

Board of Directors

June 9, 1997

PRESENT: Paxton, Jim, Martha, Tom, Daniel, Arna (alternate), Palmer, Anne, Michele (alternate), Jack, Charles & David.

The Fair hired Shaun McCrea as special counsel to the Fair Attorney, Russell Poppe. Shaun is a state specialist in forfeiture law and is currently helping to rewrite these laws in Salem. She attended the meeting with county law enforcement with Martha, Daniel, Leslie and Russell to discuss the letter. The law was represented by Doug Harclerod, Lane County DA; Kent Mortimer, ADA --forfeiture counsel; Steve Broom and Tom Brett, Lane County Sheriff's office; and Bill Peyton from the State Police Drug Response Unit. Doug Harclerod continued to repeat that there would be zero tolerance for drugs at the Fair. "I want results." He said they had no plans to seize the Fair property before or during the event. Captain Brett stated that the added community law enforcement during the event costs more than the two deputies the Fair has on contract. They also gave no response when asked if they would share any evidence of Fair staff involved in illegal activities so that we might deal with the issue internally.

THE LETTER GOES PUBLIC

Jack moved, and Paxton seconded, that the letter, the Register-Guard article, and a letter from the BoD to the Fair membership will be copied and mailed to all Fair members. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Jack moved, and Anne seconded, that the letter packet approved above would be mailed First Class by Friday, June 13, 1997. Funding would come out of the rainy day fund. The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Charles).

INCREASE SHERIFFS BUDGET LINE ITEM

Arna moved, and Palmer seconded, that the BoD increase the Sheriffs line item in the GM budget by \$2000.

Background: This was a decision made by Operations last weekend to make our policy work better. This is not in response to the county's letter. Thus, we will be able to contract for two additional (total of four) sheriffs for six hours/day for three days at an approximate cost of \$1500. Operations decided that Security will escort folks to "staging sites" discreetly located outside the gate in the parking lot. The sheriffs would then escort the folks to other sheriffs based at Maple Gate for processing. This reduces the time Security would have to spend escorting someone off the site.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

CYNTHIA WOOTEN GOES TO HARVARD

Arna moved, and Martha seconded, that the BoD donate \$4100.00 to facilitate Cynthia Wooten's continuing education.

Background: Cynthia has the opportunity to attend the summer session of the JFK School of Government at Harvard, July 6 - 25. Ron Chase suggested a direct appeal to the BoD. Total tuition is \$8100. To shorten a long and interesting discussion: some folks voiced concerns about the process, staying within the budget, and Cynthia's stand on the recriminalization bill. (Cynthia voted in favor. She says it is bad public policy and worked from the beginning to halt its progress through the legislature. However, one of the unstated intentions of this bill is to eliminate progressive congresspeople.)

Others were encouraging and view this as an opportunity to support our own progressive legislator and Fair elder. The Fair owes a debt of gratitude to Cynthia as we are the current caretakers of what she and Bill created.

The motion passed: 9 in favor (Arna and Michele voted in Tom and Palmer's (temporary) absence), and 1 opposed (Charles).

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Paxton moved, and Jack seconded, that the Administrative Assistant be included in the attorney/client privilege and thus be able to attend the executive sessions of these BoD meetings. It is important for the AA to know what's going on considering how much member contact she has.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 1997

PRESENT: Jack, Paxton, David, Jim, Tom, Martha, Palmer, Anne, Daniel, Tom, and Michele (alternate)

NOT: Arna (alternate)

Three thousand copies of the letter packet were mailed on Wednesday morning last to Fair members (one per address). An additional two thousand will be available for distribution on site.

Palmer introduced Pat Walsh of the Ulum Group, the public relations firm hired by the Fair as decided at the 6/2 meeting. Pat has experience doing media relations for groups involved in conflict. Their office is one floor below the Fair's attorney's office. So you might say that counsel is keeping on top of the situation.

Leslie and Operations will have written directives regarding expectations for handling different security situations prepared by next Monday. Be aware. If you possess or consume illegal substances on Fair property you may be arrested.

Ron Lloyd read a verbal appeal/proposal. He listed the following points: 1)Resist the temptation to institutionalize. 2)De-emphasize all special interests. 3)Heal the gender gap by emphasizing chivalry. 4)Create a performance stage (for New Age type music). and 5)Elect a council of elders to attend to our spiritual well-being. He wanted the BoD to consider creating a New Age music stage for this year's Fair. Contact Ron if you want more information or to work on these topics.

Board of Directors Meeting
June 23, 1997

PRESENT: Paxton, Martha, Jim, Daniel, Jack, Anne, Charles, David, Tom, and Palmer

NOT: Arna and Michele (alternates)

More discussion of the topic of the month. Call the governor. Tell him to veto the recriminalization bill.

The next meeting will be held on 6/30 on site at the Youth Stage.

Board of Directors
June 30, 1997

PRESENT: Paxton, Martha, Jim, Palmer, Charles, Anne, Michele (alternate), and Tom.

NOT: Daniel, Jack, David, and Arna (alternate)

Jim moved, and Charles seconded, that the BoD direct Hilary Anthony to compose a letter to Governor Kitzhaber on behalf of the BoD and the officers. The BoD and officers of the Oregon Country Fair oppose the recriminalization of marijuana and encourage the governor to veto this legislation. Hilary will fax the letter to Congressman Floyd Prozanski (and Fair BUM) who will hand deliver it to the governor.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 0 opposed. Actually, every person attending the meeting raised their hand in support of this measure.

The Board scheduled a special meeting for Monday, 7/14/97, 5pm Main Camp ... if necessary action must be taken. The executive session will be held at 4pm. (And that meeting was never called)

Editorial note: The computer agrees. While performing its spell check tasks it questioned whether I really meant to type "decriminalization" instead of "recriminalization"!