

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 7, 1997

PRESENT: Tom Alexander, Anne Henry (left after the Menstrual Hut item), David Liberty, Palmer Parker, Jim Sahr (left after the Southern Oregon Barter Fair item) Arna Shaw (alternate), Daniel Dillon, Charles Drew, Martha Evans, Paxton Hoag (arrived during the logo item jurying topic), Jack Makarchek, Michele Sharpy (alternate)

MINUTES APPROVAL

Jim moved, and Anne seconded, the minutes of the 3/3/97 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

Martha noted the absence of the announcement of the BoD work session on policy that was held on March 17. It is important that the membership be informed of BoD discussions/worksessions even if the Fair Family News arrives too late for folks to attend.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Charles reported that the Black Pioneer Exhibit was very good and that they publicly thanked the OCF for the donation.
- Jana Rose asked Bob Durnell to ask us all to keep Rebo Hansen in our thoughts as she battles lymphoma. Please burn incense and send her excellent thoughts.
- David Hoffman announced the Extension Service Plant Sale will be held Saturday, April 19, 9am at the Lane County Fairgrounds Extension office. Arrive early for the best selection.
- The Veneta city wide clean up will be Saturday, April 12. Fair members are invited to volunteer.
- The next Highway Clean up will be Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m., meet at Ware House area.
- The Toxics Clean up will be Friday, May 2, 1-5pm and Saturday, 5/3, 8-4pm. For more information call Lane County Waste Management — 687-4120.
- Spring Fling will be Saturday, May 10 at the WOW Hall. The doors open at 6:30
- David Liberty and Cindy Chambers represented the Fair at the Fern Ridge Spell-a-bration held Saturday, April 5. Congratulations to them for taking second place! David said it was a "prelusory" effort to next year.
- Friday, May 30, is the first day that advance tickets go on sale as well as the opening of Main Camp!
- Martha reported that the worksession held March 17 discussed BoD policy and process. They will review whether open dialogue is feasible during BoD meetings. They also agreed that a spring BoD retreat will be held some future Saturday at the Fair site.
- Work sessions are scheduled for Monday, April 21, and May 19, 7pm, Central Presbyterian Church. The topics will be New In-town Office Site — Rent vs

Purchase and Drug & Alcohol Prevention and Education, respectively. Arna thinks the decision to rent or purchase an in-town office site is a philosophical and political issue, not just financial. She is also concerned that April 21, is too early for the membership to give input. Daniel assured her that this would be the first of several meetings to discuss rent vs. purchase. All Fair members are invited to participate in work sessions or you may send feedback via U.S. mail or e-mail.

•Our 1997 Super Volunteers are Robert DeSpain, Hilary Anthony and Steve Gorham. They will be honored on April 20, at the Heart of the Arts Celebration.

MEMBER INPUT

Steve Simmons, Community Village, requests bike and cart parts to build a "train" to shuttle gear from the parking lot to the Village.

Jean Hennigan, booth #398 representative, suggested the Fair look for office space that is beyond our existing needs. The extra space could be rented out to other groups until it was needed for expansion. Jean is also a realtor during her non-Fair time.

REPORTS

General Manager. Leslie, tho fevered and very ill, stayed long enough to give the following report. Many thanks to norma and Steve for all their hard work during this busy time. Thanks also to Path Planning, Budget Committee for same. I'm excited about the JHVF proposed recipients. Thanks to that committee and especially to Richie Weinman. The LTD buses will stage from Autzen Stadium not the Lane County Fairgrounds. Fastixx will also have ticket booths at Autzen. LTD will drive out by the back side of Fern Ridge Reservoir and thus avoid any delays on W 11th. The early morning worker shuttle will run only on Friday. She reported all the changes the BoD and the Fair have made regarding drugs and alcohol through policy and operational changes to Respect our Community's Concerns (ROCC) and they seem pleased and willing to work with us.

Main Camp will operate a bit differently this year in that it will begin earlier, May 30, and be open only Thursday evenings through Monday lunch. Main Camp and the site will be closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This schedule continues through June 25, when Main Camp will be open full-time until the Fair. Operations realizes that a few folks will be unable to work on their booths on the weekends and appointments on site Tuesday or Wednesday will be arranged in those cases. This is to try to mitigate the enormous impact we have made on the land as folks moved out earlier and earlier.

Leslie has asked four people to be Back Up Managers (BUM) this year. They are Sallie Edmunds, Andrew Harvey, Zak Schwartz, and Ben Sturgill. She is also asking four people to be Swimmers (BUMs in training). They are Hilary Anthony, Doug Green, Steve Gorham, and Floyd Prozanski. This group will make an excellent team, and while she will sorely miss Robert Aurnague DeSpain, who has retired as a BUM, we will do our best without him.

Administrative Assistant. norma thanks Nick Lougee, Bella Wren and Rob Shirey for their contributions to the office. Special thanks to Jack Doyle who painted the Fair office and our neighbor's home, both of which were badly tagged recently. The phone rings non-stop and all application deadlines have closed. Approximately 200 entertainment and 150 craft applications were received. Seems like folks want to put the show on again. Thanks to Craft Inventory and Entertainment who've made this all as smooth as possible. Booth registration packets have been sent out. And stop by and say hello to the Registration folks at the OCF table at the Saturday Market. Hope you are all having as much fun as she is.

Site Manager. Steve W thanked the usual suspects and especially Chris Roop, Hawkowl DeYoung, Jack Doyle, David Liberty, Bob Durnell and Tyson Peltzer. Hawkowl came out and fixed every small engine machine that Steve could throw at him (is this the start of a new vaudeville form) while Chris Roop worked on the big trucks fixing breaks and generally getting them into running condition. Bob Durnell and Tyson fixed the leaking yurt roof and Jack Doyle and David Liberty painted the Site Office.

The VegManECs cleared huge amounts of blackberries out of the new path area while Tree crew worked to clear away the tree falls in Main Camp and Circus camp.

Lastly, clean up after yourself and do not drive off the gravel roads especially when the site is this soft. It is not anyone's job to clean up after any other Fair volunteer. Pack it in and pack it out.

Treasurers. Steve G announced that one of their last meetings was held on April 1, so who knows what the numbers on the spreadsheets really mean. Anyway, it seems the Budget Committee meets non-stop and they will have more to report as we get to the budget portion of the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

LOGO ITEM JURYING

David moved, and Jim seconded, that the top twelve items be accepted. This includes (not in ranked order): blown & sculpted glass peach; cotton bandanna with printed logo (new design); beaded peach pins, pendants & earrings; two entries of silver peach jewelry; colored glass coffee mugs with etched peach; postcards; hemp hats — baseball caps and garden caps; fused dichroic glass pendants; leather covers for journals, address books, photo albums & check books; canvas bags, and waist packs.

Peach Gallery: Several motions were attempted before the one presented above seemed agreeable to most BoD members. However, several Peach Gallery members recommended the BoD accept all of the items. Jean Hennigan thought exclusivity should prevail on the nature of the product not on the number of items accepted. Don Doolin also offered that this process should be left to Craft Inventory and not the BoD.

BoD Discussion: Jack stated that this is the best selection presented during all of his years on the BoD. Thank you all. There was also much discussion whether the shot glasses should be allowed given this years policy of no drugs or alcohol. But them Palmer, wearing an antique dealer's hat (not hemp) placed toothpicks in them and cast them in a different light.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Palmer and Jack).

SOUTHERN OREGON BARTER FAIR FINANCIAL AID

Jim moved, and David seconded, the OCF lend economic aid to Southern Oregon Barter Fair for the express purpose of litigation costs up to \$5000.

Background: It seems that SOBF's ability to gather peaceably is threatened by Oregon's Mass Gathering Act. Last year, many cops (30 at a time) would be on site, looking into people's private tents, etc. This presence altered the event immensely. At present, SOBF has won a preliminary injunction against enforcement of the Oregon mass gathering act. They seek money to pay for immediate court costs: \$850 court transcripts, \$2000 depositions, and an additional \$2000 may be necessary in the future for similar expenses. None of the money would be used to pay for lawyers' fees. SOBF is in the process of obtaining their 501(c)3 status.

Peach Gallery: Many spoke in support of this issue defending the right to gather peaceably although the culture may appear different than what is accepted by the mainstream. Steve G questioned if "economic aid" is a new budget item and if so out of which budget. Russell noted that the motion is unclear. If this is a loan then the terms need to be clear. He suggested that repayment be contingent upon success of the lawsuit.

BoD Discussion: Jack stated the Oregon Mass Gathering Act is not a good law. He floated the idea of a legal defense fund. David also quoted one of our state legislators who recently said we are involved in a "culture war." Martha opposes this motion as it requests too much money and she does not think it is in the best interests of the Fair to support SOBF.

The motion failed: 3 in favor and 7 opposed (Daniel, Paxton, Martha, Anne, Charles, Palmer and Tom)

Jack moved, and Jim seconded, the Fair donate \$1000 to SOBF.

The motion failed: 6 in favor and 4 opposed (Paxton, Martha, Palmer and Anne)

GAY PRIDE DAY DONATION

Palmer moved, and Charles seconded, the Fair donate \$500 to Gay Pride Day '97 in Eugene.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Daniel & Paxton) Arna voted in Jim's absence.

FIESTA LATINA DONATION

Michele moved, and Arna seconded, the Fair donate \$500 to Fiesta Latina.

Peach Gallery: This money would be spent to pay their youngest performer who may continue her voice classes and violin lessons. The expenses for this event

continue to grow. Fiesta Latina will remain a family venue. It will be held May 2nd and 3rd. It is a great cultural addition to Eugene.

BoD Discussion: Jack and Arna both expressed appreciation for the cultural diversity. David wondered if Milagro Vargas could perform at the Fair?...

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Paxton and Anne)

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Anne moved, and Charles seconded, the BoD approve an additional \$13,460 for new capital projects. These projects include: \$1500 Moving the Communication Hut to the Warehouse, \$1000 repair and possible extension of the sticker booth telephone cable, \$1210 new roof for Odyssey/Communication Booth , and \$800 Main Camp Power Trailer.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

BUDGET ITEMS CONTINUED

Anne moved, and Charles seconded, the BoD approve an additional \$10,399 for the budget items listed below. This motion 7 includes an additional \$819 for an expanded Peach Pit, \$3,670 new loop stage '97 expenses, \$2490 new loop ambiance expenses, an additional \$2650 for worker's compensation and general liability insurance (total GM Insurance line item of \$27,450), and an additional \$770 to the GM Permits line item (new total of \$3370) for Far Side camping and to continue the Adirondack permits. These last two figures are actual costs.

Workers comp is based on payroll and general liability insurance is based upon attendance at the Fair.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

MORE BUDGET LOOSE ENDS

Jack moved, and Anne seconded, the BoD approve \$14,450 to deal with the proposed 1997 OCF loose ends. This motion excludes the additional budget to Security until Security Crew leaders may be consulted. It tries to deal with the additional budgetary ramifications of the new operations procedures to implement the no drugs/alcohol policy this year and for security of an expanded area — the new loop and Far Side camping.

Peach Gallery: Robert Thompson (Security) expressed concern that Security had not been consulted for additional budget recommendations. He added that they have requested a new roof on the Dragon.

BoD Discussion: Daniel and Charles agreed that the BoD will not forget Security. Daniel said he would like a budget statement/recommendation to come from Security to help the Budget Committee make an informed proposal. Arna is concerned about deficit spending and about how much this 3-day event costs. Others argued that it is reasonable to take capital expenditures from retained earnings. Anne is totally supportive of this budget. This is a multi-year project and we are laying down the foundation for many years to come. She also thanked the Budget Committee for its hard and excellent work they do to educate the BoD members about the budget. Palmer noted this would be the first

time in the Fair's history that the proposed budget's expenses were higher than anticipated revenue.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Jack and Arna).

BUILDING COMMITTEE

David moved, and Jack seconded, the BoD form a Building Committee to fact find, provide spending restraints, and ensure fair bidding practices, as directed by the BoD, GM, or their designees.

Peach Gallery: Bob D. "I just want to build a bridge." Anyway, this committee would be similar to the Site Advisory Council; it would not be a crew. Other big projects being considered include the Adirondack, a bath house, and a vehicle shed. This would help ensure that large projects are finished within budget and time limits. Steve W added that a group of professionals would make better decisions. norma requests that the committee also act as an advisory arm for office relocation.

BoD Discussion: David stated this motion comes out of the work LUMP has been doing the past couple of years.

The motion passed: 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Arna), and 1 abstention (Palmer).

BUILDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

David moved, and Paxton seconded, the BoD appoint the following people to the newly formed Building Committee: Katie Cousins, Oso Harper, Tim Wolden, Kirk Shultz, Bob Durnell, Anna DeLocis, Arrow Anders, and Tyson Peltzer. Jack has agreed to the BoD liaison.

BoD Discussion: This group gives a professional mix of one CPA, four contractors, one architect, one engineer, and one construction crew member. Charles noted this is a big committee. Palmer would like the chairperson to be known.

The motion passed: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention (Charles).

HISTORY BOOTH CO-COORDINATOR

Anne moved, and Martha seconded, that the BoD appoint Iris Cole-Hayworth as Co-coordinator of the History Booth.

BoD Discussion: Palmer wondered whether there are any more sole coordinators left.

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Martha).

VAUDEVILLE CO-COORDINATOR

Arna moved, and Paxton seconded, the BoD appoint Mick Westrick as Vaudeville Co-Coordinator.

Peach Gallery: Tim Miller, Vaudeville Coordinator noted that the job is too big for one person. In response to Palmer's concern about an abundance of coordinators, David H noted that the Village has a cocoa coordinator whose responsibility is to supply the cocoa. (It's true, tho I haven't actually seen this position filled in recent memory.)

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

JILL HEIMAN VISION FUND RECIPIENTS

Arna moved, and Jack seconded, the BoD approve the following allocations from the JHVF as recommended by the Vision Fund Recipient Committee: \$7500 to First Place Center for a 16 passenger van; \$5500 to Centro LatinoAmericano for their program to teach English as a second language; \$1500 to Siuslaw Women's Care Center for shower vouchers and the purchase of a dishwasher and storage shed; \$500 to Homeless Action Coalition for their continued advocacy on behalf of homeless people; and \$5000 to White Bird Clinic to increase their health care capacity.

If funding falls below \$20,000 the funds will be allocated in the order listed above. If funding exceeds \$20,000 the first thousand dollars will be split evenly between First Place Center and Centro LatinoAmericano. All additional funds will be allocated to White Bird.

Peach Gallery: Richie Weinman, VFRC, said they received 19 really good proposals regarding issues of homelessness. It will be easy to fundraise for this diverse proposal. Bob D — this is the best idea in a long time.

BoD Discussion: Anne commends Richie for his great leadership, expertise and assistance serving on the VFRC. This proposal serves a diverse population across a wide geographic area. These sentiments were echoed by Charles and Arna. Martha was disappointed not to see any proposals for homeless youth and teens. Richie responded that the committee was surprised that no such proposal was received.

The motion passed unanimously: 10 (plus Michele) in favor and 0 opposed.

FUTURE JHVF RECIPIENT PROCESS

Arna moved, and Palmer seconded, the category for Jill Heiman Vision Fund donations be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting or by mail-in ballot for those who vote by that method.

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Daniel).

97 SECOND EVENT EXPLORATION

Daniel moved, and Paxton seconded, the BoD appoint Tom Alexander, Daniel Dillon, Leslie Scott, and Jim Ince to continue dialogue with Field Trip Productions and Avocado Productions for a Second Event '97.

Background: Last fall, big-name entertainers Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne and John Trudell presented a concert at Britt Gardens in Jacksonville, OR, as a benefit for our beleaguered environment. This was a tremendous success, selling out within twelve hours. The attendance was drawn from all over the state, and beyond. There was an indication from Avocado Productions, the non-profit that organizes benefits with these musicians, that a sequel event in Oregon might be possible, perhaps for later this year, but at a larger, more user-friendly venue. The musicians donate their time to benefit the environment. This is an exploratory proposal.

Peach Gallery: Kali Kaliche sent a message to the office that he believed that any future events should only be created and managed by OCF. It is not good to be landlords. David H echoed that future events should be staffed by OCF.

BoD Discussion: Martha, Arna and Anne thought the idea is great but the Fair has too much going on this year already. We could take this up in '98 instead. David countered that it would be good to enter negotiations now for a concert in '98. While Jack considered the thousands of reasons to do it now — all the species on the endangered species list, all the eco-activists locked in jails. Daniel said Leslie had given him her support to continue discussions now. She would be able to supervise from a distance. When Palmer asked whether any particular month had been chosen, Daniel responded - Not July!

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Martha and Anne).

MENSTRUAL HUT

Anne moved, and Jack seconded, the Fair create a Menstrual Hut. This entails the donation of one booth space, two wristbands for the coordinators, 50 passes, food vouchers and a total of twelve day passes (4 each day). The booth would be located with reasonable access to water barrels in order to provide a constant source of drinking water as well as washing water for women seeking their services. The booth would be staffed by members of All Women's Health Services.

Peach Gallery: Steve G — this would be a radical change. The Fair has never donated a booth and passes to any organization. Brian Alexander noted that many crafters would take issue with this proposal. Many crafters are still waiting for a permanent booth space. Colleen Forbes, Feminist Women's Health Center, said they participated in the Village last year where they became aware of the lack of services for women in need. There is no running water in the bathrooms for cleaning up, or a quiet place to lay down and receive alternative, natural care. In response to the argument that such a booth would not serve all the Fair population, Colleen responded that at present 50% of the population's needs are not being met. Anna DeLocis wondered if the Fair could provide the infrastructure that is requested. Others, while supportive of the concept, noted that most campers are aware of the primitive situation at the Fair and plan accordingly.

BoD Discussion: Martha encouraged Colleen and Rebecca to talk with Community Village. Perhaps some accommodation could be made there. The Fair does not support any non-profits at the Fair by donating space and passes. Anne hoped the Fair could make a collaborative effort in the future yet given the budget implications it is not possible this year.

The motion failed: 0 in favor, 9 opposed and 1 abstention (Daniel).

CART CONTEST EXTENDED

Paxton moved, and Martha seconded, the BoD suspend the cart contest for 1997 and to extend it to the 1998 Fair with the same conditions as originally imposed.

BoD Discussion: Paxton — It is the Cart Committee's intention to make a display for the '97 Fair to gain awareness for the cart contest and to promote it for the

entire year between the fairs. The \$1000 budgeted would be removed from this year's budget and applied to the '98 budget.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed. Michele voted in Anne's absence.

It should be noted that the meeting was extended an additional 45 minutes to complete the agenda.

The next BoD meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 7pm, at EWEB. The agenda (subject to change) will include:

- Consider office relocation — purchase/lease — Daniel
- Appointments:
 - Dog Control Co-coordinator — norma
 - Admissions Co-Coordinator — Michele
 - Building Committee
- Donations:
 - Volcanic Rock Festival — Don Doolin
 - Coalition for School Funding Now/EEF — Anne
- Art in the Vineyard proposal — Anne
- Personnel Policy Changes — members of the Personnel Committee
- Budget loose ends ???
- Amplify Community Village Stage for Spoken Word — Martha
- Ceramic mug logo jurying revisited

Carried forward from the April '97 agenda

- Baby Zone proposal — Anne

Note: Donation requests from Family School and Elmira Schools Gardening Project died for lack of a BoD presenter.

minutes by Jen-Lin