

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 1/6/03

PRESENT: David Helton, David Liberty, Lawrence Taylor aka LT, Charlie Zennache, Jim Sahr (alternate), Brad Lerch, Jack Makarchek, Jim Newhall -- aka Dr Jim, Bear Wilner, Diane Albino, and Marlene Monette (alternate)

NOT: Charles Drew & Diane Albino

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR

Amanda, representing a group of midwives seeking booth space, said that they haven't had any response since they first approached the Board last summer. David H responded that he had discussed it with Leslie and a simple yes or no answer does not exist. Their request does not fit into the normal processes and consideration must be given to current juried artisans and available booth space. Jen-lin (Community Village – CV) invited them to attend the CV meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Westmoreland School, 7-9pm. Charlie clarified that the Board does not create or approve booths/groups.

Peter Eberhardt (McKenzie Map & Massage Gallery) announced that coordinators and crew leaders may purchase copies of their Fair map, a supplement to the maps provided by Cartography, for crew use. The Budget Committee said coordinators who want these maps for crew use can purchase them through coordinator expense, (maximum of 2 if there are 2 or more coordinators) with the understanding that these are commemorative maps only, not official maps from Fair cartography. Coordinators should continue to request their map needs from Fair cartography.

Percy Hilo (CV) said that since he moved to Seattle, he lost contact with the local community. He requested the Board, staff and officers introduce themselves so that he could connect faces with names.

The following people are standing for approval to serve on the Community Village Council: Diane Albino, David Hoffman, Janet Tarver, Tim Mueller, Drake Eubank, Sharon Bogdanovic, Jud Stern-Carusone, Michael Omogrosso, Karla Caudell, Christel Thomas, and Daniel Gaon. Confirmation by consensus will be given at the February CV meeting, 2/12, 7pm, Westmoreland School.

Jen-lin announced that Candace Reed will sit in the scribe's chair during her absence from the second January Board meeting. The proud mama will be attending her daughter's graduation from the Culinary Institute of America in New York! Charis Ariel is a Teen Crew graduate who worked in Main Camp Kitchen.

Sat. 1/11 Highway Pick Up. Meet at the WareBarn at 10am, rain, shine, or snow.

Mon 1/20 Board work session on the 2003 Operating Budget open to all will be held at Growers Market, 7-9pm.

Fri/Sat 1/24-25 Express Yourself Training, Using the Arts to Work with Youth, 9am-5pm, at Laurelwood Golf Course. This is a fun and fantastic training facilitated by Charlie Murphy and Peggy Taylor, co-directors of Power of Hope. Cost is \$150; some scholarships are available. Contact the Fair office to register.

Mon 1/27 Board meeting to approve the 2003 Operating Budget will be held at Growers Market, 7-9pm.

Mon 2/17 Board work session with David Westcott from Oregon Community Foundation to consider establishing an investor relationship with them. This partnership would allow us to 1)bolster the earned interest on a portion of our principal investment and 2)take advantage of their counsel and expertise in the fundraising arena.

MINUTES APROVAL

LT moved, and David H seconded, that the minutes of the December 2, 2002, Board meeting be approved.

Marlene corrected that she was absent from that meeting.

The motion passed as corrected: 9 in favor and 1 abstention (Marlene).

MEMBER INPUT

Randy Nowell (VegManECS) – the floods on the Fair site are causing more erosion. He contended that we are responsible for creating the conditions for erosion and so now we must take responsibility to create the solutions. We must walk our talk. Joseph Newton (Recycling) agreed and added that it is time to take down more walls.

STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

General Manager. Leslie is very happy that norma has returned from her sabbatical. The time passed very smoothly thanks to norma's preparation and Robin Bernardi's work during norma's absence. Leslie complimented Steve W, Andy, Jeff, and all of the volunteers who have worked so diligently to clean up the site over the past years. It has truly made a big difference. On a recent outing to the site, there were no booth parts and very little debris floating in the floodwaters and into the Long Tom River. Thank you. Leslie attended a Power of Hope workshop last week in Seattle to extend the collaborative relationship with the OCF. There is much we have to learn from each other. The poster committee has selected four finalists. Thank you Camille Cole and the Poster Committee. Tomorrow, Leslie will meet with Horizon Screen Print and pick out the 2003 staff shirts. The Fair is truly around the corner! The Endowment Committee received many applications and will make their decisions soon. One of the schools/grant recipients has closed without spending their funding. Thus, the 2003 grant awards will total \$11,500. Thank you to the hard-working Treasurers and Budget Committee, including Leslie Chiaffone who is a welcomed new addition.

Site Manager Welcome back, norma! The first three or four weeks of November were so dry that Steve thought that this might be a no-flood winter. Hah. The rains arrived in December and the lots have been lakes for many days. There have been two big floods through the Eight including New Year's eve and day when the water was counter high on 13th. The grass is helping to control erosion on the paths, however the riverbanks have been active. There is an old saying, "You don't push the river, you just step back." The natural history of the Fair site's year is defined by two major events: our impact in July, and the winter floods. Fair families are welcome to experience the site by canoe; a storm that delivers 2 inches of rain in a day or two will flood the site. The Fair owns one canoe and Andy and Jeff (Caretakers) each have one. Please practice safe boating: check in and out with Steve, Andy, or Jeff; wear life jackets, bring an extra paddle, and be aware of snags and strong currents, especially by the river which have been known to have tipped over experienced canoeists.

The Waste Warriors campaign began in 2001, with the goal of "Waste Free in 2003". Everyone in the Fair Family has a role to play to reach the goal, but special thanks go to Recycling Crew who have been in the forefront of the campaign. Richelle Potter of Togrowwise and the Grayce Ette Foundation and Sarah Grimm of Bring and OCF Recycling have put in major efforts to manifest this vision, and deserve recognition. Thanks to their work, a nearly full complement of compostable serviceware will be available this year for food booths.

Administrative Assistant norma is glad to be back at work. Thank you for the three months of sabbatical. She conducted many interviews and collected stories about the OCF history. Robin did a great job keeping the office together in her absence. During her time off, norma attended an anti-war rally in Washington, DC Amidst the other 100,000 protesters, she ran into Johnnie Hahn (Entertainer). We really are everywhere! A new web designer has been selected and the new site should be up next month. Until then, norma is updating our current website; craft applications are available on-line now.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER INPUT

Simba (artisan) arrived late and requested time to speak. Marlene (facilitator) and Jack (Board president) offered up to ten minutes. Thereupon, Simba hauled in a blue tarp filled with pieces of wet wood, dropped it on the floor, and proceeded to place one before each staff, officer, and Board member. He said that these pieces of painted wood were taken from the Fair site today. He was upset that the pile is still on the property. He waved a piece of wood in the air while he read data that he had researched on how arsenic is released and its toxicity. Palmer cleared away the wood and put it outside. Simba said he had yet to see the test results taken from the Fair. (*See the December issue of the Fair Family News for the test results in the Burning Painted Wood Report.*) He proclaimed himself to be the whistle blower and then blew his whistle three times. By this time, his ten minutes were up and peach gallery members were telling him to sit down and that his action was abusive. Etienne Smith (Security), Don Doolin (Security Co-coord), and Palmer Parker (Fair Central) encouraged Simba to leave the room so the meeting could proceed. Andy and Jeff retrieved dust brooms and pans from their vehicles and swept the floor clean. ...

STAFF & OFFICERS REPORT CONTINUED

Treasurers Hilary reported that Grumpy was away on his annual vacation to Hawaii, but he would return in time for the budget meetings. The process is going smoothly. There will continue to be operating budget updates as the Nighttime Population solutions are finalized. Capital Project requests are due by the end of January and will be approved at the March Board meeting.

President Jack apologized for allowing Simba to rant on at the meeting. We share his same concerns about burning painted or chemically treated wood. The Fair is diligently working to implement procedures for responsible action. (*See the report on the test results in the December issue of the Fair Family News.*)

The work session on Nighttime Population was well attended. Jack said that he spoke forcefully about personal responsibility. Those folks that sneak in must find a legitimate entry point. This is the responsible choice to make at this time.

Jack thanked norma for being back in the office. We missed you.

After the controversy of the 2002 Board election, the Board directed Jack to seek a second legal opinion regarding minors serving on the Board. Jack chose the law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, in Portland. The following is an excerpt from attorney Thomas Jones' letter. "While we have found no controlling precedent or statutory authority, we believe that, were an Oregon court presented with the issue, it would interpret Oregon law as precluding a minor from serving on the board of directors of an Oregon nonprofit corporation." The letter included much of the same reasoning cited by the Fair's attorney who gave the original determination to the Fair's secretaries prior to the annual meeting.

From a larger perspective, it is horrifying that the words, "nuclear" and "weapons of mass destruction" are bantied about so frequently and casually by the world leaders. We must think and act strongly and directly to change this mentality until the concept of mass destruction is out of the headlines and our consciousness.

Jim S, Dr Jim, and LT supported Jack's decision to extend member input time to Simba. Dr Jim -- as uncomfortable as it was to sit through, it would be more uncomfortable to think that the Board censored speech. LT said that he assumed Jack was apologizing for the harsh actions and not the content of his words.

OLD BUSINESS

HIV ALLIANCE / RIVERWALK DONATION

Bear moved, and David H seconded, that the Board donate \$500 (later increased to \$550) to HIV Alliance to sponsor the 2003 Riverwalk.

Peach Gallery: Thumbs up! Carissa Tremayne (HIV Alliance) said that HIV Alliance appreciated the OCF's past support. She also asked for an increased donation, if that were possible.

BoD: David H offered to increase the amount by 10%, for a total of \$550. He stated that it is a modest, yet symbolic increase, which is important especially in these tough economic times as other funding sources are tightening. Bear accepted the friendly amendment.

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

GRADUATING TEENS

Jack moved, and LT seconded, that Teen Crew create and distribute a yearly list of graduating teens to all coordinators and crew leaders for the purpose of giving Fair family youth priority consideration in filling vacant staff positions.

Peach Gallery: Palmer -- this seems to be more of an operational than policy issue. Don supports the motion as policy or operations! Peter said his 19-year old daughter, who has attended 20 fairs, is currently displaced. What to do with our graduating teens is a real problem.

BoD: LT -- While growing up at the Fair does not mean one has a birthright to a pass, we should place a high priority on keeping our family together. We don't want to turn our own children away. Charlie's friendly amendment, that "It is the policy of the OCF to give graduating teens priority in filling staff vacancies." was not accepted. David H supported the concept, but remained concerned about the logistics of implementation. He continued that one couldn't just pull a name off of a list. A direct connection is necessary. The graduating teen must also show initiative to contact the crew leader. He also wondered what happens to booth and entertainment's youth. Jack countered that often the ones that are the most aggressive, vocal, and persistent are not always the best suited for the job.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (David H and Charlie).

NEW ZONE ART GALLERY DONATION

David H moved, and Jim seconded, that the Board discuss donating funds to the New Zone Art Gallery, amount to be determined.

Background: The New Zone Art collective, which focuses on experimental, contemporary art, submitted a proposal to the OCF Board to enter into a joint venture that would result in a new store-front for the New Zone Art Gallery. They budgeted \$1300 per month to operate a gallery, or \$16,000 per year. From 1982 until 1995, EWEB allowed them to use a subsidized space on High Street. Since then, they have conducted exhibits in cafes and on the streets, including the Salon de Refuse which is open to those not selected for the Mayor's Art Show during the Eugene Celebration. They also produce guerilla art events and window exhibits. They have received funding from the Lane Arts Council, but funding for everything is drying up across the state. One exhibit could include a juried show of OCF artisans and New Zone artists.

Recently, they hosted a window exhibit at One East Broadway that received many accolades. They would like to pursue a theme of "The Shape of Things to Come" for a new exhibit.

Peach Gallery: Leslie said that her New Year's Eve wish was to see more whistleblowers and truth telling! The possibilities are immense to explore this artistically. She supports the idea of possibly collaborating with McKenzie River Gathering foundation to resolve the funding challenges. Hilary offered her support, especially in the form of a pledge that the OCF would donate a specific amount once a space or art show had been acquired. Etienne envisioned an art gallery, or gallery lane, at the Fair.

BoD: Jim supports the concept, but the budget is too large for the Fair. David L -- this motion supports the concept of the OCF as an arts umbrella for other non-profits. It is full of intriguing possibilities. While the Fair is not dollar rich, we are rich in volunteers that may be willing to be gallery sitters or donate other expertise. We should continue to explore collaborative ventures. Jack would support donating \$500 to promote a guerilla art show, if that would be sufficient. Bear expressed displeasure with the lack of process.

David H withdrew the motion.

GREEN THUMB CREW and GREEN THUMB CREW CO-COORDINATORS APPOINTMENTS

Bear moved, and Dr Jim seconded, that the Board recognizes the creation of the Garden Crew and appoints Tommy Ponce as coordinator. This was later amended to the Green Thumb Crew with Tommy Ponce and Nancy Courtwright as Co-coordinators.

Background: Last year the new garden project, run mostly by Kitchen folks, produced approximately \$3,000 in fresh, organic vegies and salad greens for the kitchens.

Peach Gallery: Leslie suggested that the crew be called the Green Thumb crew and include all people involved with the garden, flowers, and the plant nursery. Thereupon, Bear changed the motion with Dr Jim's second. Steve said that he has been drafting a tentative crew budget with Tommy and Nancy and the Budget Committee. Tommy -- we were out on site pruning the fruit trees today. Anne Morris (VegManECS) -- Tommy & Laurel rocked last year! She really appreciated all the wonderful salads and fresh vegies in Main Camp last year. Andyman -- it seems that growing our own food is part of our core values. This could be a 12-month crew supplying fresh produce from Main Camp through the Culture Jam and the picnic. (*Don't forget the fall harvest of apples and*

grapes, and other good food!) Don -- this is another great place to involve the Fair youth. Virgil Courtwright (Archaeology Co-Coordinator) -- asked that folks remember to show him all the rocks dug up that possibly aren't rocks, but ancient tools!

BoD: LT -- this works on so many levels: 1) financially, 2) fewer petro-chemicals used from not trucking in as much, and 3) following the natural cycle -- out of the ground-through our bodies-and back to the ground. Brad -- OK, now you're laying on the compost pretty thick! Charlie appreciated all of the hard work exerted so that he and others could enjoy the fresh salad and vegies in Main Camp. However, the curmudgeon side of him does not like to create a crew before it has been through the budget process. Dr Jim said he supported the idea when it was first conceived and he is glad that folks had the energy and interest to bring it to fruition. (*pun intended by scribe!*) Jack spoke up for the flowers that have struggled for a long time. Brad -- the bees will be very happy!

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Charlie). To which some peach gallery members joked, "No salad for you!"

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

David H, and David L seconded, that the Board appoint Richard Rodriguez to the Endowment Committee.

Peach Gallery: Richard works as a development person for McKenzie River Gathering foundation. Leslie is excited that he wants to join the OCF Endowment Committee.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

PROPOSED GUIDELINES CHANGES

~~deleted text~~ current text *new text*

(submitted by Arrow Anders, Traffic Co-Coord)

Page 10, Section 31 Vehicle Stickers

...affixed to lower left front windshield by Wednesday, July 9, no exceptions. *Vehicle stickers are non-transferable.*

(submitted by Lawrence Taylor)

Page 10, Section 31 Vehicle Stickers

Insert new paragraph after "Vehicles are not allowed in path and meadow areas from 6am, Friday, July __, until after 9pm, Sunday, July __" New Paragraph: ***Beginning with the 2004 Fair, vehicles will not be allowed in path and meadow areas from 6am Friday until 6am the following Monday.*** (The words "until 6am the following Monday" would be both bold & italicized.)

(submitted by the staff)

Add new section following Vehicle Stickers, ***Out-A Site Parking***

Out-A Site stickers for parking on our rented off-site lots are available for those eligible. These can be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis.

(submitted by Merrill Levine, Registration Co-Coord, and Courtney Loopstra, Inventory Co-Coord)

Page 13, Section 37

... Everyone over 10 years of age must wear a wristband to be on site after public hours. *Wristbands must be worn on the wrist. Should you need an alternative, photo ID is available for a fee with limited availability. Photo ID hours of operation are also limited. Please check hours Wednesday and Thursday prior to Fair.* Anyone on the grounds...

(submitted by Bear Wilner)

new section to be inserted after Section 39 ***CAMPING NEIGHBORHOODS AND CAMP HOSTS***

*The OCF site is divided into camping neighborhoods with a camp host for each. They work with the Fair Family in their neighborhoods to facilitate a fun, safe, mutually respectful camping experience at the Fair. Camp hosts are available to help prevent and mediate disputes over campsites and to promote respect for the OCF Code of Conduct and Guidelines. They also serve as stewards to help enhance the beauty and creative design of their camping neighborhoods. **Check with your coordinator, Main Camp Quartermaster, or camp host before setting up camp.***

new section to be inserted following the above text ***TENT TAGS***

An OCF tent tag must be affixed to each tent or other sleeping structure on the OCF site during Main Camp and the Fair. We use tent tags to ensure that only OCF booth members,, entertainers, volunteers, and other Fair Family members are camping on the Fair site. Tent tags are available from the Main Camp Quartermaster pre-Fair. They are also available starting Wednesday, July 9, from camp hosts, or other volunteers designated by the General Manager or Site Manager.

(submitted by Tom Brovold, Fire Crew Co-Coord)

Page 26, Section 74

replace existing text with: **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL BOOTHS AND CAMPS.** A 5# fire extinguisher is required for ALL booths and camps. Camps and booths with cooking and/or permitted campfires (a new permit is required each year) must also have a shovel, and two five gallon containers full of water with two burlap bags submerged in them.

Page 5, section 15, Paragraph 2:

All booths and camps must have a 5# or larger fire extinguisher. Each booth, camp, fire juggler and any other entertainers using fire must have additional fire fighting equipment. This includes a shovel, and two burlap bags submerged in ~~and~~ two 5-five gallon containers full of water.

Page 5, section 15, Paragraph 3:

A five pound fire extinguisher is ~~also~~ required at ~~each cooking stove and campfire~~ every booth and camp.

Page 13, Section 36

Add to the end of this section: *Campfires require a new inspection and permit each year. Permits can only be issued by fire crew and the Site Manager.*

Page 13, Section 37

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The meeting adjourned by 9:30pm!

The OCF Board will meet on Monday, January 27, at Growers Market, 7-9pm, to approve the 2003 Operating Budget. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, at EWEB, 7pm. The agenda, subject to change, will include the Ken Kesey Memorial Sculpture which was tabled at tonight's meeting, Approving Guidelines Changes, and the new business: Appointments to the Elders and Budget Committees and Admissions Co-Coordinator.

Quoting ????, USE YOUR SWORDS

No War, Not In My Name

Jen-Lin