

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 2/3/03

PRESENT: Jim Newhall (aka Dr Jim), David Liberty, David Helton, Bear Wilner, Lawrence Taylor, Charles Drew, Diane Albino, Jack Makarchek, Brad Lerch, Charlie Zennache (arrived after Member Input), and Marlene Monette & Jim Sahr (alternates)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR

Diane sad she had some pleasant visits with Bill Conde during her trip to Belize. He is marketing a new anti-bug spray called Itch-Away and is working with the government in Belize to develop a ten-acre experimental plot of industrial hemp!

Entertainment and Elders applications are available on-line.

Leslie announced that she and Greg Rickhoff, Admissions Co-Coord. and lead Human Rights staff for the City of Eugene, are working in a group on a proposal to involve Fair family members in peacekeeping, and possibly some intervention training, for the rallies and protests in response to the coming war.

Fastixx has changed its name to TicketsWest. The toll-free phone number, 1-800-992-8499, remains the same. Ticket outlets are still at Safeway and all the other outlets. Tell everybody!

Sat. 3/1 Board work session on land use policies. 10am – 4pm at Alice's Wonderland.

Sat 3/15 Training for Crisis Intervention Trainers. Meet at Alice's Wonderland; See Zak's announcement

Tues. 4/1 Deadline to submit Entertainment and Booth Applications which are available on-line. Teen crew applications will be available mid-March with a deadline of May 1.

Sat 5/10 The Spring Fling will be held at the WOW Hall!

Sat 8/16 Teddy Bear Picnic, 4pm, Main Stage Meadow

MINUTES APPROVAL

David L moved, and Bear seconded, that the minutes of the 1/6/03 Board meeting be approved.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 abstentions (Charles & Diane).

MEMBER INPUT

Dennis Todd (Land Use Management Planning) – Only six more months until the Fair!

Jen-Lin (Recording Secretary) – Thanks to Candace Reed for taking and writing the minutes for the January 27, Board meeting to approve the 2003 Operations Budget.

Mike James (External Security Co-Coord) wondered how Operations intends to deal with the West Nile Virus which may arrive by next summer. Steve W (Site Manager) – “We're going to assign one elder and one teen to swat mosquitoes off of each Fair goer!” He addressed this further in the Site Manager's report.

STAFF & OFFICERS REPORTS

General Manager Leslie Scott scheduled a comprehensive insurance review with our agent for this week. Thanks to norma, Steve W, and Andy (Caretaker) for their good work on the Guidelines. They spent one staff meeting trying to make the Guidelines as organized and as coherent as possible. Thanks to the Budget Committee for all their work on the budgets; now we turn to Capital Projects. We are making great progress on the web site design, and on all the planning for the Fair. The Express Yourself Training for Culture Jam staff was fantastic. Thanks to Robin, and Merrill Levine (Wristbands Co-Coord) for all of their wonderful help. Leslie recently met with the City of Eugene to form a new partnership. They are going to do all of the marketing for Culture Jam, publish it in the City Parks & Recreation Guide, pay for one staff position, and provide \$4000 in scholarship funds! Thanks also to Carolyn Sykora for her great work on the grant proposal (\$7000) which was just awarded also for Culture Jam!

Site Manager Steve Wisnovsky said that it has been unseasonably warm. He showed a piece of Indian Plum which normally buds in mid-February and blooms in March that was blooming now. It's raining again and the lots flooded last weekend. Thanks to Howard McCartney and the dedicated few who showed up for the Highway Pick Up. Steve attended an all-day workshop, sponsored by the Audubon and Xerxes Societies, on the West Nile Virus. The Xerxes Society is to bugs as Audubon is to birds. If we can move past our specist attitudes, we will realize that the harm to wild birds and other wildlife is far greater than to humans. Steve identified two areas of concern: 1) the Fair volunteers on site for 30-40 days, and 2) the public that attends for three days. The latter is an issue of perception. We cannot guarantee a mosquito-free environment, but we will consider other control strategies. He is looking for a source for dragonfly eggs. Steve will submit an article to the Fair Family News (FFN) next month addressing the Fair's response to the West Nile Virus.

Administrative Assistant norma has been working on the Guidelines and redesigning the web site with our new web designer. Thanks to Robin Bernardi and Leila Snow for their work in the office; they are a great help. Thanks also to everyone that's been helping with Wally Slocum's house. This reminds her that we truly are a caring family when adversity faces us on the path. Canoeing at the Fair site yesterday was great!

Treasurers Steve Gorham (aka Grumpy) -- The bulk of the work is done now that the 2003 budget is approved. The Capital Projects Budget will be approved next month. Although the revenue projection is just over one million dollars and the expenses are budgeted just below that, the actual bottom line is approximately \$1,000 in the red. Hilary added that they didn't budget aggressively on Revenue so the projections should be much closer to actual than in past years. Grumpy also requested that folks submit budget items first to the Treasurers for review by the Budget Committee rather than present them to the Board.

President Jack thanked the Budget Committee and the Treasurers for bringing in the budget. He would still like to do more with less. Jack acknowledged Leslie's commitment to human rights and appreciates that she brings this into the Fair family also. The Fair is just around the corner. He is getting excited to greet old friends on the path and meet new friends. It will be interesting to see how the Elders plan works. Jack remains committed to focusing of population control while insuring room for our Elders, Youth and new Fair family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Peach Pages Aleta Miller (Path Rove) They are in the last phase of getting the copy and advertisements ready for printing on the last week of February. The Peach Pages will include interesting articles from local groups. The Peach Pages will be free this year so that distribution will be greater.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Bear moved, and Brad seconded, that the Board appoint Leslie Chiaffone to the Budget Committee.

Peach Gallery: Leslie is a CPA specializing in non-profits who works on Main Stage crew. Leslie has proven her commitment to do the work expected of Budget Committee members by attending the past year's meetings even though she wasn't a formal member. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

ELDERS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Brad moved, and LT seconded, that the Board appoint Cindy Muntwyler (booth person) and Kay Kinsley (booth person) to the Elders Committee.

Peach Gallery: Paxton Hoag (Photo ID Coord) -- Both have been involved and very helpful at meetings. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

ADMISSIONS CO-COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

Charlie moved, and Bear seconded, that the Board appoint Tracy Berry as Admissions Co-Coordinator.

Background: Wonderful Michele Sharpy is moving to Fair Central, which leaves this position open. Michele guided the Admissions crew through many changes during the past years, including off-site tickets and paid parking. We thank her very much for all of her hard work and hearty laughter.

Peach Gallery: Leslie reported that Greg is excited to work with Tracy, who is a journalist by profession. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

APPROVED GUIDELINES CHANGES

Bear moved, and David H seconded, that the following guideline be approved.

Page 10, Section 31 Vehicle Stickers

Each vehicle on the premises after 9pm must have a vehicle sticker affixed to lower left front windshield by Wednesday, July 9 -- no exceptions. Vehicle stickers are non-transferable.

Peach Gallery: Operations will use common sense implementing this guideline such that emergency and service vehicle stickers may be used on different vehicles. The intention of this guideline is that each Fair family vehicle must have a vehicle sticker.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed

Bear moved, and Charles seconded, that the following guideline be approved.

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...

Background: The essential difference is that wristbands must be worn on the wrist...

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

