

## OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 3/2/98

PRESENT: Tom Alexander, Michele Sharpy, Charlie Zennache, Jim Sahr (left during the Capital Projects item), Daniel Dillon, Charles Drew, Martha Evans, Jack Makarchek, Paxton Hoag, (arrived during Announcements), David Liberty (arrived during the Administrative Assistant report) and Marlene Showker & Charlene Tremayne (alternates).

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Martha moved, and Michele seconded, the BoD approve the minutes of the 1/26/98 BoD meeting.  
BoD Discussion: Charles noted that Martha, not Michele, seconded Charlie's motion to add \$6500 dedicated to law reform to the BoD Contributions line item.  
The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Martha moved, and Michele seconded, the BoD approve the minutes of the 2/2/98 BoD meeting.  
BoD Discussion: Charlie asked for clarification regarding which alternate position Marlene Showker now holds. After a brief bout of dueling intentions, the BoD agreed that Marlene holds the first half of Jim's two-year alternate position. Jim will hold Niels' two-year position til the end of its term. Thus, at the next Annual Meeting we will elect two alternate positions (a one-year position and the second year of a two-year position).  
The motion passed as clarified: 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention (Tom).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

norma wished the following Pisceans a Happy Birthday; Dr. Seuss (today, 3/2), Marlene Showker (2/28), Leslie Scott (3/5) & Charles Drew (3/10)  
Congratulations to Dan & Mae Hitchcock. Their baby girl was born on 2/20!  
Frank & Jeanne Sharpy celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on 3/3!  
Come see/hear the year's results from the new community meeting on Thursday, March 12, 7:15 pm at the First United Methodist Church. The topic is "Identifying and Developing Common Ground Related to Growth and Sustainable Development in Central Lane County." General Manager, Leslie Scott, has been one of 17 core participants in this year-long dialogue.  
Applications for the Caretaker position closes on Friday, March 13.  
The next work session will be held on Monday, 3/16, 7pm at Central Presbyterian Church. The topic is law reform. Obey the law. Change the law.  
Entertainment applications close on April 7. Call the office to request an application and specify which stage/area for which you are applying.  
The Spring Fling will be May 9, at the WOW Hall!  
The Heart of the Arts celebration will be held in April. This year the Fair honors Palmer Parker & Shirley Demaline as super volunteers.

### MEMBER INPUT

Etienne attended last month's work session on Fair Communications. She hopes the issues raised (specifically Oregonians for Personal Privacy) will receive a response and that changes will be implemented. She encourages more Fair family to attend the work sessions and get involved.

Steve Simmons (Community Village) introduced Kimberly Gladen as the new CV liaison to the BoD meetings.

### STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

General Manager. Leslie announced this year's Back Up Managers: Sallie Edmunds, Zak Schwartz, Ben Sturgill, and Grumpy (aka Steve Gorham).

The Endowment has chosen six grant recipients totaling \$10,000. They include four elementary schools, one middle school, and a summer arts program in the Veneta/Fern Ridge District. The projects include worm farms, theater and art therapy.

The Jill Heimann Vision Fund recommends the BoD approve the following four grant requests as donated & matching funds allow. Oregon League of Conservation Voters (\$5,000), Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) (\$6,000), Citizens for Public Accountability (\$5,000), and Western Environmental Law Center (\$6,000).

The work session on Fair Communications was well-attended. It was helpful for staff and members to get clarity from each other on communication channels and needs.

Thanks to the Budget Committee for their hard work on capital projects.

Administrative Assistant. norma announced that we really are moving the Fair Office to 442 Lawrence Street on Sunday, March 22. Folks with trucks and/or strong backs and time and energy to help move will be wonderfully appreciated. Application season continues. The phone rings all the time. If you get the answer-ma-phone press star to bypass the message. If you get voice-mail, press 1. And you never know when a real human will answer! She awaits Vanna's appearance at the Spring Fling, also.

Site Manager. Steve said the site is green and wet and soft. Our site shows the first signs of spring -- bitter cherry and wild violets blooming, green shoots of trillium and delphiniums emerging, grass growing. The first and only flood in the eight came on February 22. Most of the newly planted grass remains. The Main Stage water barrel station logs floated away and will have to be rebuilt. Thanks to Arrow Anders, John Doscher, Ryan Frietas and various VegManECs for site-sitting in his absence. The caretaker's yurt roof has been repaired and seems to be holding up well. He had the water purification system in the yurt serviced (apparently for the first time since installation in 1992). The test results for nitrates, bacteria, etc. of our well water will be coming in soon. Ward Beck, who owns the Chevron station at Greenhill & W 11th donated (in exchange for a charitable tax donation) a refrigerated truck which we'll use as a replacement for the non-functional Main Camp refer unit. Steve has begun to attend meetings of the newly formed Long Tom Watershed Council. It would be great if some local Fair residents would also get involved. Also, Dave Pilz (OSU Forest Research) brought 7 native yew tree seedlings. Many thanks to Dave, Charlie LeFevre, Hal Hartzell, and David Liberty for planting the trees

in the eight. They were placed by the old yew trees where the energy seems good.

Treasurers. Steve Gorham thanked the Budget Committee for yet another round of amazing work. Hilary said that their goal was to hold capital projects to a minimum since we spent so much last year.

There were no committee reports.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### GUIDELINE CHANGES -- CRAFTS LOT CAMPING

Charlene moved that Section 16. Camping Before the Fair read: Crafts Lot camping opens at 9am on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, for those approved crafters who must be on site and close to the loops to have daily access for camping and/or their craft stock. Priority to be given to those who can demonstrate that they do not have sufficient space contiguous to their booths for camping and/or craft stock.

The motion died for lack of a second.

##### GUIDELINE CHANGES -- ACTS OF GOD OR ???

Charlie moved, and Martha seconded, the BoD approve changing the wording in Section 28. Booth Fee Refunds from "act of God" to "events beyond the control of the Fair"

Peach Gallery: Steve W said he had submitted this during the original guideline change motion but it did not appear in the published version (oops!)

BoD Discussion: A brief discussion of who has the right to cancel the Fair ensued. But this guideline/motion refers to events beyond our control so none of us would be able to make any decision anyway. Martha pointed out that the District Attorney is not a deity by any stretch of the imagination!

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

##### DONATION -- FIESTA LATINA

Charles moved, and Paxton seconded, the BoD donate \$600 to Fiesta Latina.

Peach Gallery: Leslie spoke in favor of supporting this great community event.

BoD Discussion: Charlie stated his continued opposition to the BoD's contribution process. However, last time he voted against something that he supported and won't do that again.  
The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Daniel).

#### APPOINTMENTS -- REFER CREW CO-COORDINATOR

Paxton moved, and Jim seconded, the BoD appoint Carmen Garcia as Refer Crew Co-coordinator.  
Peach Gallery: Darrel Sink stated that Carmen has been with the crew for years. She knows the job, has a positive outlook, and most importantly is concerned about the safety and quality of the food stored for the vendors. Carmen and her partner, Larry Booman, will work together as a team, because that is how they live their life. The Fair has at least enough coordinators and so he recommends Carmen and not two people. Hilary said she has known Larry and Carmen for many years. They are cheerful and hardworking. Leslie thanked Darrel for his years of amazing work. He has brought the refer crew a long way from where it began.

BoD Discussion: The BoD received a letter of recommendation from Darrel but no letter of interest/introduction from Carmen. Folks discussed whether and when a letter is necessary. Does BoD policy on this matter exist? Martha stated that part of applicants submitting letters of interest was so that people weren't appointed coordinators without being informed or willing to take on the responsibility. Time yielded to Leslie: We have done both in the past. If a crew has more than one coordinator, requiring a letter of interest is less imperative than when a crew has only one coordinator. Although, she does try to talk with each nominee to see if they are interested before the BoD votes on the appointment. The BoD could announce their desire/requirement for a letter of interest/introduction from nominees during the New Business phase of the meeting.  
The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

Michele moved, and Paxton seconded, the BoD pass the Capital Projects Budget totaling \$36,635 as presented.

The budget includes: Buying Thermal Curtains for the Refer (\$635.00), Move current Vaudeville booth (\$1,000), Blue Moon sound booth lock up (\$500) Far Side total \$6,200: Bridge (\$1,000), Rent Larson Rd (\$1000), Shower (\$3,000), Path work (\$300), Campground improvements (\$500), Work boat (\$400). Fence lots, metal chain fence/the line in the sand (\$1,500), Chela Mela (\$3,000), Move Hut, carried forward, (\$500), Pole Shed, carried forward, (\$1,000), White Bird Roof (\$1000). Site Management total, \$13,100: Site Truck (\$10,000), Warehouse East Wing (\$1,500), Tree Crew Safety Equipment (\$620), Compost Screener (\$500), Four Wheel Tractor Cart (\$480). Two Energy Carts (\$2000), New Water Barrels (\$500), Rebuild Traffic Booth (\$700), Site Copier (\$500), Finish small office at site (\$500).

Peach Gallery: Steve G noted that the BoD has approved an addition of \$14,000 for the Office Move. Hilary explained that while the Budget Committee thinks the hemp tipi lodge idea is exciting they wanted to hold off til the 30th Anniversary and to hold the overall capital projects budget as close to \$50,000 as possible. The following items may be presented for approval at a later date once more information is obtained: Stage Left Improvements (requested \$1,200), new Shady Grove Stage (requested \$500), and more garden carts for cart central (requested \$1,760). The Budget Committee wants more info on wider tire carts. Steve W said the Fair could purchase an 80's vintage one to one and a half ton flatbed truck with a tilt bed for \$10,000. He'll ask Phillip Guyette for help to procure a good truck. Currently, the youngest truck in the Fair's fleet is from 1969. It continues to break down and parts are getting harder to come by. Steve W said he may yet ask the Fair for an additional \$5,000 to build the vehicle shed.

BoD Discussion: David asked if this year's rental of the Larson road to the Far Side could be deducted from a future purchase price. Jack -- Hallelujah! No requests for wood fences! He also thanked everyone for holding down the capital projects expenses this year.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

#### CARETAKER HIRING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Martha moved, and Charles Drew seconded, the BoD appoint Palmer Parker, Phillip Guyette, Lynn Kampfer, (Site Advisory Committee members) and Steve Wisnovsky (Site Manager) to supplement the Personnel Committee in the hiring of a new Caretaker.

Peach Gallery: Leslie wondered if anyone had asked Cory Sullivan (Ambiance Co-coordinator) if she wanted to be on this committee as she was involved in the last Caretaker Hiring Committee.

BoD Discussion: Because this is an ad-hoc committee letters of interest are not necessary.

The motion passed: 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions (Michele and Marlene).

No letters of recommendation were submitted for Fire Crew Coordinator, yet.

The next BoD meeting will be held Monday, April 6, 7pm, at EWEB. The agenda, subject to change includes:

Appointment: Fire Crew Coordinator, Capital Projects Budget continued, Donations: HIV Alliance and Friends of Eugene, Approve logo crafts, Approve JHVF grant awards, Consider St. Vincent de Paul Logo proposal, and Other Events -- Summer '98.

Minutes by Jen-Lin