



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 29, 1994

There: Daniel Dillon, Bob Durnell, Martha Evans (alternate), Paxton Hoag, David Liberty (alternate), Jack Macarchak, Jim Sahr, Margo Shafer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

Elsewhere: Tom Alexander, Anne Henry

Minutes

Motion: Steve moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 1994 meeting. Jeanne seconded. The motion passed, 10-zip.

Reports

General Manager

Leslie Scott, GM, gave the Board a Fair incident summary, reporting that the Sheriff was called to the property five times during the Fair. She stressed the need for good recordkeeping in taking care of the health and safety needs of everyone at the Fair.

Leslie thanked Katie McCarron for keeping the office in good shape while she was (Leslie) was on vacation.

The picnic was a great success, Leslie said, and she thanked everyone for making it so, especially Bill Verner, Wally Slocum, Kal Kalamas (cook superb), David Paul, Cory Sullivan, and Norma Sax. (and thanks to you, too, leslie for all your hard work. did all the hot dogs get eaten?)

Office Manager

Katie McCarron, OM, said the office is continuing to get thanks for a great Fair. She would like to hear suggestions for the office to be helpful during the Fair.

Site Manager

Bill Verner, SM, thanked the weird suspects who work at the site, as well as the picnic participants, especially Wally, Kal, Leslie, and Norma. (right back at you, bungalow bill.) Special thanks to Dick Stewart and David Hoffman who cleaned up so lovably on Sunday morning.

Refrigerators will be picked up by Bring Recycling, and pulled from the site. Bill will publish a list of the booths losing their reefers in the Pulitzer Prize winning *Fair Family News*.

Bill has talked to Robert DeSpain about filling in the unfinished trench started by Springfield Creamery for the lost Field Trip III.

Treasurer

Steve Gorham said the Financial Planning Committee has recommended that we pay the balance owed for the yurt (~ \$25 grand). The Board will discuss this recommendation at next month's meeting.

We now have financially responsible accounts in the Bank of Newport, Newport, OR. If anyone has ideas on socially responsible accounts, please contact the Financial Planning Committee.

A final financial statement for the year will be presented at the Annual Meeting (October 22). Steve doesn't have final figures at this time, but the bottom line is we didn't lose money, we didn't go to reserves and we will probably have money to add to the reserves.

Attorney Report

Russell dropped by to tell us a story of a dark and stormy bureaucratic adventure. The State Accident Insurance Fund, the little devils, said food vouchers and per diems

legally constitute payroll, ergo we had to pay workers' comp premiums. We said whoa, nellie, just a darn minute, here, these are volunteers, not employees, and took the matter through an appeal process. On our way, we stopped at the legislature and with the help of Board member Steve Wisnovsky, the law was changed so non-profits won't get assessed for volunteer work. The Court of Appeals said we were right about the food vouchers, but we have to pay premiums on the per diem. Result is about five or six thousand smakeroonies refunded to the OCF through premium credits toward amounts collected for food vouchers less amount owed on per diem (as per Russell's recommendation). And we'll live happily every after. (he's a heck of a story teller, isn't he?)

Elections

Candidate statements for the Voter's Pamphlets will be accepted through September 22, absentee ballot requests will be honored through October 15 and membership applications have to be turned in to the office by September 22 to vote at the 1994 Annual Meeting.

Candidate statements for the Voter's Pamphlet are the same ones that are in the *Fair Family News*.

AGENDA

TRACTOR FORKS

Motion: Bob moved we move \$970 from a previous Recycling Crew capital budget to the General Manager's maintenance budget and authorize her to reimburse the Site Manager \$485 for the purchase of tractor forks. Steve seconded.

Background: Bob said \$970 of the 1992 Recycling Crew budget needs to be returned as it was never spent. Bill bought a set of badly needed forks for the Fair's tractor and Bob would like the reimbursement to come from Recycling Crew funds as Recycling used the forks during the Fair.

Public Discussion: Frank supports reimbursing Bill for the tractor expense but doesn't

want to see the money come from a two-year old budget. He recommends taking the expense from a present capital budget or from savings. Leslie said she tried to work this out by scrounging money from different sources; it was right before the Fair and we had a chance to get a good deal on tractor forks, so the money was spent without going through the budget process. Leslie said she can spend the money from Repairs and Maintenance and go over budget in that category, if necessary, but this is really a capital improvement item.

Bob withdrew his motion.

Motion: Paxton moved to reimburse Bill Verner from the capital improvement fund for tractor forks. Margo seconded.

Board Discussion: Steve said we need to be informed on a regular basis of anticipated needs for repair and maintenance so repairs can be made when they're needed. Fair family should not feel they can spend money for the Fair at their own discretion and expect reimbursement.

Paxton and Steve thanked Bill for the initiative to take advantage of a good deal.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for - zippo opposed.

WOW HALL

Motion: Margo moved the Board spend \$500 of its donations fund to renew the OCF business membership in the WOW Hall Community Center for the Performing Arts). Bob seconded.

Background: The WOW Hall is a non-profit performing arts center in Eugene in which the OCF often has meetings and gatherings. Bob Fennessy of the WOW Hall said the Fair historically was a member, but stopped paying dues when the Endowment Fund was formed. He hoped the Board would consider renewing the OCF membership.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 to nada.

EUGENE CELEBRATION

Motion: Martha moved, Paxton seconded to allocate \$200 for the OCF to participate in the Eugene Celebration parade. (can she or can't

she? we weren't sure so maybe Margo moved. who knows.)

Background: Cory Sullivan, coordinator of our parade entry, said this additional money is to reimburse gas money to Risk of Change puppeteers and members of the Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Band Slash Orchestra who are participating in our contingent (or is it orchestra slash band?).

Leslie said the money may come from the balance of the Silver Anniversary fund already budgeted for the Eugene Celebration rather than the Board Donations budget.

Public Discussion: Cory pointed out that a \$500 prize is a possibility and she emphasized that these people had not asked to be reimbursed for gas, but that she felt they should be.

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

ANNUAL MEETING VOTER'S PAMPHLET

Motion: Margo moved to direct the General Manager, in regard to the petition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, to solicit for the Voter's Pamphlet two explanatory statements from volunteer staff. The Board also directs the secretary to solicit two explanatory statements from the chief petitioners. Bob seconded.

Background: A petition regarding the crafts parking lot was submitted to the OCF Secretary for inclusion in the Annual Meeting election. The text of the petition is printed in the August 1994 minutes.

Several compromises were reached among Operations staff and the chief petitioner, but the chief petitioner would like to see the issue on the ballot.

Leslie asked about the process of publishing a petition and statements in favor and against in a voter's pamphlet.

The motion as presented is amended. The original motion directed the GM to write a background information statement on this issue to go in the voter's pamphlet and that she be available to answer questions at the annual meeting.

Public Discussion: Heidi said she planned to send a voter's pamphlet to all absentee voters and to have them available at the an-

nual meeting. (the pamphlets, not the absentee voters.)

Frank suggested that the Fair secretary solicit from the chief petitioners up to three statements in support of the petition and that Operations select a number up to and including an equal number of position statements against the petition with an equal number of words. Furthermore, the pros and the cons have an equal amount of time for a question and answer period at the annual meeting.

Board Discussion: Steve, Paxton and Jack said it's not appropriate for the Board to direct an employee to write statements or for the Board to take sides in the issue.

Daniel said to keep in mind that the By-laws say any vote on a petition is an advisory vote. He thinks we should give people an opportunity to make their case and that it's essential to communicate with absentee voters. Daniel thinks it's the Board's responsibility to talk to the issues of how the OCF is spending its money.

Paxton said we should consider sending the voter's pamphlet to everyone; all the information would be in one place and it would go to every voter.

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

KLCC FUNDRAISING

Motion: Paxton moved that Daniel Dillon be authorized to speak as president of the Oregon Country Fair to help KLCC in its fall fundraiser. Bob seconded.

Board Discussion: Jack hopes this courtesy will be extended to other public radio stations.

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

DAHINDA'S ACRES

Motion: Bob moved to authorize expenditure of up to \$2,000 to develop and present a camping permit through the County's permit process and have the GM assign a design team for dahinda's acres. The money would be for a permit application (\$750) and to hire Bill Kloss to shepherd the project through (\$1200). Steve seconded.

Background: The Land Use Management

Planning (LUMP) Committee recommends the Fair apply for a camping permit from Lane County for the dahinda's acres area of the Fair. They said the first step toward the acquisition of a campground license is for the Board to authorize the design of a campground facility to be reviewed by several coordinators, the GM and the Budget Committee.

Public Discussion: Dennis Todd reported that the county is upset at the number of campgrounds that have sprung up among our neighbors during the Fair. Dennis feels we need to lead the way to show how a camping site can be done. The dahinda's acres site is zoned for camping. We might eventually have to get a campsite permit for the whole property. Campground operations will have to show that their enterprise will have no significant impact on their neighbors, i.e. us.

Leslie said our concerns about security and access to our site will be put out in advance as criteria that neighboring camp operators will have to satisfy.

Frank Sharpy said fire safety has to be part of the planning.

Board Discussion: Jack said he recognizes the necessity of the permit process, but he is concerned about security problems.

Steve expects neighbors will work with us to address our concerns.

Martha said it's important that we do the same thing we're asking the neighbors to do.

David would like to see a topography map of the site developed.

Daniel said the cost involved in getting a permit will limit the practice to those who are serious about running a campground and making money. They will be good neighbors because they will benefit financially from the Fair.

Vote: *The motion passed, 10-zilch.*

BY LAWS REVISION

Motion: *Jim moved that a Board member may break out any specific detail of the proposed by-law revisions for a straight up and down vote after the appropriate debate. Jack seconded.*

Background: The Board had passed a motion stating that the by-laws revision would be voted on as one package, instead of indi-

vidual parts.

Public Discussion: Frank said that in fact, the way the process and is now, if four people don't support one aspect of the revisions, the motion will fail and it will be broken down.

Board Discussion: Jeanne said if the proposed revisions are broken apart for a vote, she wants to know how many parts there will be.

Margo is uncomfortable if one member can stall the process.

Bob feels the amendment process will work for this issue.

Martha trusts that people won't make it a tedious process. If any Board member has an issue, it's a courtesy to consider it individually.

Jim wants this to be an addendum to last month's vote. There is one proposed revision he would like to discuss.

Vote: *The motion failed, 6 for, 4 opposed (Jeanne, Daniel, Margo and Bob).*

Next Meeting

Evaluation Meeting: September 12, WOW Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting: October 3, 1994, 7:00 p.m., EWEB Community Room, Eugene. Agenda: By-laws revision; Office Manager Contract Renewal; Set date for Board retreat; Approve Co-coordinators for Crafts Inventory Recycling, and Water Crews; Determine logo usage guidelines; Consider yurt payoff; Consider joining Oregon Advocate for the Arts; Consider site survey of dahinda's acres; Consider camp cleanup fees accountability.

Annual Meeting: October 22, 6:30 p.m., WOW Hall, Eugene.

