



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 7, 1995

Present: Tom Alexander, Martha Evans, Anne Henry, David Liberty (alternate), Jack Makarchek, Jim Sahr, Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

Not: Paxton Hoag

Minutes Approval

Motion: Margo moved and Steve seconded to approve the minutes of the July 2, 1995 Board of Directors meeting.

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for 0 opposed.

Announcements

1. Everyone thanked everyone else for a splendiferous and wonderful Oregon Country Fair. It was great, wasn't it?
2. The OCF is looking for folks to serve on the membership and personnel committees. Please send letters expressing your interest and background to the OCF office, P. O. Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402.
3. Susanna MacDonald, OCF Administrative Assistant, asked that new coordinators and committee members let her know their names, addresses and phone numbers so she can add them to the contact list.
4. The budget process is beginning for 1996 calendar year. Forms will be sent out the first week of October which need to be turned in by the end of October. The budget will be submitted to the Board for approval in January.
5. Ichabod, Communications Coordinator,

said two of our radios were not turned in after the Fair. He would like them back, no questions asked.

6. Anne Henry said we received about 50 feedback forms after the Fair.
7. The evaluation meeting is scheduled for September 19; the annual meeting is October 21. See the *Fair Family News* calendar for times and locations.
8. The Eugene Celebration is September 15, 16 and 17; we plan to have a booth but it needs an organizer. Also, if anyone wants to coordinate a parade entry, call the office (503) 343-4298.
9. With much regret, dahinda meda announced his and John Doscher's retirements as VeManEc co-coordinators. At the next Board meeting they will ask approval of Philip Guyette and Marlene Showker as their replacements.

Staff and Officer Reports

General Manager

Leslie Scott, GM, thanked everyone involved in putting on this terrific event we just had. In particular, she said she got much positive feedback about how the rainy Sunday morning was handled.

Admissions figures were: Friday 14,916; Saturday 22,816; Sunday 14,868. Grand total: (all together, those of you who already figured it out): 52,600 folks who paid to watch us have fun. Advance ticket sales accounted for 23% of admissions. It took an hour and a half to put all the steps in place (i.e., calling the media, the sheriff) to close admissions at 4:30

on Saturday. We didn't intend to go over the limits established by the Board and now that we know how to predict the admissions numbers more accurately we'll be able to prepare to shut admissions down sooner if we have to again.

There were problems with illegal campers in the neighborhood because none of the neighbors operated campgrounds. Neighborhood Response Team did a terrific job in dealing with this.

Leslie expressed many thanks to Mark Goldby and Doe who did a great job organizing the crafts parking lot.

The hospitality area received very positive feedback from those who used it.

In all, Leslie said she was very pleased with how operations operated to put on this essential event.

Leslie is scheduled to sign the contract for the Environmental Protection Agency grant on August 8.

We are under budget on our Best Pots and LTD bills.

Site Manager

Bill Verner, Site Manager, thanked all the coordinators and staff who he worked with and who helped make this "one of my very best Fairs!"

He said the haying project went very well and a surprising amount of seed has germinated everywhere the hay was spread out.

The Ware House roof has been repaired and when we get the green light from the County to begin work on upgrading the old structure we will be able to repack it. In the meantime we are storing the yurts and tools in a long rental trailer on site. Some time after the picnic we will begin core plugging the paths and working to have green paths again. This will be labor intensive, so help will be needed.

Treasurers

Steve Gorham, co-Treasurer, said revenues were \$693,330, about \$100,000 more than projected. Expenses were (so far) \$332,766. All the crews stayed within budget.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee

The PC gave Susanna MacDonald a positive evaluation at the end of her probation period. The Committee will schedule a work session in October to discuss the employee evaluation process.

Member Input

Mel, an OCF and Veneta community member, remarked on the traffic problems; he said cars were backed up to Fern Ridge. He urged the Fair work to alleviate these problems.

AGENDA

Budget Committee Member

Motion: Margo moved to appoint Lucy Lynch to the Budget Committee for one year. Anne seconded.

Background: Lucy was on the budget committee and was OCF treasurer some years ago. The present committee consists of Steve Gorham, Hilary Anthony, Leslie Scott, Gale Houlihan and John Higby.

Board Discussion: Yeah Lucy!

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

Motion: Jim moved to appoint David Liberty as Board liaison for the Budget Committee. Tom seconded.

Board Discussion: Daniel thinks this appointment should wait until after the Board election in October. Jack doesn't think the election is relevant; we'll have someone on the committee until the election, then reassess if need be. Jeanne pointed out that Charles Drew, who resigned from the Board and the BC last month, recommended that David replace him as Board liaison on the BC. Jim thinks a Board veteran should be the BC

liaison as he will have more information to work with. David said he is willing to serve but is not married to the idea. (which sandy will be very happy to hear; bigamy is such a mess.)

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

Security Co-Coordinator

Motion: Steve moved to name Mike James as Security Crew Co-coordinator. Margo seconded.

Background: Mike has been on Security for many years and was recommended by Don Doolin to be his co-coordinator.

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

Property Purchase

There was no motion on this item but Jim explained that he has been looking at various properties in Eugene for the Fair's office as we have outgrown our present location. The Community Center for the Performing Arts (WOW Hall) has been considering buying the building next door to it and Jim has been talking with Jon Pincus (our Water Barrel coordinator and representative of the WOW Hall) about our mutual needs for office space. Jim and Jon have been talking about a possible joint purchase (help me out—i'm trying to resist the wisecracks). The building will probably change hands in the next few months.

Jon said this purchase is still in the information gathering and discussion stages. The WOW Hall is not in a position to make a proposal now but expects to be by the first of the year.

Kelly O'Neil urged both groups to keep the partnership simple citing the danger of friends in business together.

Hilary asked that the OCF's meeting space needs be met.

Temporary Check Signer

Motion: Anne moved to add Temporary Check Signer to old business.

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

Motion: Anne moved to appoint Susanna MacDonald as a check signer on the Key Bank account from August 14 to October 1, 1995.

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

Larson Property Proposal

Motion: Jim moved to add Larson Property Proposal to old business.

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

Motion: Daniel moved the Board direct Hilary Anthony to sing the sales agreement for the purchase of 36 acres of the commercial property from the Larson estate for \$108,000. - Jim seconded.

Public Discussion: Palmer Parker is concerned about moving agenda items from new business to old business. He also questioned having this item at the August meeting which is traditionally sparsely attended. Cory Sullivan also emphasized the need for input from the membership. Kelly O'Neil suggested items like this, which may be discussed at several meetings, should be left on the agenda each month.

Steve Gorham said this is a reasonable price for property that will benefit the Fair.

Board Discussion: Many Board members pointed out that the Larson property purchase has been an ongoing discussion so this is not a new item. Tom said the only input about the purchase he's gotten has been positive. Jack said timing is everything in a property purchase and we don't always have control over timing.

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

Motion: Tom moved the Board direct the Larson Task Force to make a purchase offer on the remaining Larson property of approximately 100 acres for \$222,000 contingent on financing. Jack seconded.

Public Discussion: Leslie asked about the timing and was told the intent was that the negotiations start immediately.

Mel gave a history of property purchase in the area and thought we are getting this property cheaply.

Board Discussion: Anne said this seems like this has come as a surprise to some people and she doesn't feel this motion is as much a team effort as the last one.

Martha is hesitant to ask the Task Force (Daniel, Hilary, Leslie and herself) to do this without Hilary and Leslie who will both be out of town and who both have background information.

Steve said as property acquisition has been discussed he has developed a sense of what the priorities should be and what parcels are most desirable for us. We're taking a very important step with the 36 acres and it's strongly important for us to move on it. He doesn't attach the same level of importance to the other parcel. We need to prioritize what's available and what's useful.

Jack said there's a lot that's contingent on us getting what we want from this whole deal. There are a lot of pieces and we don't have complete control over all them. This is another step in controlling the drainage of the Long Tom adjacent to our property. Jack said he is "going for the big picture" which is trying to control our borders and keep development at bay.

Margo is concerned about what the annual payments would be relative to our cash position. Hilary explained that payments would be between \$10-20,000 annually.

David pointed out that in the future there many not be any large parcels for us to bid on in western Lane County. If we want to have access to this land and have something to say about its future, the time to act is now.

Tom feels this is a public safety issue; we need more land.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 1 opposed (Martha) ; 1 abstained (Anne).

KLCC Fundraising

Motion: Anne moved the Board direct the President to make a supportive announcement in the Fair's name for the KLCC fund-raiser this fall. Jack seconded.

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

September and November Board Meetings

Motion: Jack moved and Anne seconded to hold the September Board meeting on September 11.

Background: Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month, but September 4 is Labor Day.

Board Discussion: Daniel said he can't be here September 11 and would really like to attend the meeting.

Vote: The motion failed, 2 for, Jim, Daniel, Jeanne, Tom, Steve, David, 2 abstained (Martha and Margo).

Daniel is trying to reserve Camp Lane for the annual Board retreat for the weekend of November 11 and 12, with the Board meeting Monday, November 13. Traditionally, the meeting is held the first weekend of November but there is a scheduling conflict this year.

Next Meeting

Monday, September 4, 1995, 7:00 p.m., EWEB Building. Agenda: Board research funds, OCF participation in First night, proposal on Larson property, contribution to Endowment, approve VegManEC coordinators, Board discretionary fund, by-laws committee recommendation on membership. Other items may be added.

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