



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 1, 1995

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

Missing: Margo Schaefer

Minutes Approval

Motion: Martha moved and Jim seconded to approve the minutes of the April 3, 1995 Board of Directors meeting as corrected.

Corrections: Anne Henry said she resigned as co-coordinator, not coordinator, of the Peach Pit.

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

Announcements

1. Anne Henry said Ray Neff continues to do his magnificent work as Peach Pit coordinator. He can be reached at 688-8402 until 9:00 p.m. Eric Skinner continues to assume responsibility for the entertainment schedules in the paper. He can be reached at 345-4938.
2. Entertainment schedule deadlines for the Peach Pit: •May 20—Skeleton entertainment schedules due •June 9—Final, complete entertainment schedules due, •June 12, 13—Final proofs (Need to be scheduled individually). Entertainment coordinators should submit photos with identification and a priority listing for the Peach Pit.
3. Leslie Scott announced with great sadness the resignation of Frank Sharpy from the Budget Committee after 12 years of service. Frank will definitely be missed, Leslie said.
4. Leslie reported that a committee is forming in Veneta that is doing historical research on the Applegate Trail area (which the Fair site is in).

They are asking for support letters and financial contributions.

5. Steve Wisnovsky said the OCF nursery has space available for about 100 donated native trees indigenous to the site, especially native yews. Steve hopes to replace the yew trees that fell down in this winter's flood. Anyone wishing to donate trees, please bring to Bill Verner at the Fair site.
 6. Norma Sax thanked all the wonderful people who sloshed through the mud and rain to pick up trash along the highway on Saturday, April 29: David Hoffman, Andrea Rhea, Barney BeGuhl, Fritz, dahinda meda, Kacey Clement, Sue Bryant, Corriene Aubuchon, Terrance Real, Hawk Owl DeYoung, and Gill Hathorn. And we sure missed John Doscher. You, too, can join in the fun. Next pickup dates are July 15, October 28.
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Staff and Officer Reports

General Manager

Leslie Scott, General Manager, had many thanks: •to the LUMP Committee for their work on the dahinda's acres campground; •to Bill Verner and friends for their work on the burn pile; •to everyone who has contributed to the Spring Fling raffle; •to the folks who participated in the highway pickup. Leslie urged everyone to look at the FFN calendar for highway pickup dates.

Leslie also thanked the Budget Committee for their work in preparing the capital projects budget.

Leslie reminded everyone of the award to be given to the Endowment Committee by the Lane Arts Council on May 5. There will be an Exhibition of work by Endowment Fund recipients May 18 at the Veneta Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

We had a great turnout for the Super Volunteer

of the Year Awards presentation. The awards were given to Heidi and John Doscher who are more than super. (See *FFN* for photo and story.)

Leslie signed contracts with Best Pots for toilet services during the Fair and will soon sign a contract with Lane Transit District for bus service. We are getting a 15% discount from LTD this year.

The dahinda's acres campground permit has been approved, with some stipulations, one of which involves fire protection work, and licensing by the County. She asked for the continued help and support of Fire, Site, Water, Construction and VegManEc Crews to get this done well before the Fair.

Coordinators discussed and supported a plan to have a BUM-In-Training this year who will be Doe, Registration Co-coordinator. (and leslie asked if this makes doe a BIT or BUMIT.)

Site Manager

Bill Verner, Site Manager, reported on the firing up of the burn pile and thanked everyone who has been having a hot time out there throwing wood on the blaze: Hammond Guthrie, Kal Kalamas, Lisa Kennedy, Doug Carnie, Hilary Anthony, Bruce Berryhill, Vic Parkinson, Karen Hill, Bob Beebe, Pete Lawson. Seventy percent of the dimensional lumber and 80% of the natural debris has been burned. Bill lamented the wastefulness of this and would like to see a different way of dealing with the wood and debris.

He also told us about the buttercups which are yellowing the site.

Treasurer

Hilary Anthony, Treasurer, said the Financial Planning Committee had a meeting which included a guest speaker, Linda Reymers, co-director of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, and member of the Endowment Committee. She talked about the Endowment and Fair giving. They discussed separating political giving from charitable giving and how well the Endowment is working with a theme. Linda made some recommendations about the fairness issue and access. She discussed giving in such a way that everyone has a chance and they have a good experience with the process.

The FPC will interview auditors this week and will have a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Land Acquisition Task Force

Hilary reported the Larsons turned down our offer to buy the property but the task force is supportive of the idea of continuing to pursue purchase of the commercial portion of the property. The committee does need guidance from the Board on this issue.

Fair Family News

The *Fair Family News* is proud to announce it just celebrated its third birthday!!! Who would have thunk it?

In recognition of her very hard work and many hours of dedication to the publication, Mary Shuler has been formally named co-editor of the *Fair Family News.*, a title she richly deserves. Yeah, Mary!!!

Land Use Management and Planning

Dennis Todd reported the LUMP Committee has plans to do a detailed camp inventory to build on the information they got last summer.

One of the stipulations for the permit for the dahinda's acres campground is that it has to be renewed every two years. We have to demonstrate that we continue to need the campground and that we are continuing to operate it in a responsible fashion. Prior to this year's Fair we must apply for the appropriate campground licenses and contact the Fern Ridge rural fire protection district to negotiate any requirements for fire protection. They'll check our roads to see if they need upgrading. We have to put in a water line for fire suppression.

Old Business

Dog Control Co-Coordinator

Motion: Steve moved to name Cheryl Jones as Dog Control Co-Coordinator. Anne seconded.

Background: Cheryl has served the Fair in various capacities for many years. She has worked with Community Village and as Secretary to the Board.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.
(and a few bow wows as well.)

Back-Up Managers (BUMS)

Motion: Steve moved to approve Robert Aurnague DeSpain, Sallie Edmunds, and Andrew Harvey as Back-Up Managers for the 1995 Fair. Martha seconded.

Board Discussion: Anne thanked Leslie and the BUMs who have taken great care to make sure there is good communication between BUMs and other Fair folks. She's enjoying the fact that this communication is happening year round.

Steve wants Robert, who's been a consistent voice asking for a policy to deal with alcohol and drug use at the Fair, to know that although the Board hasn't chosen to pursue that, he (Steve) thinks we need a coherent, non-hypocritical, effective alcohol policy at the operational level and he hopes that comes together for this year's Fair.

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

Child Safety Committee

Anne asked that this topic be tabled until next month so that Margo, who was not at this meeting, could provide necessary information and participate in the discussion.

Capital Projects Budget Approval

Motion: Martha moved to approve the Yurt Repair and Flood repair portions of the proposed capital projects budget. Daniel seconded.

Background: The Budget Committee recommended the Board approve \$5,000 for completing the yurt and \$11,083 for repairs to the property needed because of flood damage. (little bitty innocent raindrops did all that.) This includes repairs to Main Camp kitchen, fencing, Reefer Bridge, Main Stage Info booth, Daredevil Stage, Stage Left, and the Recycling dock.

Public Discussion: Kelly O'Neil hopes the repairs will be made so that this kind of damage doesn't recur next time there is a flood.

Motion to Amend: Jack moved to increase fencing repairs from \$1500 to \$2500. Jim seconded.

Background: Jack (who is Construction Co-Coordinator) said the \$1500 will cover flood repair to fencing, but not regular upgrading. Bert Miller, the other co-coordinator, had recommended the \$1500 estimate to the Budget

Committee.

Public Discussion: Steve Gorham thinks this request should have gone to the Budget Committee during the Construction Crew budget process.

Michael James (Security) sees a great need for fence upgrading and feels Construction Crew is doing a great job of maintaining the fences.

Leslie said that traditionally there is not a separate capital project for fence repair and that \$500 for miscellaneous flood repair was budgeted with fencing in mind. She says there is a problem taking down fences after the Fair and storing them.

Board Discussion: Jack said yew poles are needed for upgrading the fences and these can be expensive. Martha said it made sense for Jack to revise the budget figure now. Steve said if the amount isn't approved now, it will have to be considered later because fence upgrading is definitely needed.

Jack withdrew the motion to amend.

Motion to Amend: David moved to delete the budget item to make repairs on Reefer Bridge culvert this year. Charles seconded.

Background: David said he would like Reefer Bridge repairs carried over until next year. The LUMP committee is putting together a roads and bridges plan and they haven't seen any of the plans for the Reefer Bridge culvert change which may adversely impact any plans they have for Indian Creek or some of the roads. They would like to have some input. He acknowledged that Reefer Bridge needs some repairs but feels they can wait until next year.

Public Discussion: Bill said the bridge is in sad shape; it's rotting away. Leslie also feels it's a definite safety hazard. She said if we mobilize all the equipment to do repairs on the timbers, which is necessary, we should at the same time repair the culvert. Leslie agreed we need a process so that the LUMP committee is included in the discussions when a capital project such as this is considered. Robert DeSpain spoke of the safety hazards of the rotting timbers; \$200 should be enough to cover the costs.

Board Discussion: David feels that it's not that critical that a huge project be done this year. It can be done after the next flood, prior to next year's fair.

Steve feels this is a safety issue for the pedestrians who use the bridge at Fair time. He suggests

\$1,000 is enough to make the necessary repair.

Jack would feel more comfortable if the cost of culvert repair were considered a capital project rather than flood repair.

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

Amended Motion: Martha moved to approve the Yurt completion (\$5,000) and Flood repair portions of the proposed capital projects budget, less Reefer Bridge Culvert (total \$11,700). Daniel seconded.

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

Motion: Daniel moved to approve all proposed capital projects including the Reefer Bridge culvert. Charles seconded.

(do we all know more about culverts now than we ever thought we wanted to know? you ain't heard the last of this yet.)

Background: Projects proposed by the Budget committee to be funded include: Aero Road apron (\$2,990); computers \$4,000; dahinda's acres (Fire suppression/pump) \$2,500; Energy Park \$1,500; hospitality \$1,000, John Wayne Bridge widening \$11,585; Maple Gate \$1,000; mower \$3750; radio batteries \$875; recycling \$1600; tractor auger \$1,000 (anyone remember the auger?) and the Reefer Bridge culvert \$4383.

Public Discussion: Frank Sharpy, Budget Committee just-emeritus, explained some of the proposed projects. The John Wayne Bridge (Scarlet Lane) project will allow for exit traffic in two lanes. The mower we have has lived a long and fruitful life and wants to be retired. Frank thinks the Reefer Bridge project is the most important one as that bridge is used more often than any other bridge on the property. The Aero Road apron is to allow busses to leave the property on an asphalt road.

Hilary Anthony emphasized what a difficult process it was for the Budget Committee to develop the capital projects budget and encouraged the Fair to look at new revenue sources.

Leslie said that LTD has also recommended the Aero Apron. The Recycling project is to build a system to recycle plastic. Energy Park had a lot of vandalism this year that necessitates repair. The Maple Gate item is to put in a new wrought iron fence. A pretty nifty fence with a peach in the

middle. The LUMP Committee and the Financial Planning Committee should review projects with high impact on the land, such as widening Bus Road.

Bill said the tractor auger is a posthole digger (or a big screw) (or an underground newspaper for farm equipment.) He spoke in favor of the Reefer Bridge repairs because of the damage to the Solutions Booth area caused by the floods.

Board Discussion: David said the planned work on Reefer Bridge and the Bus Road expansion will run afoul of certain wetlands regulations. This work requires a wetlands delineation and a permit which he doubts we can get before the Fair. These projects need to be looked at in a larger land use context. David sees there is a need for the project, but he wants it done correctly.

(we seem to have three names for the same area: John Wayne, Scarlet Lane and Bus Road. "her name was magill and she called herself lil, but everyone knew her as nancy."

Motion to Amend: David moved to amend the motion to delete the Bus Road widening and Reefer Bridge projects for this year. Jim seconded.

Board Discussion: Jim is sensitive to David's respect for the land and hasn't heard from anyone that David's points aren't well taken.

Steve (who said "Scarlet Lane" is actually "Bus Road") said every time a bus comes on the property we have to stop traffic; widening the road will alleviate the problem. This is not a new road at a new site, it is an expansion of a one-lane road that is inadequate for our needs.

Jack doesn't want to do anything to enhance our ability to deal with vehicles on the property, particularly considering we have a cap on attendance. We have gotten along without it up to this point. The JW project will cause an enormous visual change. There will a 24-25 foot wide strip of rock in the middle of the field, not too aesthetically pleasing.

Charles said he is not pro roads, but this is a logical extension of what is already there.

Daniel said he doesn't have a real picture of what the big project looks like. He would like to have the finished product of land use planning so that we have guidelines to know where exactly we want to go with our roads. (well, i'm for hawaii myself.) Daniel is also concerned about the benefits we'll receive from the \$12,000 of proposed

spending. The suggested benefits are based on no general guidelines on how we make decisions about building roads on our land. He would rather we spent a smaller amount than \$12,000 and get the guidelines together for the next budget decision process.

Martha said it scares her to put all that fill in wetlands without knowing more about it.

Vote on amendment: The motion to amend passed, 7 for, 3 opposed (Daniel, Jeanne, Steve).

Motion (amended): Approve all proposed capital projects except the Reefer Bridge culvert and Bus Road widening projects.

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

Camping Plan Recommendations

Motion: David moved the Board proceed on obtaining the necessary permits and requirements for camping plan recommendations for dahiinda's acres as outlined in the LUMP Committee report. Jack seconded.

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

Membership Criteria

Motion: Jim moved and Martha seconded to table the discussion on membership criteria until the next meeting.

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

Water Rights

Motion: David moved the Board proceed in obtaining pertinent water rights for OCF land. Tom seconded.

Public Discussion: Frank said this is a good idea, what we have now is inadequate to handle irrigation for major fires. We need to get a clarification on using the Long Tom River water which will be much more reliable than water from the well.

Leslie likes the idea of water rights but was concerned about where we put unfiltered water from the Long Tom, who is going to do this, when, and what the costs involved would be.

Kelly O'Neil urged the Board to get the water rights now. He would like to see us create a pond to use for fire control.

Dennis Todd said the permits are available only for commercial purposes. The LUMP committee could apply for the necessary permits.

Board Discussion: Charles suggested that the LUMP committee research the costs and processes involved.

Steve would like the scope expanded to include Indian Creek. Jack laments yet another foray in bureaucracy and urges caution in dealing with permit processes.

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

Logo Use for Non-Juried Items

Motion: Anne moved that the Board adopt the following policy for logo items. All logo items will be hand made, hand crafted or significantly altered. All logo items displayed or sold on-site by vendors or staff will be approved by the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. This policy will be fully in place by the 1996 Fair. Steve seconded.

Background: The OCF Craft Committee submitted the following statement to the Board. "The PROBLEM: An increasing number of items being produced and distributed at the Oregon Country Fair using the OCF logo (Peach design and/or name) that have not been explicitly approved by the Board. Some have been produced and/or distributed by or for specific crews. The Craft Inventory Crew is responsible for assuring that no craft vendors exhibit or distribute ("display or sell") any such non-approved items at any time during the Fair, either before or after "hours." No one is explicitly responsible for making sure that crews or other non-vendors comply with this rule. The Craft Committee can no longer justify requiring craftspeople to follow this guideline, unless it can be enforced equally throughout the Fair family.

The PROPOSED SOLUTION: By adopting our suggested motion, the BoD will be asking the Manager to assure that ALL ITEMS displayed or distributed at the Fair using the OCF logo have been approved by the BoD. Realizing that some Fair family members may have current plans to produce such items for the 1995 Fair without their previously realizing that this rule would be enforced this year, we propose that the BoD announce the (new) enforcement of the guidelines boldly in the next two newsletters (FFN) and require that anyone wishing to use the logo on anything at this year's Fair (including crews) bring the proposed items to the BoD at either your June or July BoD meeting for consideration of approval. An official list of approved uses can then be made

available at the Fair, simplifying enforcement. For all future Fairs, adoption of our proposal would require that anyone wishing to use the Fair logo request the BoD's approval at your regular (April) meeting for granting such approvals. [This proposal would not in any way affect the distribution and creative (ab)uses of the official Fair staff shirts.] The goal of this proposal is equity, or equal treatment of all Fair family.

OPTIONS: 1) Adopt the Craft Committee's proposed motion (or a similar motion with the same purpose), and live happily ever after; or (2) Do nothing, freeing crafts people to sell non-approved logo items after hours, and taking a chance that non-approved logo items will proliferate.

Public Discussion: Steve Gorham feels it would be counterproductive for the Board to put a clamp on non-commercial use of the logo such as crew t-shirts. He suggested two categories, non-commercial and commercial.

Kelly O'Neil said the Craft Committee needs help so they don't feel they're enforcing the guideline for some, but not others. He would like to see an amendment that makes an exception for t-shirts.

Doe, Registration Co-coordinator, said there can be a distinction as far as use by staff and use by booth people. A staff person could have a right to have something put on their staff shirt as crew. It's not fair to divide the family into those who can and those who cannot. She also suggested an honor system for logo sales, where 10% of the profits would go to the Fair.

Shirley, the other Registration co-coordinator, said it's difficult for Craft Inventory to do their job when people are selling non-approved items after hours. The idea is not to stop crew shirts, but that they be approved just as other logo uses are. She cited an instance last year where a crafter was told he could not sell a particular unjuried logo item, but a staff member was allowed to sell the same item after Fair hours.

Frank thinks it should not be in the GM's purview to enforce this proposed rule.

Board Discussion: Anne said she is tired of the us/them and this proposal would alleviate that. Items such as crew t-shirts could be brought to the June or July Board meeting for approval; she feels everyone need to go through the same process. If we are a family, everyone needs to follow the same guideline. Anne emphasized that this is for

a year from now; people will have a year to prepare for it.

Steve said he supports the proposal and believes that only the peach with the script is the actual logo. (as in the heading of these minutes.) The peach alone is not a violation of the logo rule.

Daniel has a hard time interpreting equity as all being the same. For example, he says, we make certain restrictions based on age. This should be discussed in a large context of commemorative sales. He would like to see logo items sold in the Fair history booths, with the OCF getting a cut of the profits.

Martha is concerned about shirts that look like staff-shirts (similar color and design) being sold.

Jack feels this is an operations issue, not a Board decision.

Tom doesn't see the Board declining the use of a logo item so he will support the motion.

David feels any logo items sold should meet with Board approval. He suggests two classes of sales: (1) sales to public during open hours; (2) general sales after hours. We need to come up with a criteria of minimum standards for logo use.

Jeanne said we need to make sure the logo isn't abused; the Board should know what's going on. She doesn't support the GM being responsible for enforcing the policy. She also wants to make sure we defend this source of revenue from commemorative sales; that t-shirt sales don't suffer from a liberal logo use guideline. She's afraid if there are too many logo items for sale, commemorative sales may suffer.

Vote: The motion failed, 6 for, 4 opposed (Paxton, Jack, Daniel, Jim).

Next Meeting

Monday, June 5, 1995, 7:00 p.m., EWEB Community Room. Agenda: Naming check signers, forming child safety committee, discussing membership criteria, discussing Larson property purchase, considering budget issues, discussing Board discretionary fund process and criteria, auditor hiring. Additional agenda items may be added at any time.

a brush babe from hell

