



# FAIR FAMILY NEWS

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What's Inside  
Some good, some sad.



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Fair Management Team 2012 (from left) Patti Romaine-Moody, Tony Clementi, Sallie Edmunds, Doug Green, Charlie Ruff, Steve Wisnovsky, Zak Schwartz, Sara Rich, Floyd Prozanski, Brad Lerch, Steve Gorham, Charlie Zennache and Robin Smith.



## FAIR FAMILY CALENDAR

### August

- 26 Deadline to submit candidate statement for Board of Directors election. See [www.oregoncountryfair.net](http://www.oregoncountryfair.net) for details.

### September

- 9 Highway pickup, 10 am, meet at Ware Barn area
- 10 Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm, OCF Site
- 10 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 17 Community Center Meeting, 6 pm, OCF office
- 20 Deadline to apply for membership in order to vote in 2012 Board election
- 25 Fair Family News mailing work party, 6 pm, OCF office

### October

- 1 Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm, EWEB Training Room
- 1 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 16 Fair Family News mailing work party, 6 pm, OCF office
- 20 Election of Board of Directors at Annual Membership meeting
- 21 Highway Pickup, Meet at Ware House area, 10 am

### November

- 5 Board of Directors annual meeting, 7 pm, EWEB Training Room
- 5 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 20 Fair Family News mailing work party, 6 pm, OCF office

### December

- 5 Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm, EWEB Training Room
- 5 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE



## FFN "OLYMPIANS"



Dan "Decathlon" Cohn  
 Michael "Relay" Ottenhausen  
 Kim "Table Tennis" Griggs  
 Niki "Freestyle" Harris  
 Mary "BMX" Doyon  
 Suzi "Balance Beam" Prozanski  
 Brad "Basketball" Lerch  
 norma "marathon" sax  
 Cyndi "Beach Volleyball" Leathers

## Happy Birthday to Our Fair Family Virgos

- Aaron Nine-Gelman .... Water Crew
- Anne Morris ..... Chela Mela
- Anthony Stoppiello..... Energy Park
- Barbara Lee ..... Lot Crew
- Bob Demaline..... Far Side
- Bud Chase ..... Vaudeville
- Candace Reed ..... Traffic
- Catherine Clark ..... Pre-post
- Cathy Lindberg..... Fire
- Charles Corp ..... Lot Crew
- D. Keigh Smiley ..... Traffic
- Dan Cohn ..... Fair Family News
- Dan Corp ..... Lot Crew
- Daniel Dillon..... Blintz Booth
- Dave Crockett ..... Boothperson
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- Diana Gardener ..... Crafter
- Don St.Clair..... Crafter
- Doug Green ..... Backup Manager
- Erik Dedijer-Small..... Fire Crew
- Faith Petric ..... Entertainment (retired)
- Francine Six ..... Crafter
- Gary Ausmus ..... Traffic
- George Utterback ..... Fire
- Greg Rikhoff..... Admissions
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- Jessica Rose Tucker ..... Registration
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Lemonade
- Kathryn Madden ..... Fair Central
- Ken Ely..... Water Crew
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- Keri Stutesman ..... Entertainment
- Kristen Mozuch ..... Community Village
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- Lynn Watson ..... Recycling
- Mary Doyon..... Fair Family News
- Melisa Largent ..... Lot Crew
- Melissa Evans ..... Pre-Post Security
- Mike Swett ..... Lot Crew
- Nancy Bright..... Crafter
- Neil Friedman..... Crafter
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- Raven Parker-Hartog... Pre-Post Security
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- Rivka Gross ..... Security
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- Seraf Moses ..... Registration
- Sheridan Richardson... Lot Crew
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- Steve Bouton ..... Recycling
- Steve Robertson..... Internal Security
- Susan Johnson..... Recycling
- Tesia Dow ..... Crafter
- Thomas Smith..... Lot Crew
- Tim Beyer..... Lot Crew
- Vicki Lynn Wootten..... Security
- Victoria Stoppiello..... Energy Park
- Vince LaRochelle ..... Crafter
- Virginia Sands..... Security
- Willy Gibboney ..... Crafter

## Highway Pick-up Date Reset

Join the fun as we clean up the highway in our Veneta community. We meet with trash bags in hand, to pick up trash along Highway 126 that borders the Fair site. Mark your calendar – the next highway pickup dates this year are September 9 and October 21. Meet your co-horts at the Ware Barn area at 10 am for good deed doing and excellent exercise. Wear gloves and comfortable shoes.

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## Democracy is not a spectator sport. Participate!

Aug. 26 — Deadline to submit Candidate Statement for Board of Directors election  
 Sept. 20 — Deadline to submit membership form to vote at the Annual Meeting  
 Oct. 20 — Annual meeting and Board of Directors election.

Get details and membership form at: [www.oregoncountryfair.net](http://www.oregoncountryfair.net).



## Get on the FFN and/or Voting Membership List

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## FAMILY LETTERS



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*Letters must be limited to 300 words. They will be edited for length and clarity. Please include name, Fair Affiliation and a method of communication (i.e. phone number or e-mail).*

### The Insensitive Six

*Editor's note: This letter responds to comments made in July by some Board members to the Fair staff that expressed deep disappointment in the appearance and amount of vegetation cut for the New Kids Way. At the August meeting, some of the Board members apologized for their comments. For more details, please read the Minutes.*

Dear Fair Family,

I was very much saddened by the ending of the Board of Directors meeting held on site July first. I have never experienced a greater disconnect between a majority of a Board and the Fair Family. The content of what six of you felt you had to say was invalidated by your complete insensitivity to what the people you were addressing have been through and to appropriate process.

The staff and crews on site have been dealing with an exceptional amount of winter damage. Much of the work had to be done in the rain, making it doubly difficult. Then we were struck with the tragedy of the plane accident and the loss of four of our family at one time. You heard staff reports of the incredible overload of work for White Bird's counseling services, of extra volunteers just to keep up with workload. You heard reports of the emotional strain and chaos, of a very tangible vulnerability in so many hearts and despite those heavy hearts, the work goes on, tears and all. It has been a Main Camp both heart-breaking and heart-building.

Your content could have been dealt with at a different time. One of you could have mentioned that there was some concern and we'd deal with it after the Fair, but one after another you said pretty much what the last one said. It may be time to step aside and make room on the Board for those with a more positive, youthful and informed outlook. In my time here, it was the only moment I have been ashamed of the Board of Directors of the Fair.

Fortunately, there are great and caring hearts here. The ceremony held on Saturday was a thing of deep beauty and sensitivity with all four families present. I am grateful for the beginning of what will be a long healing process.

*Doug Green, aka D.U.G.  
Back-up Manager*

### Negative Energy Unwanted

Dear Fair Family,

While this year's Fair was mostly filled with love and positive energy, I wanted to share a not-so-pleasant experience that happened to me toward the end on Sunday.

As I was headed out the Water Gate security check point by the Ritz, I heard two male security staff members make a comment that I believe was directed at me, since I was the only person walking out at that point.

One guy looked at the other and said: "Man, she's ugly." And the other replied, "Yeah, it's like a black hole out there. You never know what's gonna blow in." They said it loud enough for me to hear. What a NASTY thing to say! In hindsight, I wish I'd confronted them right then and there about putting out such negative energy so counter to the Fair's stated values of reverence for the Earth and EACH OTHER.

We can't stay young and beautiful forever. I wanted to tell those guys to respect their elders and to respect people who come in different shapes and sizes. For all the rhetoric about loving and respecting our differences, I have a strong feeling that this sense of having to look young and beautiful prevails among a large number of Fair "family."

Another example. I was hanging out in Chela Mela on Saturday and noticed a photographer taking portraits of people. He proudly showed me his photo albums, mostly filled with young, beautiful faces with one or two older "attractive" people - his words. He literally said, if he had his way he "would only shoot young, beautiful women, as that's what I'm most interested in." This coming from a 65-plus man! OK, so there's nothing wrong with liking the young and beautiful, but it is sad to find this value so pervasive among the Fair's "enlightened" population.

*Arlene McKenna,  
Media Crew*

### Novice Show a Treat

Dear Fair Family News

What a wonderful experience it was to see No Shame Eugene at the Oregon Country Fair. What made it so special was the fact that anyone could go on stage at the Fair and do their thing. My wife and I heard a heartwarming story of true love, a father and daughter singing "I'm a Little Teapot," and various acts of children singing, dancing and juggling, just to mention a few performances. Having a child from the audience come up and pick the next act from the jaws of a paper shark was especially funny.

No Shame Eugene really embodied the spirit of the Fair where you can be anything you want to be and try new and different things. After all, it is "No Shame," which means "No Heckling." The audience support of the acts was heartwarming to say the least. To see a person do their talent on stage for the first time and have the audience cheer truly made it a special Fair for that person.

I hope the No Shame Eugene is invited back next year.

*Chris Leland  
Retired Security, Fairgoer*

### Fair Magic Saves the Day

Dear Fair Friends,

On Saturday, July 14, on a fabulous Fair afternoon, I foolishly left my purse in one of the porta-potties at the Far Side ball field. When I realized what I had done, I slowly hiked back to the ball field, and as I have MS, it was quite an exhausting trip. I arrived to find no purse. Major panic ensued. Gone were my wallet, money, driver's license, bankcard, keys, comb and other Fair goodies. I collapsed on the spot.

Immediately I was surrounded by other Fairgoers who just wanted to help me. Someone called for a small motorized vehicle and several people took me to my campsite and made suggestions about what to do next.

Then the Fair magic began to kick in. As I was sulking in my tent feeling very sorry for myself, many folks went to work looking for my blankety-blank purse. And then Dr. Steve and Anna (paramedics) showed up outside my tent to make sure I was OK and still breathing (and drinking LOTS of water). I haven't had a medical house call since elementary school, and we're talking the Eisenhower administration!

End of story, my purse was found! I would like to thank my fellow Navy camp mates, especially Admiral Tim Justis, the Fire Crew, Far Side central (tip o' the hat to Bill and Bob), Odyssey, Community Village (three members of which called my home in Portland with information about said purse), and (again) to White Bird (Dr. Steve and Anna). And to the unknown soul who found the darn thing and turned it in to Community Village.

My purse was intact - completely!! And I really needed that comb.

*JoAnne Lubin  
Aka Lady JoJo  
OCF Navy*

### Call It Wally Way!

Dear Fair Family,

Thanks everyone for a wonderful Fair this year. I found it to have a kind and gentle feel, informed as it was by the recent deaths of the four airplane riders and the loss of some longtime Fair Family members like Joe Cotter, reminding us to appreciate each other more while we are here.

I especially loved the peace of the new loop and appreciate all the thoughtful work done by the Path Planning committee to make this a reality. One of the people who worked hardest to create this new area was Wally Jones, who passed last year before seeing his work come to fruition.

Wally was an essential participant in our Essential Event, having attended from the beginning on Construction, Security, and ultimately on the Recycling Crew and Path Planning. He could also be found on the paths after hours, jamming with other musicians.

Many on Path Planning had hoped to honor his contributions to the Fair by calling this new area "Wally Way." But alas, the decision is not up to them, and has been passed on to other "powers that be." I hope that the idea of honoring this dear man will not get lost in the process.

I call on the Recyclers, Blintz boothers, musicians, and other Wally appreciators to chime in to press for this area to be called Wally Way.

*Karen Stingle,  
OJ booth, Elder*



### Fair Thee Well: Diane Churchill

*by Leeanna Badger, Traffic Camp*

Diane was a longtime member of Traffic Crew. She lost her battle with cancer on March 9, 2012 at the age of 58. Diane was born to Margaret and Gerald Churchill on October 11, 1953. She attended North Eugene High School where she met her life-long best friend Pauline Clark. Pauline later joined her on Traffic Crew. Diane attended LCC while working at the University of Oregon and after marrying Russ Fish (OCF mime), spent nine months in Paris working for an underground newspaper. In 1988 she gave birth to her only child, Jonathon. She



later worked as an administrative assistant for Evergreen Engineering for 17 years.

Diane had a lust for life and especially loved her son, dragonflies, the color purple and the Oregon Country Fair. Her ready smile, her laugh and her enthusiasm for her shift in Traffic will be sorely missed. We all watched her son grow from babyhood to boy and then to young adult and now married man. You did good Diane. I know you will be with us for every future Fair, directing traffic in style and spirit.

## Fair Thee Well: Lee Reichlin

A celebration of life was held Aug. 12 at Washington Park Community Center in Eugene for Lee "Spud" Reichlin of Eugene, who died July 27 of injuries sustained in an accidental fall. He was 67. Even if you didn't know Lee personally, you've seen him a hundred times leading the vaudeville parade at the Oregon Country Fair in his Groucho Marx outfit, marching along with his wooden duck.

Lee Elliot Reichlin was born Feb. 21, 1945, in Burbank, Calif., to Bernice and Ed Reichlin. The family moved to New York when he was a baby, and Lee spent most of his childhood in Merrick, Long Island, N.Y. Lee received a bachelor's degree in Food Science from Pratt University in Brooklyn, N.Y. He earned his living as a waiter and later as salesman. He sold everything over the years — from the tiniest light bulbs to the largest cars and greenhouses. He could sell anything, and did.

He played in Eugene's Community Softball League for more than 30 years. He started out on the Whitebird team, then co-founded another team that still plays called the "Club Dave Renegades." He played softball as long as he could, then became a permanent fixture supporting the next generation of Renegades as he kept score.

Lee was a devotee of the Oregon Country Fair, where he had two personas



for which he was especially known. He volunteered as a "Grill Chef" at the Whitebird Cleveland Chicken booth from 1982-1990. He was an expert barbecuer who brought in much of his own equipment as he helped prepare the grills. Lee's other persona, and his favorite Fair pastime, was playing Groucho Marx in the vaudeville parade. He took a great deal of care with his makeup and costume and looked forward to the parade every year! Sometimes he cooked at Cleveland Chicken dressed as Groucho.

Lee also grilled chicken in 1982 for the Grateful Dead Show at the Fair site. He received his Elder Status Certificate in 2009. He always purchased gifts at the Country Fair and at the Barter Fair for friends; and he cherished his Fair friendships. Lee was a master storyteller and friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

And he loved to dance at Main Stage! Lee always danced in the same spot — the left side of Main Stage up by the speakers. So sometime if you are dancing at Main Stage, up front on the left side, and you feel a slight breeze going past, it could be Lee's spirit continuing to dance with us at the Fair.

Survivors include two brothers, Abbott of Boston and Scott of Salem. Remembrances to the Oregon Country Fair.

## Fair Thee Well: Abbott Sayre

Community Village volunteer Abbott P. Sayre of Eugene died July 10 at age 80. A service is planned for September in Eugene.

Abbott came to the Village Info Booth in 1982 from Switchboard and never missed a Fair in the years since. Abbott was one of those Fair people who always did their work with a twinkle in his eye, a smile in his heart, and a hand out to

help. He came to the Fair not so much to party, but very much for service.

He was born Oct. 3, 1931, in Chicago to Abbott and Aretta Pannell Sayre. He married Iris Rosbeck in 1959 in Michigan. Abbot received his bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University. He served four years in the Air Force between 1952 and 1957.

He worked in public administration at

Wayne State University and as a public administrator at the U.S. embassies in Turkey, West Africa, Panama and Canada.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Abbott of Berkeley, Calif., Jerome of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Derek of Chico, Calif.; a sister, Larita Bennett of Pasadena, CA; and one grandchild.



## Fair Thee Well: David Merlin Durant

David Merlin Durant of Eugene passed away on June 18, 2012 at his home, from injuries sustained in a fall. He was a close member of the Oregon Country Fair family since 1970, working in the early days as a Board Member, Water Crew Coordinator and one of our first Water Crew truck drivers, and more recently as Communications Coordinator with White Bird. A Celebration of Life was held in Lamb Cottage in Skinner Butte Park on June 29.

Dave was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on April 12, 1947, to Lavera and Merlin Durant. He attended Adams Elementary School in Eugene, then went to Medford High School until his junior year, and completed his senior year at Tigard High School, graduating in 1965. Among his accomplishments in high school were his exemplary skills in track and field, specializing in hurdles and sprints. He was high-point man at both his junior and senior year state championship meets — almost single-handedly clinching victory for his teams there. His 110-yard hurdle time in 1965 still holds the Tigard school record.



Dave ran 110-yard hurdles for the University of Oregon on a full scholarship from 1965-67 under Bill Bowerman, after receiving numerous scholarship offers.

Dave loved Eugene as his own family, devoting himself as a Crisis Worker and Medic for CAHOOTS and Homeless Case Manager for White Bird Clinic for more than 15 years. He worked over 30 years for Consolidated Freightways before undertaking his new calling with White Bird. Dave loved nature and animals, was an avid skier, motorsports and driving enthusiast, and was loved for his gentle heart and kind demeanor. Furthermore, Dave was a devoted father and put family as his highest priority in life.

Dave is survived by his mother, Lavera Porter, and her husband, Oakley, of Richland, Oregon; his life partner, Katie Gallagher, of Eugene; two sons: Bodhi (of Dallas, Texas) and Yati (of Edinburgh, Scotland); a daughter-in-law Magdalena; two grandchildren, Julian and Helena; and many, many Fair friends.

## Fair Thee Well: Mildred 'Mili' White

Mildred B. "Mili" White of Eugene died at about 4:20 pm on July 7 — surrounded by friends and Pink Floyd music — of age-related causes at age 88. The Oregon Country Fair was her most favorite event in her life. She was the oldest volunteer at Traffic Camp for many years. A celebration of life potluck was held July 21 at Lamb Cottage in Skinner Butte Park in Eugene.

She wanted to make the world a better place for all species, not just humans. The night of her memorial, at the very end of the evening, a huge old snag crashed to the ground across the street from Lamb Cottage. A fitting finale!

Mili lived in the Blair Housing Co op since its founding 30 years ago. She had an insatiable curiosity and love of the natural world. An avid gardener, Mili inspired her co-op to tear up the parking lot and plant a beautiful, organic garden. She named her section "Mae West." She preached the health benefits of organic eating, especially sea vegetables which she loved to gather, inspired by her friend Evelyn McConaughy.



environmental and social justice causes, Mili was arrested with other Fair friends while protesting nuclear power projects in the 1980s.

Survivors include two sons, Irving White of Stockton and Curtis White of Tumwater, Wash.

Remembrances to the Oregon Country Fair Culture Jam Scholarships.

Mili was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Stockton, Calif., to Joseph and Elizabeth Fishelman Berger. She grew up in the Depression years, the daughter of Russian Jewish immigrants and was orphaned at age 13. She was married for 20 years and had two sons.

After her divorce, Mili worked as a tree planter with the Swinging Hoedads near Spokane, Wash., in the 1970s and later worked at a cannery in Eugene. She attended the University of Oregon in the 1980s. An activist for

## Ode To Mili

by Alison Stage Klute

*With her walker  
There she ambles,  
Down the alley ... silver haired.*

*Full of stories  
Wisdom Glories,  
Aquarian Rebel from yesteryear.*

*All the peaceful pol-o-tick-ing,  
All the far left discontent  
Keeps her flame a burning brightly,  
Well beyond just food and rent.*

*A Beacon called her,  
A Trumpet pulled her,  
From a strained and sedate life.  
Towards Her People, thus Her Family,  
She bid farewell to "The Good Wife."*

*An orphaned lass, with self-awareness,  
Well informed and clandestine.  
She walked her talk right out to Trojan  
With saving Mother Earth in mind.*

*Now, in the Garden, or the Forest,  
At the Beach or gone to Fair  
Our Mili lived with Big Life Spirit.  
She's not here now ... but Everywhere!*

# Four Fair Volunteers Die in June Plane Crash

In a pre-Fair accident that left Fair Family feeling “broken-hearted” and “profoundly affected,” four longtime Oregon Country Fair volunteers died June 23 in a plane that crashed shortly after takeoff from a private airport near the Fair site.

They were Jerome “Roch” Delbosc D’Auzon, 41, who ran a free tea service at the Dharma Gardens at Chela Mela Meadow and was the pilot of the aircraft; Robyn “Bluesky” Leigh Weir, 40, Registration Co-Coordinator; Christopher Robin Kent, 37, Ritz Sauna crew; and Erin Thomas Frank Noble, 27, Ritz Sauna crew.

Shortly after take-off, around 3:10 pm that Saturday, a privately

rented Cessna 172 carrying the four lost altitude and crashed into a wooded area near Suttle and Ridiculous roads in Veneta, a report from Lane County Sheriff’s Office said.

The four were sightseeing and not on Fair business, General Manager Charlie Ruff said, noting that officials investigating the crash informed him that D’Auzon had “the most amazing credentials” for a pilot. The cause of the crash was still under investigation at press time.

Celebrations of life were held at the Fair site on June 30 at Mystified Space and on July 4 in the parking lot, where a memorial pyramid structure was burned at dusk to honor the crash victims.

## Fair Thee Well: Chris Kent

A celebration of life was held July 22 at Unity of the Valley Church in Eugene for Christopher Robin Kent of Eugene, who died June 23. Chris, who volunteered with the Ritz Sauna crew at the Fair, was 37. Famous for his smile, Chris loved his job and



his family at the Fair.

Chris was born Jan. 8, 1975, in Nuremburg, Germany. He attended South Eugene High School. He worked as a general laborer in the carpentry and forestry industries.

Survivors include his mother, Susie Ingalls of Junction City; his

father, James H. Kent Jr. of Reno, Nev.; a son, Aiden Kai Kent of Eugene; a sister, Leslie Kent of Eugene; and a stepbrother, Richard Ingalls of Blaine, Minn.

Remembrances to Oregon Country Fair Philanthropy Program.

## Fair Thee Well: Erin Noble

A celebration of life was held July 1 at Mount Pisgah Arboretum White Oak Pavilion in Eugene for Erin Thomas Noble of Eugene, who died June 23. A volunteer with the Ritz Sauna crew, Erin was 27. The printed program for the memorial service showed the last photo taken of Erin as he sat in the cockpit of a small plane, smiling broadly and flashing two thumbs up for the photographer. The image was found in a camera recovered in the crash.



At Erin’s memorial, a solitary figure outside the pavilion burned a bundle of sage and offered blessings with an eagle feather. Reggie DeSoto, one of the Fair’s founding members, was there to support all four of the people who died in the plane crash. “Erin and those other kids were Fair Family,” Reggie said. “I don’t know if you believe in the spirit world, but it is our souls that bind us together.

Erin was born Nov. 7, 1984, in Cottage Grove to Peter and Debo-

rah Barker Noble. A 2003 graduate of South Eugene High School, Erin was living in Eugene after finishing college, traveling the world and working in a timber brokerage business owned by his parents, Deborah and Peter Noble. He had most recently been studying nutrition at Lane Community College.

Erin received his bachelor of arts degree from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., in economics and molecular biology. He worked for the family business, West Wind Forest Products. He was a student in the MBA program at the University of Oregon.

Survivors include his parents, of Eugene.

Remembrances to Erin Noble Fund, c/o Umpqua Bank, 675 Oak St., No. 100, Eugene, OR, 97401, with proceeds going to Save the Amazon Creek Headwaters.

## Fair Thee Well: Jerome ‘Roch’ Delbosc D’Auzon

Celebrations of life were held June 30 and July 4 at the Fair site for Jerome “Roch” Delbosc D’Auzon, 41, who died June 23. Roch, born in Paris, France, had volunteered at the Fair for about five years. Last year, he served a traditional tea ceremony for those who dropped by Dharma Gardens near Chela Mela Meadow. He also helped out on the Information Technology crew.

A professional pilot, Roch was certified by

the Federal Aviation Administration as a multi-engine Commercial and Instrument pilot. He also had a French Merchant Marine License, with 20 years of experience. He piloted helicopters, seaplanes, planes, gliders and yachts. Born in France on March 2, 1971, he was fluent in French, English, Spanish and Esperanto.

Roch loved festivals and took part



in Burning Man, the Oregon Country Fair, and the Beloved Festival, among others. His hobbies included diving, cabinet-making, photography, multimedia design and computer maintenance.

Roch’s family flew his body back to France, so he could be buried next to his grandfather.

## Fair Thee Well: Robyn ‘Bluesky’ Weir

Robyn Leigh “Bluesky” Weir, Co-Coordinator of Registration at the Fair, died June 23. She was 40 and lived in the Eugene area in a school bus she restored herself. Robyn’s No. 1 passion in life was the Oregon Country Fair; she volunteered with Registration Crew for 15 years.

She was born Jan. 23, 1972, in Hickory, N.C., to Jeanne and Robby Weir. She grew up in Hickory and attended North Carolina State University, where she earned a degree in design.

In 1996, Robyn moved to Eugene and quickly discovered the Oregon Country Fair community. She felt right at home as an artist who worked in numerous modalities. She also was a healer and a practicing Shaman. She loved her dogs, and enjoyed traveling and gardening.



Robyn said that she learned her most important life lessons working in Registration. The volunteer job took her outside of her comfort zone. Her favorite place at the Fair was the Ritz Sauna, where her heart felt content and her spirit radiated peace. Robyn had a generous, selfless spirit, with time and kind words for all. She was open and giving, and lived with an attitude to do everything she could to heal the Earth. She had a free spirit and was a bright light, beloved by all who knew her.

Robyn’s father initially survived her, but he died from a lengthy illness on July 15, the Sunday of the Fair. She is survived by her partner, Zeus; her mother, Jeanne; her brother Brad and his family; and by many, many Fair friends.

A Celebration of life was held at the Fair site’s Mystified Space on June 30, and a smaller ceremony was held at the Ritz Sauna, as well.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 1, 2012

**Directors present:** Diane Albino, John 'Chewie' Burgess, Saman Harnsongkram, Paxton Hoag, Jack Makarchek (president), Deane Morrow, Indigo Ronlov (vice-president & facilitator), Anna Scott (alternate), Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence 'LT' Taylor. **not present:** Bear Wilner-Nugent; Lucy Kingsley. **Peach Gallery present:** members, staff (Tony, Steve, Robin, Charlie), and officers (Hilary, Grumpy).

### Preface

On June 23, at 3:15pm, a small plane with four OCF volunteers crashed near the Fair site killing all aboard. The victims were Jerome Roch Delbosc D'Auson, Christopher Robin Kent, Erin Thomas Frank Noble and Robyn Leigh Weir. Many comments that follow were made in regard to this unexpected and sad incident.

### Agenda review

**Old business:** Secretary's report; Treasurer's report and budget business; Appoint Whitney Bonnett co-coordinator for Ambience (Deane).

**New business:** Radio loan for the Musicians Emergency Medical Association (MEMA) benefit on July 22; Use of the OCF logo for the Fair Family Photo Project; Eugene Celebration support

**Tabled business:** Meeting facilitation protocols (Jon); Member and Volunteer Relations staff person (Jon)

**Chewie moved, LT seconded, to move "Radio loan for the Musicians Emergency Medical Association benefit on July 22" from new to old business. The motion passed 9-0-1 (Jon abstained).**

**Chewie moved, Paxton seconded, to move "Use of the OCF logo for the Fair Family Photo project" from new to old business. The motion passed 10-0. (Both of these business items were advanced for immediate action in order to meet event schedules.)**



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### Announcements

The June Occupy newsletter was passed around; the July Occupy newsletter will be on the newsstands before the Fair. (Spirit)

"Sing to Live" is at the Oregon coast this year during the last week of August and the first week of September; it's a great conference if you like to sing and get together with people. (Joseph)

Gather in Chela Mela on Friday of the Fair at 11:20am to play music and speak about the Fair Family we've lost this year. (Hilary)

Junction City Harrisburg/Monroe Habitat for Humanity is holding a Blues Build Benefit fundraiser at Pfeiffer Winery on Sunday, July 22; I'd like to thank the Fair for the use of Fair radios for that event. (Jon)

I took Zak's training as requested by the Elders; I learned how to ground myself seated down. (Paxton) I took Zak's training too. (Deane)

Ronnie Simon, trained in grievance, is volunteering her help if requested. (Deane) I monitor the radio and can help with referral for grievance assistance. (Brad)

On the Saturday after the Fair, I will conduct a training to be an armed security officer for the Department of Public Safety. Contact me for information. (Chewie)

At the Front of the Fair, only pre-fair vehicles and pre-fair crew camps are permitted in Craft's Lot or the Barter Fair lot before 9am on Wednesday. The line of traffic will come into the area from Trotters, passing through the Aurora Corridora and Snooze Pass. Vehicles going to Craft's Lot will drive along the outside of the Barter Fair fence and go in through Wind Gate. Vehicles going into the Barter Fair area will enter through Island Gate. There will be a map at registration and signs and a spread sheet that shows people when and where to park. (Grumpy)

We will not use Outtasite parking stickers this year, only the Onsite parking sticker and the Far Side sticker. This year there will be a restricted "in and out" vehicle access to the Far Side on Sunday from 8-10 pm for campers moving out. (Grumpy)

We will be putting on a licensed firework show on the 4th to show our appreciation to our Fair Family volunteers. Prior to the show there will be a temple of intention and remembrance that will be burned to help us deal with our loss. The site gates will be closed at 4pm to all traffic and a wristband will be required for the people on the site. (Charlie)

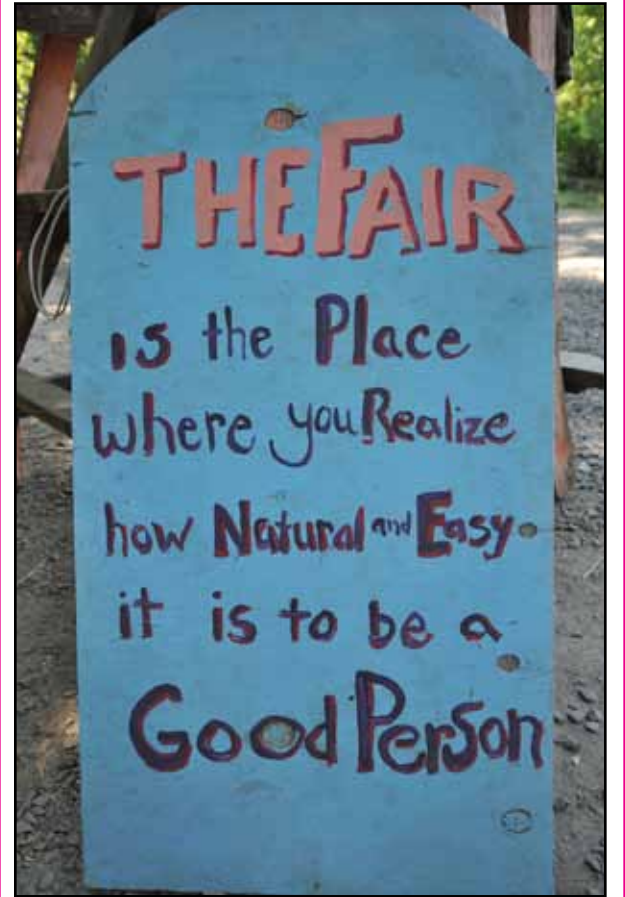
### Staff Reports

**General Manager (Charlie R):** I'm going to start with a couple of words about last week. "We have been and will continue to be transformed by the enormous loss of Roch, Christopher, Erin, and Robyn Bluesky. I know they are here with us now in a different form, and I can feel their love and light in every step I take out here. The sadness, sorrow, grief and loss of this past week have been equaled by the amazing and seemingly endless capacity of our organism, our community, our family, to expand our spirit and love. Let us help each other on the path forward in psycho-spiritual rejuvenation." I'm not going to go on at great lengths; this is a whole huge process of its own and we have other things to attend to tonight, but I need to acknowledge and thank everyone for their love and support through this last week. I am endlessly amazed at this community. I've been blown away by what I keep finding every time I open my eyes and look. So, thank you all.

I'll try to work through the business part of this pretty quickly. This Friday night we're sponsoring the July First Friday Art Walk with the Lane Arts Council. We're going to have a big presence there; we're on all of their materials, and they are talking about us. Robin will distribute our mini-posters. I think this is a really cool partnership with another non-profit at a really good time. I encourage anybody that is actually able to drag themselves away from this place to go to town and check out some art.

We have partnered with the Fiesta Latino folks who have helped us distribute our Spanish language posters in a much wider range and in better locations than our traditional poster distribution mechanisms. We've printed 500 of those and they are out there in the world and we'll see what that means to us.

In terms of attendance, I'll tell you that our ticket sales are over \$200,000 at this point which is actually ahead of where we've been historically. We are about \$23,000 ahead of last year with this many days left to go. With the good weather forecast, it is my belief that we are going to see the bell curve, that meteoric rise that we get the last 10 days



every year, right on time. I try not to pay close attention to it because it is nerve racking as you get closer, but I expect that we are going to have, truly, just a wonderful turnout for the fair. The weather forecast looks just stunning.

One of the things we are going to talk about tonight is a special item I'm asking to move forward — the Fair Family Photo project which is a kickoff event to raise awareness about the Archives. It is a one year thing that will be happening in the New Kids Way (our current name for one year until we decide a process to give this new loop a name). New Kids Way is the home of New Kid's Childcare and the Fair Family Photo project is next door. They will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the Fair. Thursday is for wrist banded Fair Family. During the Fair it is open to everyone that wants to participate. The project will take as many pictures as they can and folks will be encouraged to opt in to be part of the projects that will come out of this. We see a couple of distinctly different things that will happen - one that will be geared towards Fair Family and one that will encompass that broader community, sort of concentric rings, one that will be more internally directed and one will be more externally directed.

Some of you might have seen a relatively sizable installation across from the Sauna, where we had a bunch of tree fall. We are working on a three year project with the folks from the Sauna. I will tell you that Erin Noble's parents, Pete and Debra Noble, worked with the Sauna to help bring the sacred log across the border and into our hands for this project. We expect to take about three years to carve a totem pole from the log. You'll all be involved in the process to decide where it's going to live out here. I'm sure it will incorporate the spirits of our dear lost Fair Family. We had a really lively discussion about the work site and there is more gravel there than I'd like to see. For this year, we put down geo-tech, and the gravel is not intended to stay. For the Fair, we need to have firm footing and we need to be able to give AAAA access so people can come up and interact with it. There will be some gravelling a few years from now when the pole comes out, to allow access into that park. But once the totem pole project is done and it gets permanently sited, we'll have another process to determine what the long term landscaping and vision for that park looks like. Fret not, we did not gravel pave the space for perpetuity; we thoughtfully laid it down and we are going to take it back up when the time is appropriate. Come down and check out that Alaskan cedar log. It is amazing. It is Alaskan yellow cedar. It's sacred. It was harvested in a specific spot and has meaning for the tribal people and I know it will have great meaning to us.

We finally got a contract with the Sheriff's office and they are going to try to do whole expanded service. The mid case scenario that I reported to last time did come to pass. We do not have a worst case scenario in terms of sheriff's coverage out in the community. Hopefully, we don't need a whole lot of sheriff's response out here. Maybe we've done enough of that for the year.

I want to remind folks that Veneta will be celebrating its 50th birthday, one week after the Fair, over in East Broadway Park near the community pool that the Fair helped rebuild. We are going to be a big part of that celebration and I encourage everybody to come out and show your Fair spirit and costumes starting at 4:00pm. We'll have entertainment to kick it off featuring Samba Jah, Risk of Change, Radar Angels and Peachy the Dragon. They are going to do a Fair inspired procession and the Fair is partnering with them to bring the Sugar Beets as the closing act from about 8:00 to 9:30pm. We are a big part of this community and want to support them and we hope you will all come out and enjoy the party. We may be able to do some ice cream for their cake – we're talking to the Creamery. The date is Saturday July 21st.

**Jon:** I have a question and a comment. I think that the gravel that was brought in is a violation of Fair policy. I think if Operations needs to make an exception to a Fair policy, the board should be consulted prior to the decision. That's my opinion as an individual Board member and I don't know what other folk's opinions are. I hope in the future that we get notified if these kinds of decisions as it makes it quite difficult to respond to Fair members that come up to me, as a Board member, and say "oh did you see what they did up at the Sauna" and to not know any of the background information other than knowing we were talking about putting a totem pole there. Much more than just putting in a totem pole has occurred and I would have appreciated some advance notice.

**Charlie:** I would have gladly given you advance notice but it was a decision we made about 2 and a half weeks ago and I don't know how we would have processed the advanced notice. Once again, if it were a permanent installation I would have felt like dragging the process out, but we had an opportunity and I felt we needed to seize the opportunity. Frankly, there's more gravel than I expected but at this point we can peel it back. Right now I don't know how much we can add to our plate and the Sauna's plate in the current moment. Shortly after the Fair we can shrink it down. I hear where you are coming from but I don't see there was a whole lot of time to add that to the larger process.

**Jon:** An email to the board saying we're making this decision would have helped with awareness and context. That would have been appreciated, an advance notice of when it is happening, rather than discovering it later when people come up to me.

**Jon:** Last year there were several folks coming up to us with questions about parking for Alter Aabled. Are there any changes for this year? (Charlie directed the question to Grumpy.)

**Grumpy:** In the north Miss Piggy lot, the first two and one-half rows are the medallion rows for food booths; the rest, except some space near Maui, is for the public AAAA parking with a DMV sticker; there are some exceptions where a paper sticker is used for public vehicles and the sticker is different each day. There are

some Lot Crew cars parked near Maui each year.

SCOF Lot is for Staff and Craft Over Flow; the first rows are for entertainment in/out and the next three or four rows are for Fair Family AAAA with DMV stickers.

**Jon:** These accommodations sound like the same as last year.

**Grumpy:** Yes, they are the same.

**Charlie:** If a Fair Family Alter Aabled person asks for assistance they will get a cart to the very front of the fair; but they will need to ask us for it.

**Grumpy:** We are also working on a FART shuttle route to help pick up folks at front of SCOF Lot.

**Administrative Assistant (norma):** (norma was representing the OCF at the Erin Noble memorial.) She would like to thank the amazing community for coming together to face our grief this week. She also wants to thank everyone who's been here at the most difficult main camp she can remember. This is a community of rock stars working incredibly hard through so many challenges; kudos to all.

**Office Assistant (Robin B):** I have been in the office in town, and the past week has been incredible as people bring in their blessings; the place is filled with flowers; Charlie was our representative on Monday for the press conference and we thank him for doing that so well and with such heart. Culture jam is coming together beautifully with 54 kids signed up and ready to go.

**Site Manager (Steve W):** This week has been a huge challenge, on top of the challenges we were already facing. I remember that Saturday afternoon, being at a LUMP meeting in main camp, seeing them all together before they left for the air strip. The site conditions are tough as we dry out after one of the wettest Junes in our pre-Fair memories. We will finish up the haying and prepare the parking lots. Tree Crew continues to work, on the ground and overhead, and they are adjusting to conditions and expectations. I am so very appreciative for this management team and the Main Camp operational crews and the bounty of positive energy they have given to the grand collective effort. It all derives from the Kitchen Crew and the sustenance they provide. I have faith and confidence we will be ready. It's a blessing to be here.

**Saman:** How much bark and mulch is being placed on the paths? **Steve:** They are working where we are ready. The path near Café Lafayette is a problem area and we are scooping up goop and laying bark down. Archaeology is on hand and checking. Landscaping and grass is planned for long term. As paths dry out, we continue to drag and smooth them out. We want them to be barefoot friendly and safe.

**Assistant Manager (Tony C):** I am amazed at this Family and am hard pressed to see anything like this anywhere in the world, the love and the folks coming together; the weather was awful and it matched the mood; the crews that have been here; the Site crew, White Bird, Construction, and Quartermaster; show an amazing display of love; some folks have been out for 5 weeks already and are putting in long days; I work with the best team on the face of the earth; it is so amazing; we're blessed; I love everybody here and am excited to see what comes out the

other end; with the challenges of the weather, more than ever, it is appropriate we are working on the Community Center plans; it will save resources to be doing this work with a the Community Center.

## Committee Reports

**Archaeology** reports their site investigation at a footing installation in Energy Park found two 1200 year old artifacts plus evidence of an oven. (Anne)

**Peach Power** met on June 18th on the site to see the projects in process on the ground. Thanks go to all the people who give time and funds for these projects that show how we walk our talk, and thanks go to Paxton, George and Andyman who are coordinating the projects. Lantern Crew was on hand to collaborate about their lighting equipment. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug 28 at 6pm. (Anna)

**Community Center Committee** has been meeting frequently and the communication and collaboration efforts are helping to work out some tough stuff. Three design finalists made presentations and a scope of work and contract is being finalized with Pivot / Solarc who was selected as the Architect and Engineering contractor. They will be at the Fair this year. (Anna, Charlie)

**The Elders Committee** held the old-timers picnic last night and the weather cooperated. The kitchen provided great food and some of the members provided entertainment. It was a very nice event. (Chris)

**The LUMP Committee** met Saturday with the new Cartography co-coordinator (Gene) and discussed plans for a unified digital mapping system. (Steve)

## Board Donations

**Secretary's report:** The donation request report was reviewed. There is no board sponsorship for one existing request so it will be dropped. There is one new request but no contact information. The next meeting to consider donation requests is August.

## Approve Minutes

**Indigo moved, Anna seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2012 Board meeting. The minutes were approved 10-0.**

## Old Business

**Treasurer's report:** Hilary, responding to Saman's request, said a report for 2010 and 2011 is in the packet; a new QuickBooks file was started in 2012 and it is not easily set-up for a 2011 and 2012 comparison. The financial review with Jones and Roth is about finalized. Right now a lot of money is coming in and going out. Bills are getting paid and we are counting on our coordinators to keep us under our budgets.

Charlie said the transaction reports are lagging and, with the site issues, the contingencies and budgets are pressed. All necessary money will be spent to put on the event and adjustments may be required but they are not expected to be large. Jack said we all realize that we won't know the actual costs until August.

**Deane moved, Indigo seconded, to appoint Whitney Bonnett as co-coordinator of Ambience Crew. Peach Gallery:** Whitney has done a great job of the administrative part of the crew (Charlie). **Board:** Paxton asked for the history of Ambience coordinators. There were three coordinators in 2007; now there are two with separate areas and this will make a third (Jay). The two areas will probably be split into two crews and there will be a change in the budget (Grumpy). **The motion passed 10-0.**

**Jack moved, Anna seconded, to loan six Fair radios for the MEMA event on July 22. Peach Gallery:** This supports a non-profit function and operationally, the radios are available (Tony). **Board:** I have helped at this event in the past and it is a worthy event (Anna). I will abstain from this vote; this event is the same day as the Habitat for Humanity event and the total number of radios required that day is ten (Jon). **The motion passed 9-0-1 (Jon abstains).**

Charlie reported that the Fair Family photo project is taking place this year and there will be two parts, one is internal for Fair Family, and will be used for a beginning of the Fair Family archives project and for a poster. Expanding the circle, the photographer wants to take photos for a book project and we want permission to use the logo on both the poster and book. **Paxton moved, LT seconded, to approve use of the OCF logo**



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for these projects. After discussion, the motion passed 10-0. **Peach Gallery:** It is great marketing to use our logo this way (Tony). Is there a digital access (Hilary)? Yes, these photos will be available to the Fair and the individuals; the photos will be co-owned (Charlie). Releases will be used for the levels of permitted use of the photos (Charlie). The artist is talented and sensitive and this will be a great gift to the Fair (Robin). **Board:** Do we have a written agreement concerning ownership of the photos (Jon)? It is in process with our attorney now, and this question of logo use needs to be answered by the Board (Charlie). Can the photos be used for purposes beyond the book and the Fair (Jon)? There are no other plans and anything beyond will require further discussion (Charlie). While it is not anticipated, the book might make a substantial profit; the distribution of any profits should be in the agreement (Jon). Other Fair Family photographers have asked for space for a project like this in the past and this could be a starting place for the future (Paxton). This project was approved by the Board last month; the Board should set a policy about use of the logo such as use with publications about the Fair, the Community Center, the Archives project, fundraising, and web presence; the staff should have guidance; we are getting these requests more often; without a policy, I am hesitant to give permission (Anna). Using a case by case determination by the Board will not bind the hands of future Boards and this is an example that makes it clear (LT). Should there be a contingency added to the agreement in case the project becomes profitable (Jon)? We are in the last days before the project so that would be difficult; it is not likely that this book will even cover its costs; we could include a clause indicating that in the event the book goes to commercial publication we could revisit the terms (Charlie). Will the book be available for sale next year at the Fair (Indigo)? That is likely (Charlie). It is interesting that we are giving permission to use our photos and logo for a book but, while the artist is a known and trusted person, it seems odd how this project has come forward (Chewie). Each person will have the option to include their photo in either the archive or the book (Charlie). It is very valid that the Board authorizes or not (Paxton). The Fair is very diligent in protecting our logo; it is not used often; this request has at least as much merit as use of the logo on the game; these decision protects our logo; if we find logo use without permission then there will be a problem (Jack). **The motion passed.**

### Member Input

Chewie: I feel personally affected by the 'clear cutting' of the New Kids Way and, as a VegManEC of over 20 years and someone who has advocated for the vegetation and stewardship of the land, I was and still am upset over how the the New Kids Way was developed. There was little or no consultation with the VegManEC crew. The process was not 'ok' and needs to be fixed.

Anne: Here is a deck of Oregon Heritage cards; one has a photo of an Archaeology crew member. I agree with the concerns about site stewardship with kid's path and about the gravel by the Sauna which is compacted right up against the bark of the trees.

DUG: I missed the beginning of the meeting and the silent reflection; it is very hard not to be here with the Family for this emotional chaos. I introduced Roch to Fair and we spent many wonderful times together. I have thought of the I-Ching and how it teaches that chaos is an opportunity for all of us to remember our temporality and love for each other; we can conduct the Fair in their honor; don't forget to say how much you love each other; I love you.

Steve: For those of you with smart phones download "Maprika"; you can enable the phone to our location, use the downloaded OCF maps, and can engage friends or kids in a group to see their location.

Steve: To add to DUG's comments, there have been a lot of heart-felt hugs and that's the spirit of hope. This pre-Fair has been both heart-breaking and heart-building. Take deep breaths and exalt in the coming generation.

Diane: Regarding the New Kids Way; even though we voted to have paths through woods, it has been clear cut of the entire understory and that violates one of our goals. Even if none of the plants were native they still held the soil and provide habitat and now there are none. Kids loop seems sterile. I am appalled that

the area is looking like Chela Mela. About the gravel, it would have been good to have a heads up. Most know that you need to leave space around trees. I don't understand how these projects got out of control and I am not a happy camper.

LT: There are things we can't control and inevitably we cannot control our own deaths. Sooner or later, we're all going down. There are things we can control. The path in New Kids Way is twice as wide as we thought it should be. There is an astonishing piece of wood next to sauna. I honor that and assume it will all come together and in future years we will still appreciate it. It helps to know it was a consciously constructed work area. It's a tough place to have work zone by the Sauna. Acknowledge it is a mess and recognize the esthetics and that there are things we can control.

Je-Lin: White Bird has been here 24/7 since the start of Main Camp; this has been advocated for many years so thanks to the Board and Budget Committee for making it happen.

Paxton: I want to echo the sentiments on New Kids Way; early on in the process native plants were marked to be kept and it seems they were all stripped and the path made too wide and it is different than the Path Planning agreements; I am very unhappy with this result.

Spirit: I checked in with Wren at White Bird; they just went through through a crisis internally the week prior and they are under a lot of stress; many are coming to them for grief counseling; Wren expressed concern that some folks not who might not have heard about the accident will be arriving and White Bird may be overwhelmed. Those of us available and able to hold space could help; we should also check in with White Bird to be sure that they are ok too.

Jon: I want to echo the comments about New Kids Way; it was done with all the sensitivity of a bulldozer. The board worked with Path Planning to get to an agreement on a proposal and there was frustration over the 2-year process. The outcome looks like the original starting point and that is a concern. I hope Charlie addresses what happened and how in his post-Fair report so the process can be reviewed. When the Board approves something, the result should reflect the expectations. In this case, the result missed by millions of miles.

Mark: I understand there is no White Bird for DeCon.

Jon P: I want to mention that Dave Durant's passing is a loss to all of Fair as well as White Bird; he and I coordinated water years ago.

Deane: I am on the Path Planning Committee and in support of New Kids Way; I did not expect it to look like it does. The Loop is a good idea but it was not intended to be a clear-cut. We set up strings several weeks ago and it's wider than planned.

Indigo: In our culture, grieving and sadness and heaviness is not comfortable and we feel vulnerable – I want to honor this family who've come together for grieving and crying; strong people are letting their guard down and letting emotion flow. Our being vulnerable and trusting together makes it ok to grieve; we can open up and maybe make changes; there is a lot on the planet to grieve for. I honor this family and how we've embraced our self in the loss of these four last Saturday.

Paxton: I want to thank Indigo for the ceremony and to thank Charlie for being so proactive and doing a wonderful job of bringing the family together.

Brad: Beyond Charlie's efforts, I want to acknowledge Tony and Robin and Steve and norma and Andy and Animal; I watched the staff roll with incredible grace during this really hard time. It's been very heavy and we need to turn the corner and transform this and put on the amazing event because the magic is high. There has been a lot of very hard work by staff and volunteers. I got forwarded email regarding the stages of grief and it has been helpful for me to put things in their place; like anger that comes out of left field. People's hearts are open and the emotions are real. Let us step up and be there for each other.

Chewie: Like everyone involved in the organization, the staff and volunteers, I have personally cried my eyes out for the past week since I realized one was Erin Noble. I did not even hear about Dave Durant until two days ago. Our losses go way back. The emotions are deep. We have to come to a place with a resolution and how we get better with the things that upset us. For some, it will take months and years. We can help and support each other, including White Bird because they are overwhelmed. None of this is worth hating; there is joy we can bring to



this event. I love you all; this is a hug.

Hilary: Years ago I heard that you die like you live, if you live good, you die good; while there is nothing to be happy about from that plane crash; we as a community are expressing our wisdom and our love as we deal with all the aspects; there has been compassion and competence and intention and it feels healing and soothing and comforting and I think we are all learning from it. Loss is part of the whole thing. This is a huge lesson and I am glad we're doing it together.

Indigo: Yesterday, we gathered at the 3pm service and I want to acknowledge how Andyman prepared the space; it's a mystified space; now we have a sacred sand circle that is dedicated to our ancestors and all who have entered into that realm. There is a place down in the ground that is holding space for all; everyone can honor your own there.

Jen-Lin: In checking in this past week, the guidance I received is to proceed with authentic knowledge from our hearts and create the community, the dreams, the vision that we want together.

### President's Peace

There is going to be much said in memory, and lest we forget that life is for the living, please indulge me in a group hug to end this emotional meeting.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm and included the sound of bells and song as people touched and cared. The next regular meeting is August 6 at 7pm at EWEB.

### Tentative agenda for August

Approve minutes from the July 1st Board meeting  
Secretary's report and Donation Requests (Stove Team International, Tamarack Wellness Center, Healthy Democracy Fund, Eugene Sunday Streets, Stillpoint Farm Women's Festival, Cheyenne Elders Council, Siu-slaw Area Women's Center)

Eugene Celebration support  
Treasurer's report and Budget  
Meeting facilitation protocols (Jon)

Volunteer and Member Relations staff person: "The Board requests the Personnel Committee develop for Board consideration a position description for a volunteer and member relations staff person." (Jon)



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 6, 2012

**Directors present:** Diane Albino, John 'Chewie' Burgess, Saman Harnsongkram, Paxton Hoag, Jack Makarchek (president), Deane Morrow, Indigo Ronlov (vice-president & facilitator), Anna Scott (alternate), Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence 'LT' Taylor, Bear Wilner-Nugent. **not present:** Lucy Kingsley. **Peach Gallery present:** 25 members plus staff (Tony, Steve, norma, Charlie), and officers (Grumpy, Bill).

### Agenda review

**Old business:** Secretary's report; Treasurer's report and budget business; Meeting facilitation protocols (Jon)

**New business:** Appoint Kirk Shultz to the Community Center Committee (Anna); Live streaming Board meetings (Jon); donation requests from Eugene Peace Choir and Bosco House.

**Dropped business:** Eugene Celebration support; Member and Volunteer Relations staff person (Jon)

### Announcements

A Hiroshima commemoration event is being held tonight across the river. (Jain)

The Gay Pride event is scheduled for this Saturday from noon to 7pm in Alton Baker Park. (Jain)

The Occupy newsletter will be forwarded when it is available. (Jain)

Rick Ingram, City Administrator for the City of Veneta, introduced the Veneta Mayor pro-tem, Sandra Larson, who is filling in for Sharon Hobart who has stepped down. On behalf of the council, she expressed thanks to the Fair and affiliated contributors for supporting Veneta's 50th anniversary celebration (Peachy the Dragon, Samba Ja, Sugar Beets) and to Springfield Creamery who put the ice cream on the birthday cake. In addition, she thanked the Fair Family for all the ongoing support the Fair provides for programs in the Veneta and Fern Ridge area. (Sandra)

The City of Veneta and the Fair have developed a good relationship as evidenced by the recent property acquisition and by the pre-Fair one-on-one program with the area campground operators. The level of external trouble was significantly reduced this year even though a reduced number of Lane County sheriff deputies was on hand for the event. Credit goes to the OCF staff. (Rick)

When the time comes to discuss the Barter Fair changes, the people of Veneta are interested in holding a discussion about moving the Barter Fair to a location in or near Veneta. The potential exists for some closer ties between Veneta and the Fair with this Monday event. (Rick)

The Stillpoint Farms Mother Earth Festival is on Saturday, August 25th, 10am. It is a fundraiser for the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. (Gina)

The next OCF highway pickup (originally scheduled for August 26th) will be on Sunday, September 9th. (Joseph)

The schedule change is due to the unexpected absence of a number of key regular participants. We have been doing the highway pickup for about 20 years now; this is the post-Fair pickup and, if we can get enough help, we will try to cover both Highway 126 and Suttle Road. Meet around 10am at the Warehouse or catch up at the Highway 126 Maplegate ramp. Let's hope for good weather and a big turnout! Spread the word. Thanks. (Steve)

I regret that I must resign from the Community Center Committee due to my schedule. (Bear)

On Sunday, Aug 19th, the 2012 evaluation meeting will be held from 10-11am to discuss the evaluation process and the first workshop on the Barter Fair changes will be held from 11-3pm. Meet at the firepit at Alice's Wonderland. (Jen-Lin)

Four of our Fair Family members have passed away since our last announcement. They are Lee Reichlin (Vaudeville), Milli White (Traffic), Dave Durant (White

Bird, Water Crew) and Abbott Sayre (Community Village). (norma)

### Staff Reports

**General Manager (Charlie R):** Hello Everyone, I think it only appropriate to start my August BOD report by saying "simply the best Fair ever"! That was my experience and I heard it time and again on the path during the Fair. I am still hearing it several weeks afterward. I am also truly amazed at the amount of work we were able to accomplish in the face of tragedy, severe weather both before and throughout the entirety of Main Camp, and the sizable project workload we took on going into the cycle. Nothing short of incredible and I must express my deepest gratitude to everyone who pulled together to make it all happen. This was a Main Camp like no other I can remember so thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

We had a great year at the box office seeing paid attendance of 15,293 on Friday, 17,673 on Saturday and 13,387 on Sunday for a total of 46,353 guests. Most notably was our increase in 3-day ticket purchasers for an all time high of 4,528. That is up more than 600 from our previous best of 3,926 in 2011. This is by far our best year since the 40th anniversary when we sold only slightly higher at 47,493.

I think that the New Kids loop was a resounding success and am looking forward to the process of giving it a permanent name. Now that folks have experienced the space for a Fair cycle, I am thinking that some type of process where folks can submit an entry or suggestion for a name and we can have the BOD vote on and select the finalist. More will come on this one.

As far as BOD comments on the New Kids loop at the July meeting go, I would like to say that I think our OCF crews did tremendous work in difficult and challenging conditions and created a greatly functional space for families and kids of all ages. The comments, prior to the loop being even close to finished, that the outcome should reflect what the BOD approved, struck me as insensitive, premature and ill timed, at best. The BOD approved a concept and our amazing volunteers then brought that concept to life. I trust our operational crews to work together to make sound and thoughtful decisions and work together to manifest them. I was at meetings every Sunday afternoon throughout most of May and all of June, that were open to all and that brought together stakeholders and the operations crews to make agreements and decisions on the project. No project like this is ever exactly like what any of us individually envision it to be but rather that of the amalgam of the collective that does the actual work. The finished product is not out of proportion to the concept and our crews did an incredible job, despite conditions that turned that site into a quagmire and with the challenges of extremely limited human resources. My thanks go out to all of you for being able to pull off such a positive outcome in such a difficult environment.

Post fair went very smoothly and despite some traffic snags on Monday the site was fairly well cleared by Monday evening. We are still in process on the results from the survey of Craft Lot but will hopefully have a more complete picture soon.

In the larger community the Fair received significant kudos for our outreach and leadership with the neighborhood campgrounds and local authorities on the issues resulting from diminished County level funding. In particular, the grave concerns that came out of the cuts with the Lane County Sheriff's office. By and large things went very well both inside and outside the Fair and many improvements were made by our neighbors who were operating campgrounds.

Additionally, OCF participation in the Veneta 50th birthday celebration on July 21st was a smash success. We were a huge presence and were greatly appreciated by our home community and neighbors. The Fair work with Samba Ja, Risk of Change and Peachi the Dragon to create an opening processional parade to get things started Fair style. We also made it possible for the feature musical act, the Sugar Beets, to close the show with the last performance. We even helped sweeten things up and partnered with the Springfield Creamery to provide ice cream to go with one very large 50th birthday cake. Thank you so much to all who participated on behalf of the Fair, we were well represented.

Things still haven't slowed down from a staff perspective yet either. On the heels of the Veneta celebration we shifted full force into preparing the site for Culture Jam. With help from the folks from the Beaver Open and other

OCF volunteers we had things looking spiffy as camp started on Saturday. This amazing and life changing program the OCF makes possible will run through next weekend at which point will transition the site yet again.

Up next is the Teddy Bear's picnic on Saturday the 18th and the annual evaluation meeting, which this year will focus most of its time on discussing the future of the Barter Fair, takes place the following day. After we clean that up it will be time for the Eugene Celebration and yes we will be in the parade again this year, featuring the Bluesky Rainbow Bridge Calendar. Next up on the horizon after that will be the Joint Budget & Financial Planning meeting scheduled for September 19th. Just like that we are back into the pre fair cycle.

**Administrative Assistant (norma):** In Charlie's mentions of gratitude he left out one very key person, and that is Charlie, so thank you very much. The picnic is on the 18th and Sheldon has agreed to be our Griller-in-Chief. He has help but we can still use more volunteers with grilling and at the potluck tables. The Vision Fund committee will be meeting on August 20th to count the food voucher and cash donations and we expect to do well. We send a big thanks to Ninkasi for the fundraiser they held that raised about \$800 for the Vision Fund!

**Site Manager (Steve W):** I agree with Charlie's sentiments about what we do collectively each year. I want to mention and say particular thanks to the Main Camp crews who put forth a huge effort at crunch time - Construction, VegManEC's, QM, Tree and Site Crews pull it all together and the site looked pretty good given the mess we started with and the conditions we faced. Again, kudos to the Main Camp Kitchen — it takes a lot of coffee and bacon and consistently great meals to make this Fair happen.

With the weather damage last winter, there is a lot of firewood available on the site so if Fair Family people need some firewood, and can show they are well equipped and safe, we can help show folks where to find it. Please call the site phone, 541-935-7846, to make arrangements. This firewood is not for commercial sale but only for private use of Fair Family members.

Booth clean-up has a few problems. Some booths leave during the week right after the Fair and then come back to finish up but by that time the Recycle Crew is finished. Some booths have left mystery black plastic bags of trash in front of the booth, there is no one to pick them up and they get torn and scattered by the critters leaving a big mess. After the Tuesday following the Fair, folks need to take their trash and recycling to either of the two on-site landfill dumpsters and recycling kiosks, one at the Warehouse and one in front of Main Camp, or take it home.

I thought it was another great event. I've been doing this for a long time and we just keep knocking it out of the park. Thanks and 'hat's off' to all the coordinators and volunteers who do such a great job.

**Assistant Manager (Tony C):** All the feedback I have heard from the random corners of the Fair says this year went really smooth and everything went right, one of the best in a long time. We owe it to the dedication of the crews, the good weather and the love and spirit, it was emotional and spiritual and there was a colossal load of work that got tackled; this was one of the greatest Fairs and it came out of one of the messiest sites. We still need to finish putting things up and away for the winter.

This is my second year on the Culture Jam staff and I have been able to witness and see the wisdom of this amazing program. We owe a big thanks to Robin, Leslie and Andy for making it happen each year.

Budget season is coming up and we have time to be proactive about next year's capital project needs in order to take advantage of opportunities and make good decisions. The Board election is coming up so please participate. The web project continues but on scaled down basis for the membership part and the database part; our goal is to have a new back office and new public facing page on the website. Paxton asked about a poster put up at the Fair seeking website assistance. Tony responded that we are looking for volunteer help with web page and interface design experience; there will be a notice in the Fair Family News and we hope to find someone from within the family.

## Committee Reports

**Elections Committee** reports there are six Board seats open for this election. Candidate statements are due by August 26th; statement guidelines are on the internet and should be completed carefully. New members must be registered by September 20th in order to vote at the October 20th annual meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held at Knights of Pythias, 420 West 12th in Eugene. The plans for a candidate forum are pending. (Jen-Lin) Deane said he appreciates finding out who will be the candidates are soon after the statement deadline.

**Community Center Committee** will meet on August 20th, 6pm at the office in town at 442 Lawrence. (Anna)

**Peach Power Committee** will meet on August 27th at the office in town. Thanks go to the volunteers on the ground doing projects like the bike rack that emerged at the Fair, the successful Lantern Crew support (shout out to Paxton), and the solar dragon work. The committee will continue to promote the telecommunication uses that reduce travel footprints; 'Go-To-Meeting' will be available. We need project coordinators for renewable energy projects. Experience can be gained with associated land use planning. (Anna)

**Path Planning** meetings start again in September; we'll be working on the planning and details for Crafts Lot and the project will be rich and wonderful. (Kirk)

## Board Donations

**Secretary's report:** The donation request report was reviewed. There are six requests on the donation consent calendar and the amounts add up to \$6000. They are: Stove Team International, repeat request, for staff support (\$1000); Tamarack Wellness Center, repeat request, for therapeutic pool repairs (\$1500); Healthy Democracy Fund, new request, for Citizen Initiative Review group expenses (\$500); Eugene Sunday Streets, new request, for event expenses (\$500); Stillpoint Farms Women's Festival, repeat request, for keynote speaker honorarium (\$500); Cheyenne Elders Council, new request, for recycling and showers (\$1500); and Siuslaw Area Women's Center, new request, for facility expenses (\$500).

A notification was sent to the requesting organization regarding support for Special Olympics expenses to let them know that there was no Board sponsor and they would not receive a donation. A request received from Reach Out Ministries was not complete and has no contact information.

Two new requests have been received: Eugene Peace Choir, repeat request, for performance expenses (\$500, Deane will sponsor); and Bosco House, new request, for facility expenses (\$500, Indigo will sponsor).

**Donations Consent Calendar action:** Board members took three requests off the consent calendar for separate discussion: Stove Team International; Healthy Democracy Fund; and Cheyenne Elders Council. The remaining calendar was considered and after discussion was passed 10-0. **Public Input:** Leslie, as president of the Tamarack Wellness Center Board, said the facility serves many people who have only limited or no access to health care. The pool is heated, contains salt, is UV treated instead of chlorinated, and is used for treatment of pain and for mobility disabilities. The two pool heaters failed recently and because they are so important, one was repaired with a loan from their deferred maintenance reserves. The requested funds will be used to help repay the loan for the first heater and to fix the other heater. The funds that are given by the Fair will be matched by the members of the Tamarack board. Gina, representing Stillpoint Farms Women's Festival expressed their thanks for past years support and said this year's money will help pay the travel expenses of Grandmother Rita who is travelling from Alaska. **Peach Gallery:** The calendar amount is smaller now so is probably within the budget (Joseph). A lot of people avail themselves of Tamarack, it's a great program and we should support it (Sue). The Sunday Streets project is not clear (Brad). Bear and Chewie responded that it is a community building exercise; on Sept 8th certain streets are closed to vehicles and used for pedestrian access to special events and street fair activities; the budget is about \$40,000. **The calendar was passed.**

**Indigo moved, Chewie seconded, to donate \$1000**

**to Stove Team International. After discussion, the motion passed 10-0. Public Input:** Elly, administrator representing the organization, said the organization promotes formation of manufacturing facilities that produce cooking stoves in areas of the world where open fires are normally used. The stoves are more efficient than open fires and help prevent smoke related health issues and greenhouse gases. The organization is locally owned in Eugene and is staffed by volunteers with the exception of one paid administrator. There are six factories working in Central America, and they have produced about 25,000 stoves. They estimate that about 125,000 people have benefited. Plans for 3 new locations (in Mexico and Dominican Republic) are underway plus the organization has received multiple requests from Africa. **Peach Gallery:** These issues are huge, this work is applauded; the stoves are beneficial; please support this (Kirk). We gave \$500 last year, I suggest we reduce this year's requested amount; this is money for an administrator and might become a repeat request; a more specific and local project is preferred (Grumpy). This is a core issue for the world, we had a good year so help them (Joseph). **Board:** This is an appropriate technology at a critical time and it's a needed product (Paxton). What is the manufacturing cost and the consumer cost (Chewie)? The product costs about \$45 and sells for \$50; local factory construction funding is provided by Rotary and other foreign and local clubs (Elly). If we give \$1000 to fund a position, will we see the same request next year; I prefer giving for a specific and time defined need (Jon)? There are other ways to help, such as helping fund an upcoming health study about blood pressure and respiratory illness from campfire smoke so the answer is 'no' (Elly). We appreciate that our world class event can support a big picture problem, like cooking fire smoke, and we need to understand what an administrator can do on the world stage; the return on a staffer could be much better than the return on simply covering a production cost margin; we need to be more involved with the intellectual side (Jack). This is about personal capital and about bringing economic power to the issue; it takes personal energy to take a project further (Anna). Involvement of all the other partners is an important aspect and this will benefit women who not only cook but also gather the firewood (Diane). The wood should not be wasted and there are aesthetic issues; this is about real people and real lives (LT). **The motion passed.**

Chewie said he has not been able to find out any information about the Healthy Democracy Fund so the request is tabled for a month.

**Indigo moved, LT seconded, to donate \$1500 to the Center for Sacred Studies for use by Cheyenne Elders Council. After discussion the motion passed 9-1** (Jon opposed). Indigo said the event was held in July and the money will be used to reimburse the cost of recycling and propane powered showers (solar could not be arranged) at the 11th gathering of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. The Center for Sacred Studies paid the costs for the recycling and showers in hopes they would be reimbursed. **Peach Gallery:** Grumpy asked about the Center for Sacred Studies and where they are located. Indigo said the Center for Sacred Studies is the sponsoring organization for the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers and is located in northern California. \$1000 is too much; the event is not local and we should look closer to home; we had a good year but cannot judge our capacity to give until we finish the accounting; we give a lot of money and need to be careful and more particular about the worth of the request (Grumpy). We should feel honored to participate; in a native perspective, local is viewed as more universal; this is within our values and past funding patterns; trust our vice-president who attended the event (Jon P). The Grandmothers are from around the world and have a different perspective about 'local'; Grandmother Aggie is appreciative of the Earth; support the Grandmother's Council and participate in it (Casey). **Board:** Grandmother Aggie is from southern Oregon and the other grandmothers are from around the world, including Japan and Africa (Indigo). The 13 Indigenous Grandmothers bring good energy into the world with their annual gathering; we should give to this excellent cause; at the same time I appreciate Grumpy's pragmatism (Chewie). The consent donation process needs some work for amounts greater than \$500; for example, we can send out Requests for Proposals that highlight the programs we can all support; we have the capability to handle giving larger amounts of money, like for this request, in another way as demonstrated by the giving levels of our Vision Fund Committee and the Endowment Committee; I would support this motion if I were voting (Anna). We

are discussing a donation, not a process (Jack). What are we responsible for; we cut the plan up into pieces and put lines on it; what is 'only local'; localization can look back at those who travelled here and to those who were involved with the people on the way here, like the Cheyenne; help them help us (LT). What was the cost breakdown for recycling and propane showers (Jon)? It was about half and half and the total was more than the requested amount (Indigo). A few months ago, when the request was submitted, we would have provided funds for the recycling and solar showers as specified; the actual result was spending for recycling and for propane showers; this was not the original request and considering they asked for something without knowing it was possible does not reflect good planning for a funding request. **I move to amend the motion to only give \$750 for recycling (Jon). There was no second.** We have a wonderful design for portable showers and should export our technology (Paxton). This is a cultural thing; this request is tied to culture and to the interwovenness of how the spirit operates; we westerners, in our sense of appreciation of the spirits, wonder how to tap in to the whole indigenous tie and we either wonder or believe that the spirits are more powerful than what westerners give to the planet; we have the ability to do things with money; I am always conscious of what I say about another's beliefs, especially if those beliefs are much, much older than mine; we give as a gift and it's in the giving; with the spirits, you either believe or question; this taps in to my belief and I feel appreciative to be allowed to be a part and to have the luxury to give (Jack). This is a no-brainer and we are very honored; it would be cool if the Grandmothers could come and meet at our Fair which has been a place where people have gathered for thousands of years (Deane). Our Hub showers are a combination of solar with propane assist, the rest of our showers are all propane (Steve). The 12th and last gathering is in Nepal and it ends the circle for the 13 Grandmothers - two of them are from the same area; The grandmothers hold the intention to lay down prayers and help heal our world; we can assist in this kind of prayer, its tremendous and important (Indigo). I would support this today but agree with Jon that if you expect one thing and then go to the OCF for reimbursement of something else then what is the process (Saman). **The motion passed.**

## Approve Minutes

**Indigo moved, Saman seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2012 Board meeting. The minutes were approved 9-0-1** (Bear abstained, Anna voted in place of Deane who was out of the room).

## Old Business

**Treasurer's report:** Grumpy presented a financial summary and noted that admissions revenue was 118% of the budget projection. Paid admissions were over budget all three days and is great news compared to some years when one of the three days comes in below budget. Some crew expenditures are over budget due to the pre-Fair preparations ordeal. In summary, it looks like we went over budget by about \$200,000 in revenue and over budget by about \$30,000 in expenses. Jon noted that paid parking income was way under budget and wondered why. norma said the number is low because the accounting was not finished and Grumpy added that the parking lots were as full as ever. Saman noticed the pass sales figure was higher than the budget and wondered if extra passes were being sold and the camping population increased. Grumpy and Jack explained the pass levels (camping population) are set by crew size and booth allocations and other Board decisions and that the difference in the sales figure compared to the budget is simply a result of a conservative budget estimate. The camping population growth and the strains on the land, toilets and parking is a problem (Saman). Jon asked if a breakdown of the pass sales could be provided, showing the proportions that come from vehicle stickers and S.O.'s. Charlie said it is possible, with some work, to figure it out. Jack pointed out conservative budgeting is our method and does not mean that we are increasing the camping population. Grumpy added the conservative budget method, in a good year, provides extra income that makes special projects possible and that is how the Fair has become financially stable and has grown.

Jon asked if the 'restricted' Community Center fund level has changed. Charlie pointed out that there are

two funds for the Community Center called 'restricted' and 'dedicated' and that the dedicated funds cannot be used for another purpose. Jon noted we do not have a donor development plan and asked if we send thank-you letters when funds arrive that are dedicated for the Community Center purpose. norma said we do send thank-you letters.

**Jon moved, Deane seconded, that the facilitator of a Board meeting should 1) maintain order, keep discussion progressing towards a decision, and decide procedural matters; 2) reflect proposals, amendments, seconds, etc., to the entire Board, as these things occur, in order to formally track the status of a proposal under consideration; 3) determine relevance of what is being said by the topic under consideration and the stage of the conversation about it; and, as appropriate, deem a comment irrelevant and declare the speaker "out of order," thus silencing them; and 4) relinquish facilitation to someone else during deliberations on a topic if the person facilitating desires to participate in the substantive discussion or decision-making including making and seconding motions. After discussion Jon withdrew the motion. Peach Gallery:** These guidelines don't seem to be needed but it doesn't make much difference (Joseph). There is value in having guidelines for process; facilitation training, simple meeting rules, and a code of ethics for the Board could be helpful (Tony). Agreeing with what has already been said, the Board retreat might be a better place for having this discussion (Grumpy). The relevance of this motion is not clear since our meeting discussions often involve walking for a country mile and speaking in metaphors (Brad). There does not seem to be a demonstrated need for this motion; the retreat is a better place for this discussion; facilitation is a responsibility of the president (Steve). It is important that the Board members respect the facilitator and that all Board members be responsible for the discussion (Jen-Lin). Guidelines are 'ok' but could just lead to procedure arguments (Chris). The point of most interest is the one about relinquishing control and it is pretty vague about how to do it (Casey). **Board:** As a past facilitator, I oppose this motion; the bylaws (Article 9, section 5) say the president shall preside or delegate a facilitator; this motion would improperly alter the by-laws; in the Oregon and federal court system the chief justice participates while presiding; this motion is un-necessary and disrespects the integrity of the facilitator (Bear). These directions are the basic rules of facilitation; training would be helpful (Paxton). We should discuss this at the retreat; it should be noted the bylaws also say 'the president shall be the principle executive officer of the Fair subject to the control of the directors'; there does not seem a separation of power issue here; it is the purview of any member of the board to raise a point of order during discussion (LT). We are where we are due to changes that we agree upon; I am subject to the Board and honoring each Board member has been our guiding rule for a long time; it should be said that setting up arbitrary rules to control a Board member does not honor their position; we operate loosely and we get a tremendous amount done in a civil way; the facilitator is not a personality and we got here, to the way we now operate, through a process of evolution with some very large agendas (Jack). Facilitation is defined as the act of making easy, or easier (Anna). I agree with Jack that this is not about a person; and nobody gets told their comments are out of order; standardizing is not the way we work; I don't see the point of the facilitator relinquishing control; the way we conduct our meetings makes us work well (Chewie). This is a discussion for the retreat; the facilitator could momentarily pass the gavel, then take it back, and I think that is a normal thing (Diane). There is no reason not to trust the facilitator but it might be beneficial to pass the gavel; we could use a non-member facilitator; it's good to have the discussion like this, in a meeting, in order to get the member input that we would not hear at the retreat (Deane). A policy making Board facilitator is qualitatively different than a court justice and this board is more legislative than judicial; the point about relinquishing control when participating in a discussion is critical and should be adopted because I have noticed a tendency toward dialogue and other ways that further a point of view in favor of the facilitator's motion; this motion does not

have the votes to pass; we can discuss this at the retreat; I withdraw the motion (Jon).

## Member Input

The New Kids Loop was not crowded and provided a great place for people to rest and chill out. (Joseph)

The Board should not reject donation requests because they are used for staff support; we are a non-profit and have a large paid staff. The Board should consider guidelines about smoking next to the paths. (Jon P)

Thanks for a incredible pre-fair, it was an epic Homeresque odyssey; I am grateful for my involvement with the New Kids Loop and for being part of it; the stories are written on the faces of the builders. (Kirk)

Last July's meeting commentary was appalling, with all the voices chiming in about what was going down about construction projects on site, and it was insensitive and demoralizing for the crews and volunteers. Board members have a right to unleash their concerns but should also try to find the proper time and place for criticisms and open discussion. I had a great Fair and this was a positive meeting tonight but leaders should lead with love, compassion and open hearts (Brad)

The 4th of July fireworks were great and the bonfire was a great addition and I hope it gets extended into future celebrations, thank you very much. (Deane)

At an earlier meeting I spoke in support of keeping the Barter Fair in Miss Piggy's until a new plan was in place. The Board voted to shut it down in 2012. Only one Board member (Jon Silvermoon) was in support of keeping it. At this year's Barter Fair I was given a questionnaire to be returned to the Monday Market Committee. What is Monday Market? Has Barter Fair been renamed, and if so, by whom? Who is on the committee? Does it include Board members? Where will vendors who have camped in Miss Piggy's go? Where will the next Barter Fair be? Another renaming I am concerned about is "Gypsy Way". The only thing I ever heard about this was in a speech by a Board candidate who wanted it changed because 'gypsy' is a derogatory word. To me it represents a free spirit, music and dancing. I am aware some ant to call this 'Pony Way' as a tribute to its past use and to Dena, the pony lady who this wilderness pony ride area. I was not pleased to see this area looking like a clear-cut and built in a way that was oblivious to guidelines about the treatment of the land. This change is not a tribute to Dena. She was unhappy to be removed and she fought to keep it wilderness and I believe she would be devastated to see it now. I was equally displeased to see this used as a smoking area, which I believe has been stopped. (Judy)

Feedback can be sent to the Fair Office until the end of August. Thanks Construction, for the lovely new sticker booth, for including us in the process, it is festive and great! (Jen-Lin)

Thanks staff! You work so hard - a job like this is 24/7, 13 months a year. We need to love and support the staff and also the volunteers and I appreciate all of you. (Sara)

Thank you Sara and Brad for your comments about last month's meeting. I apologize for missing the July meeting and would have voiced my support for the staff and the work that took place. Also, thanks and appreciation is due for Amy Hand, our new Recycling coordinator; it's a very hard job and she performed with flying colors. (Bear)

I started the conversation in July. I felt really bad that my comments were hurtful; I was trying to address the process and my personal chagrin with the devastation of the understory which I promised would not happen. No one should hang for it, there were best intentions, there were many meetings and conversations and still the process broke down. We have what we ended up with and I'll get over it but I could not let it pass. I feel badly and apologize to staff, coordinators and the Fair Family but I couldn't let it go. I feel really badly but am still sick about what happened. (Chewie)

Smoking at the New Kids Loop was very bad and some mothers reported feeling kind of sick. Donation reform is needed, with guidelines and priorities, and with an understanding that our family is from all over the world. (Dan)

I am a Path Planning Committee member and am running for the Board. Regarding naming of the New Kid's Loop, the term 'gypsy' can be used in a derogatory way but it's not used that way here and I am not concerned; the people who live there should decide on the name. (Michael)

At the request of a member, Jon asked that the following letter be written into the minutes:

*Dear Board of Directors and all the wonderful people who*

*put the fair and the Barter Fair together:*

*Like many people I love the Barter Fair because it's a Global Marketplace. Year after year many people seek me out to buy my beautiful vintage clothing and jewelry from around the world. This is fun and a great validation for what I've been doing for twenty years. I should think it's the same for most if not all the vendors at this sale.*

*I exchange my goods for cash and I barter with people who ask me to, if they have something I want or need. No one should be expected to barter just to barter, if they don't want or need it.*

*I really appreciate driving into Miss Piggy on Wednesday morning and securing a selling/camping space. PLEASE UNDERSTAND: IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR VENDORS TO CAMP WITH THEIR STUFF, PARK THEIR VEHICLE, AND HAVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EARLY MONDAY MORNING TO GET ORGANIZED. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CHOICE AS TO THE SIZE OF ONE'S VENDING AREA. FOR SOME, A 10X10 SPACE IS NOT ENOUGH.*

*Please take this into consideration when making decisions regarding spatial design of where ever the new Barter Fair will be located. Maybe a possible location could be where the Dr. Bronner's showers are now, in a parking lot across from the fence surrounding Miss Piggy. I suggest this area because there seemed to be a lot of un-used space there and because the Dr. Bronner's people were extremely loud; day and night, yelling and screaming, bright lights and a rave that hardly ended before the next go round of yelling, etc. They need to be out in the back 40 somewhere.*

*I know many people on the board are up-tight about imports sold at the Barter Fair. Please take into consideration almost everything we buy comes from somewhere else: your computer, your shoes, and the shirt on your back. Some of our food is imported as well.*

*There are people within the fair itself who have their "crafts" manufactured in foreign countries. They are imported, yet no one seems to notice, certainly not to care, and yet y'all come down heavy on the Barter Fair because I think the buy and sell concept of making money to make ends meet is a concept, a life style you do not grasp, or care to. It's as valid a life style as anybody else's.*

*Unfortunately I'll be out of town and un-able to attend the the work session regarding the Barter Fair on the 19th. If a committee is formed for further action, I'd like to be on it and can be reached at the address below.*

*Volunteer for 25 years at the History Booth, Elder and Barter Fair Vendor, Sheila Showalter.*

Lois' daughter, at the older child care facility, said they could take every kid this year and that was because the load was relieved by the new facility. I apologize to the staff and coordinators for the comments made at the last meeting, I was definitely insensitive and everyone was working hard and it was a very successful project. (Paxton)

Thank you, Chewie and Paxton. My feelings about the understory are the same but I spoke poorly about the New Kids Loop project. As far as 'gypsy' being a derogatory term to some, 'Hippie' is too. (Diane)

## President's Peace

Last meeting, we were in a process of trying to work through some horrendous circumstances and it all comes down to those of us here; in a sense, I let down my fellow staff and coordinators by not stepping up; I worked with Charlie and Kirk on the project, and the decisions did not appear to be beyond the intentions. The discussions, on the ground, were interesting and, parsing on that level, are what we turn over to our volunteers to enjoy; I was speechless at the meeting and I did the only thing I could do and that was to reach out and embrace as my way to end that meeting. It's 10:01pm. Thanks everybody.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is September 10th, on site.

## Tentative agenda for August

Approve minutes from the August 6 Board meeting  
Secretary's report on donation requests (Healthy Democracy Fund, Eugene Peace Choir, Bosco House)

Treasurer's report and Budget items

Appoint Kirk Shultz to the Community Center Committee (Anna);

Live streaming of Board meetings (Jon)