 2/3 to 3/4 full.

This was our most expensive Fair ever.

We were partly successful in one SAIF appeal and will be getting a refund from them. Good job, Russell.

### Site Manager

Bill Verner, Site Manager in absentia and in writing, thanked all the volunteers who worked long and hard hours before and after the Fair. He said the site is recovering; Main Stage meadow is greening up nicely and will be ready for the picnic. Watering is going on until August, when no watering will be applied in areas with oak tree clusters until September. No Dogs still in effect. August 20 is the deadline for ladders and reefers unless otherwise worked out with Bill in advance. All reefers and ladders not taken care of will be assessed \$25.00 per reefer and \$25.00 for

ladders or stairs not removed or stowed properly. All vehicles and motorcycles need to be removed from the site or they will be towed at owner's expense.

### Office Manager

Katie McCarron thanked everyone for a great Fair. Many callers have said what a great Fair they had.

Katie thanked Heidi Doscher (birthday person extraordinaire) for washing the office windows.

### Treasurer

Leslie gave the Treasurer's report in Steve Gorham's absence. We don't have complete figures yet on income and expenditures for the 1994 Fair. Registration and commemorative sales were up. Complete figures will, of course, be available at the Annual Meeting.

We have a new account at U.S. Bank; we now have twelve accounts in seven banks.

Steve would like to start budget committee meetings in September rather than January.

Food voucher cash-in deadline for food booths is August 15.

Coordinators should get receipts in for reimbursement as soon as possible.

### Personnel Committee

Martha Evans said the Personnel Committee will be starting the evaluation cycle shortly, beginning with the Office Manager position. The Site Manager's evaluation will begin in October, the General Manager to follow.

### Financial Planning Committee

Hilary Anthony compiled a list of socially responsible organizations that the OCF might consider investing in. The FPC will do further research into these organizations.

## REPORT BACKS

*Trotter's* - Remember last month we talked about filing an appeal to the Trotter family decision to parcel out their land? Well, forget it. The OCF was advised it would be a big waste of time and money so pretend you never heard anything about it.

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## Agenda

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### SCHEDULING

*Motion:* Daniel moved to schedule the September Board meeting for August 29. Bob seconded.

*Vote:* The motion passed, 7 for, 3 opposed.

### REGGAE ON THE WILLAMETTE

*Motion:* Jack moved to donate 10 radios and \$350 from the Board Discretionary Fund for the 1995 Reggae on the Willamette. Bob seconded.

*Background:* Reggae on the Willamette is an annual event held in Eugene featuring music and food. The show is free, with donations requested from the audience. Organizers had asked the OCF for a donation to offset costs of the 1994 event, but hey, that happened yesterday (yesterday from the day of the meeting), before the Board could vote on the request, so now the organizers are asking for money and radios for 1995. The money would pay for portable poopers.

*Public Discussion:* Frank Cardoza, organizer of Reggae on the Willamette, said this year's event was a great success and plans are underway for 1995.

Katie McCarron said the festival was well organized in part because of the experience many volunteers gained from working with the OCF.

Leslie noted that \$350 was a line item to pay for portable toilets, and clarified that we are being asked to donate only \$350, not the cost of portable toilets for next year.

*Board Discussion:* Anne is opposed to this process and doesn't want to dedicate money for an event that is 12 months in the future and supports lending the 10 radios next year.

Martha and Bob were impressed with the far reaching planning of the organizers and would like to support the donation.

Jack sees this as a way to continue support for the Whitaker Neighborhood which the

OCF has done with donations to the Whitaker Thanksgiving Dinner.

David would rather vote on this donation now than in the spring where essential Fair issues are being discussed.

*Vote:* The motion passed, 8 for, 2 opposed (Anne and Margo).

### BY-LAWS REVISION, PART ONE

*Motion:* Daniel moved that the by-laws revision be voted on as a whole. Paxton seconded.

*Background:* The By-laws Revision Committee has presented the Board with proposed revised by-laws which are printed elsewhere in the *Fair Family News*.

*Public Discussion:* Frank Sharpy said these are the most thorough, well thought out by-law revisions he's seen. They have been worked out with much input from the Fair's attorney and were presented at a public work session.

*Board Discussion:* Jim would like to go through each change individually. Jim specifically wants the Board to separately consider the proposal to change the minimum number of signatures required on a petition, from the current 25 to the proposed 100, with the expectation that the membership would bring input and join the debate.

Anne suggested having a copy of the proposed by-laws revisions available in the office for people's perusal.

Bob said this process would save time; let's try it and see how it works.

Jack doesn't agree with voting on the document in total. He said for him it's a question of voting against a well written document because of not being allowed to put some overall scrutiny into the presentation.

*Vote:* The motion passed, 8 for, 2 opposed (Jim and Jack).

### BY LAWS REVISION ONCE AGAIN



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Motion: Daniel moved to vote on the by-laws revision at the October Board meeting. Paxton seconded.

Board Discussion: Jim said he doesn't support the whole concept so he can't support the time structure.

Paxton said this gives the membership almost two months to look at the proposed changes. He would like to get the process over with.

Tom reminded us that the work session was public and everyone had a chance to give input.

Jack said he would rather the new Board (half a new Board will be elected in October) vote on the by-law revisions.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Anne moved and Steve seconded to adopt the following resolution: To promote better communications between the Board of Directors, coordinators, the employees, and the membership, when an item is put on the agenda, the Board member submitting the item shall be encouraged to include a printed copy of the motion and a brief explanation of what the motion would accomplish if passed. These would be submitted to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. Copies of the minutes from the last meeting and a current agenda will be available to the public at each Board meeting.

Board Discussion: Anne is in favor of whatever gives members more information and thus more opportunity for input.

Martha said sometimes new business doesn't come up ahead of time so this process might not always work. She suggested adding a verb to the title of agenda items so members can have more information about a topic (i.e., "secretary" as an agenda item would be titled "giving the secretary a very substantial monetary reward that includes a trip to

tahiti for all her years of hard work and turning 50 years old.")

Paxton thinks this is more a topic for a Board retreat than a meeting.

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

### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion: Daniel moved to untable the motion to dismiss, with much thanks, the members of the Long Range Planning Committee, but not dissolve the committee. Bob seconded.

Background: Who was that masked committee? The rather large (26-member) Lone Ranger Planning Committee breezed into town on its white horse (mescalito) a couple of years ago but not much long range planning happened. Daniel does not want to dissolve the committee; he feels it's time for new faces and fresh ideas.

Motion to amend: Jack moved to amend the motion to say that no current members can be appointed for a year. Margo seconded.

Public Discussion: Leslie said she might like to stay on the committee, as might other erstwhile members. Frank said this was saying "f.o.a.d" to the Committee members who may want to continue planning long-range. (wordstontomust have muttered many times.)

Board Discussion: Steve and Paxton were against the amendment because they might like to be on the committee again.

Anne feels this would set a dangerous precedent for other committees, with the tremendous amount of work being done by volunteers for our organization.

Margo said the Board set up the committee to be dysfunctional by appointing too many people without giving them goals and directions.

Jack withdrew his amendment.

Back to the motion:

David would like to see the Board work out

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a strong mission statement of goals for the Long Range Planning Committee.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed, 10-0.

### VIDEO REPRINT

Motion: Daniel moved to spend \$1500 for reprinting 1200 additional copies of "The Silver Peach" video. Steve seconded.

Background: The Video Crew produced 100 copies of "The Silver Peach", all of which were sold during the Fair. Sight unseen, we might add.

Public Discussion: Katie McCarron said the office has received several requests for copies of the video. Peter Rockbadger, Video Crew Coordinator, said the reprints would be available for sale at the picnic, August 20. Leslie asked if the price break was the same on 100 as on 200. The answer was yes.

Board Discussion: Paxton said this will put us in a profit situation with the video.

Margo and Jeanne said they would vote for 100 reprints, but not 200. Jeanne would like to reconsider reprinting after the picnic. She reminded the Board that the original run was sold over the three days of the Fair when the first 100 of 49, some odd thousand people had a chance to buy it.

Tom said if the video sold out sight unseen, with no marketing, it should sell elsewhere after folks have had a chance to view it and some marketing has been done.

Bob said he would rather this go through the budget process than the Board.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 opposed (Margo, Bob, Jeanne).

### CRAFT CAMPING PETITION

Motion: Margo moved to appoint a committee consisting of Doe, Andrew Harvey, Mark Goldby and Warren Walsh to work on solving the problem of craftlot camping. Steve seconded.

Background: The following petition was

presented to the OCF secretary: "Due to the Fair conditions in 1994 regarding access to the Craftspeople camping lot, we, the undersigned Fair members, do hereby petition to have the following issues on the next ballot.

The issues are as follows: 1) When the craft lot is open it should be open to all; or in the alternative, no later than Tuesday morning prior to Fair; (2) The lot should be re-established to the size it was prior to Left Bank creation; (3) The lot's use for car and tent camping to remain as in previous years; (4) More respect and earlier communication with Fair members regarding future arbitrary regulations and/or changes. Petition signed by 58 people." Presented by Michael Conley and Carol Lux, Booth L-50. As of the meeting date, the signatures on the petition had not been verified for membership by the Secretary. (you know how it is when you get old, you get slow.)

Public Discussion: Frank said we have to avoid putting operational issues on the ballot. Leslie asked that there be a voter's pamphlet for referenda like this, in order that it be put with some operational context.

Board Discussion: David said we need to take a look at the whole petitioning process.

Anne said she would call the chief petitioners and have a friendly discussion to try to resolve this without use of petitions.

Bob said he looks at this as "the people's right to ruin the Fair." The people involved should mediate and if that fails, ask the chief petitioners to withdraw their petition. This motion, Bob thinks, usurps the people's right to call a vote.

Jack said as it stands, the proposed policy is not in a passable form. It has no means for enforcement, no timeline and will get dumped on operations. We could be doing damage by being afraid of a vote.

Martha said the by-laws say items could be placed on the annual meeting agenda by petition. Mediation would be very costly.

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Margo said she was thinking of volunteer mediators; she wants to help people find a solution to their problem. We should not encourage operations by election.

David said we need to take a look at the root cause of the petition, namely camping problems.

Steve said as much as he'd like to avoid a vote, we have by-laws that say we have to accept it, although we can work to head it off.

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

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**NEXT MEETING**

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**Monday, August 29, 1994, 7:00 p.m., 2493 York Street, Eugene.** Agenda: Set annual meeting agenda, consider KLCC fundraiser, set campground plan, consider WOW Hall business membership, consider Eugene Celebration participation funding.

**EVALUATION MEETING:** September 12, 7:00 p.m., WOW Hall

**Monday, October 3, 1994, 7:00 p.m., EWEB, Eugene.**

**ANNUAL MEETING:** October 22, WOW Hall, Eugene.

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