

## OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 7/3/99

PRESENT: Palmer Parker, Jim Newhouse, MD, Charlie, Zennache, Jack Makarchek, Marlene Showker, Tom Alexander, Michele Sharpy, Jim Sahr and David Liberty (arrived in time for the Hubbard Property Financing motion), and Etienne Smith and Doug Carnie (alternates)

Jack moved and Marlene seconded that the Archaeology topic be moved to Old Business. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Dr. Jim moved, and Marlene seconded, that the minutes of the 6/7/99 BoD meeting be approved. The Office Compliance Budget asked for additional money to install the sprinkler system, bring the wheelchair ramp up to code, and fees for the systems development charges. We had \$10,000 allocated and needed an additional \$4,000 to complete these projects so we may obtain the certificate of occupancy for the in-town office. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR

Etienne announced that Mark Harrington Trucking Company is willing to donate a truck to pull the OCF float for the Eugene Celebration parade.

John Stamp announced that the archaeological dig on the river bank will be held on 8/4/99. Volunteers are welcome.

Ticket sales are comparatively better this yer than last, but not as good as '97. We need sunshine.

The law reform kiosk will be up again in Chela Mela.

Palmer thanked Justin of the Sign Crew for the gorgeous, colorful banner by Maple Gate.

Marlene thanked the food vendors who are participating in the silver star specials (food voucher meal deals).

An Elders discussion meeting will be held at 8 pm on Fair Sunday at Blue Moon Stage.

Sun. 9/12 - '99 Fair Evaluation Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Meet at the WareHouse on site. All are welcome to participate.

### MEMBER INPUT

Anne Morris asked that we re-examine the practice of putting concrete structures in the flood plain.

### STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

General Manager: Leslie thanked everyone who is working really hard and doing an amazing job of pulling this all together, making the place look gorgeous, and doing it all with such wonderful spirit. It feels really great to be out here pre-Fair. Main Camp is incredible.

Thanks to Kevin Dougherty and Robert Aurnague-DeSpain for the great media coverage and advertising. There have been interviews with all three local TV stations and the Register Guard. We'll also have the cover of the Eugene Weekly during the Fair. We even made it into Sunset magazine! KLCC will broadcast all of the Main Stage events except for part of Friday's All Things Considered program.

Administrative Assistant. Norma said the Office Crew is wonderful to work with. This has been the sweetest and mellowest Main Camp; it has been really fun. Thank you everyone.

Site Manager. Steve said ditto to norma and Leslie. It is very gratifying watching the crews rebuild the village.

The place is humming with activity. We have a beautiful place and we still need to tread lightly.

Steve asked that if at times he gets grouchy that he be reminded that we could be in the middle of also rebuilding the highway entrance ramp. (*This task is postponed til post-Fair.*)

President. We are scheduled to close on the Hubbard property on 7/26 and we will take possession in mid-August.

Jack is impressed by the respect being shown to the yew tree that has fallen to its final resting place on the Upper River Loop.

This is our event and it is what we do every year. We are proof that the counter-culture is thriving. The Fair is important because its impact transcends beyond the event's three days. Civilization and the future is going to be OK. We continue to educate new folks about an alternate reality. *Viva la revolucion!*

Treasurers. Things seem to be going well. Kitchen, Quartermaster and Capital Projects budges are all on target.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### DONATION TO MISHA KASSELL

Palmer moved, and Marlene seconded, that the B oD donate \$100 to Misha Kassel.

Background: Misha Kassel, Elmira High School Student Body vice-president ('98/'99), was the Oregon Association of Student Councils Midwest Representative this year. He requested a donation from the Fair to support his costs of attending the National Association of Student Councils Leadership Camp in Roseville, Minnesota this summer. He would like to work on ways to bring the school and community together.

Peach Gallery and BoD Discussion: Many support Misha's involvement in school and the community but felt that a Fair donation would not be appropriate for various reasons. An OCF scholarship budget was proposed for future discussion. A hat was passed for personal contributions during the discussion.

The motion failed: 6 in favor, 4 opposed (Michele, Dr. Jim, Jim and Charlie). *Palmer noted that this was the first time in Fair history that the motion didn't pass but the hat did.* Total contribution: \$117.00!

#### HUBBARD PROPERTY FINANCING

Some suggested that we pass the hat again!

Jack moved, and Dr. Jim seconded, that the BoD finance the purchase of the Hubbard property by paying 50 percent of the purchase price from cash reserves and take out a loan for \$100,000 from ShoreBank. The terms as listed in the he July BoD packet include a 3% interest rate over our earned interest rate (on the \$100,000 locked funds on deposit at Shore Bank) with a cap of 10%. An intense discussion about whether it would be better to pay cash and purchase the property outright or assume this loan proceeded. Either method is viable. Steve Gorham said that by acting conservatively and assuming the loan, the OCF gain financial insurance and flexibility in case of a down year. He also noted that this loan offer is better than conventional loans and does not require any personal guarantees by BoD members. We can also pay off the loan if we have a great year. More discussion continued and heads were swimming with numbers. *(I personally become more confused the longer the discussion continued.)*

Michele moved and Dr. Jim seconded to call the vote. The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Palmer & Jim).

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

#### DONATION TO FRIEND SOF OREGON MIDWIVES

Brad moved and Etienne seconded, that the BoD donate \$500 to Friends of Oregon Midwives.

Background: This group is lobbying the state legislature to save the licensing board funding. The current bill would take away state funding for the licensing board. We would cease to have lay midwives. Leslie said she originally entered the Fair through the midwifery booth. Oregon is one of two states in the country to have licensed midwives. Many Direct Entry Midwives are part of the Fair family and are an essential part of our culture. This is an important birth option we don't want to lose. People come from all over the country to study midwifery here.

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

#### BUDGET ISSUES

##### PUMP REPAIR

Jim moved, and Palmer seconded, to replace the General Manager's contingency budget by \$3,000.

Background: Leslie said that the pump broke. Thanks to Fair ingenuity and our fabulous volunteers, we were able to repair, rather than replace it. The \$3,000 cost wiped out her contingency budget.

Peach Gallery: Steve said he preferred this be listed as a capital projects budget item.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

##### INTERNAL SECURITY BUDGET INCREASE

Jack moved, and Palmer seconded, that the Internal Security Budget increase to cover twelve additional shirted passes and 180 food vouchers.

Background: This issue remains from the Security Crew split into three separate divisions. Oso Harper, Internal Security Coordinator, wants to add three shifts of four staff to meet internal security (path rovers) needs. This figure is less than what was used in '97 and we have since added Chela Mela.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

##### ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION

Jack moved, and Charlie seconded, that the BoD approve six to ten exploratory dig holes, 10 inches in diameter by 7 feet, no closer than 20 feet to the river.

Background: John Stamp (Tree Crew) said this is a joint project by the Fair and the UO Museum of Anthropology supervised by Dr. Thomas Conley. Samples will be collected for carbon dating.

BoD Discussion: Etienne was concerned about whether native tribal members support this dig. Jack responded that the state does not issue permits until after tribes have had an opportunity to respond. David noted that the OCF site is the oldest known site of human habitation (15,000 years) in the area and in the northwest.

The motion passed: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention (Etienne). Etienne voted during Jack's temporary absence.

**AUGUST BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Brad moved and Dr. Jim seconded to change the August BoD meeting date to August 9, 1999.

Background: Leslie asked that the date of the August BoD meeting be changed to Monday, August 9, so that she may also attend. She will be away during the first week of August.

The motion passed: 7 in favor and 3 opposed (Dr. Jim, Palmer and Marlene).