

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Monday February 6, 2006, 7pm, EWEB Community Room

PRESENT: Diane Albino, Paxton Hoag, Brad Lerch, Jack Makarchek, Marlene Monette, Deane Morrow (alternate), Joseph Newton (alternate), Anna Scott, Lawrence Taylor, Bear Wilner-Nugent.

NOT: Katie Cousins, Greg Rikhoff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bear will miss the March Board meeting because he and his wife are expecting a baby in the next few weeks. (*whoops and hollers*)

Marlene said sometimes it's hard to run a timely meeting and to also allow everyone time to speak their minds. She apologized if she has discouraged speech by hurrying people at past meetings. She "wants everyone to feel they can have their say." She also announced that the Personnel Committee is working on job descriptions.

Jen-lin Hodgden (Feedback Coordinator) announced the Shy Person's Talent Show will be held at Knights of Pythias Hall in Eugene on the evening of Saturday, March 4. Doors open at 7, show starts at 7:30, sign up at the door to perform. Donations will be given to a local non-profit. Kids perform first, then adults get their chance. She said it's "a great way to remember that we don't need TV to entertain ourselves."

Diane said today is Bob Marley's birthday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jack would like to amend the minutes of the January 9 meeting by adding the words 'or an earthquake' to his report. The line in question should read: He said he's been thinking about all the "severe natural disasters that have occurred and how important volunteerism is, for us, for Lane County, for the people who are still suffering from a hurricane or a tsunami or an earthquake." **Bear moved and Deane seconded to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006 Board meeting as amended. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.**

MEMBER INPUT

Mona Linstromberg said she is not a member of the Fair but she presented the Board with a letter inviting Fair participation in "an intensive and committed look at what kind of community the Fern Ridge area wants to be." She is a member of both the Strategic Planning Action Committee and Neighbors for Responsible Growth. She said many other organizations are involved with this effort including the Chamber of Commerce, the Fern Ridge Library, the Senior Center, and the Veneta Parks Board. They hope for participation from the area school districts as well as the OCF. They are concerned about the disappearance of wetlands, the removal of trees, and other issues concerning quality of life. Her letter states, "This is an invitation for one or more amongst you to commit to learning more about what this process entails and give it a try. It really does take a village." She can be reached at MonanCraig@pacinfo.com.

Tim Kinney (Pre-Post Security) is a local screen printer and is concerned that the job of printing staff t-shirts "has not been put up for bid in the local community." He noted that last year's shirts were made of organic cotton, but the downside is that they came folded around cardboard and wrapped in plastic. He brought a few samples of his work to pass around and got a laugh when he quickly pointed out that he needs "the black one back because it's my girlfriend's."

Jim Sahr (Crafter) said he supports a 'buy local' policy and has presented this idea at Coordinator's Potlucks.

Jen-lin said she and her family had fun canoeing onsite, but was distressed by seeing some tree damage caused by beavers.

Mark Pankratz (Construction Crew) said he is as old as the Fair and they are "both being dragged kicking and screaming into adulthood." He talked about the difficulties involved with soliciting feedback and ideas. He said nobody "wants to be a whiner and some people are uncomfortable speaking in front of the Board or in public." He said Brad Lerch didn't get much response about his idea for a Whistleblower Protection Act. He would like for people to contact him to discuss ideas for increasing communication within the Fair. He can be reached at markpankratz@hotmail.com.

STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

General Manager: Leslie said she was hired at the February 1992 Board meeting, so she is now "four days into my fifteenth year." (*applause and cheers*) She has been working on budgets and capital projects issues and

thanked the Co-Treasurers and the Budget Committee for all their work, and also thanked “the Board for their attention to the budget.” She spent time on the Vision Quest process “coming up with 2006 work plans and reviewing our charge” and thanked the VQ task force for all their work. She also worked on job descriptions and thanked the Personnel Committee for all their time and attention. She has been working on contracts and negotiations and is “about finished with the Zimfest contract” and now working on the State Fair contract. It is not certain yet if there will be another City Fling in Portland this year. She has scheduled a meeting with Tickets West. She also mentioned the Jill Heiman Vision Fund and said the category is again Basic Needs, adding “If you know a great organization you would like to see funded, tell them to apply.”

Administrative Assistant: norma said Greg’s wife Lisa is recuperating very well from her heart surgery and that their friends are helping Greg’s family by cooking dinner for them. If you would like to sign up for a night to fix their dinner, please contact the Fair office. She said both the craft and entertainment applications are available at the office or online. The Spring Fling will be May 6 at WOW Hall. She thanked Bubba and Michelle Sharpy for hosting the last Coordinators’ potluck at their home. She has been working on the Guidelines book, finding a new printer for the FFN, and gathering material for the CPA. She said to check the website for some great flood photos taken by Chewie Burgess. She said she is working with James Bateman of the Advertising Crew on website improvements. Also, at the evaluation meeting, she and others focused on how to enforce the “no smoking on the paths or at stage areas” guidelines and would like help in identifying “ok to smoke” areas as well as any other ideas on this topic.

Site Manager: Steve W. said, “Well, the good news is that it hasn’t rained since Sunday morning. It has made for good canoeing opportunities in January but this is getting relentless.” He said this is his tenth winter as Site Manager and he has seen higher floods “but usually just once a winter. There have been about 6 floods through the paths this winter.” He reminded canoeists to wear personal floatation devices because the water is not placid and to “stay away from the river where it can be dangerous.” He said it’s good to call first and to let someone know you’ll be onsite and out boating. He said the flood is dropping now and with knee-high boots it may be possible to “slog around the 8” sometime soon but to remember to “please tread lightly.” They had a Highway Pick-Up on January 22 with “barely enough numbers to make that work” and he thanked the hardy souls who showed up that day. He said the site staff have been “plugging away” on projects, repairs, and storm clean-up and “trying to stay dry.”

Office Assistant: Robin talked about a new program called Hip Hop Hope. It is another project from Charlie Murphy, the founder of Power of Hope which was the model for Culture Jam. The program will be run by the City of Eugene but the Fair is actively involved and supportive of the project. It will take place during spring break, the week of March 27-31. She said participating youth will work with musicians and poets to create their own hip hop CD during the 5-day workshop. She said it is “very exciting and enriches our whole community as does Culture Jam.”

Treasurers: Grumpy distributed current budget charts and pointed out that there are two page 9’s. He said there is “a reason for that” and he explained the two pages show two ways to look at the totals for revenue projections and expenses, depending on whether money is added to the endowment this year. He talked about “dedicated money” and “unrestricted cash” where there is “a big chunk to get us through until July.” He said “unrestricted” doesn’t mean “you can spend all that money because we’d be in trouble if you did.” They will spend this month working on capital projects budgets for the March Board meeting.

President: Jack gave “a big thanks” to everyone and said “a lot of trust and work gets us to this point.” He said this was his first winter to paddle a canoe onsite. He said “our land is the most stark when it’s underwater.” Referring to Jen-lin’s comment about beaver damage, he said “If you think *you’re* distressed, imagine how the beavers feel!” He said, “Seeing our own structures bothered me much more than seeing the damage caused by the beavers.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS GET OUT THE VOTE

Kate Newhall thanked the Board for passing their budget at last week’s special budget meeting. She said they registered 881 new voters in 2004 and collected over 5500 “pledges to vote” from Fair-goers. The pledge information “was matched with the Oregon voter file and used to do targeted voter turnout.” She presented a written report to the Board with sections on “overview, objectives, and strategy” as well as charts that show voting statistics based on such things as counties, legislative districts, age and gender. It states, “The OCF GOTV Team is committed to building on this information, continuing to register and turn out Fair-goers, efficiently targeting and turning out infrequent voters, and building a politically active core of Fair-goers and teens.”

ELDERS COMMITTEE

Chris Browne said the committee drafted a written report to the Board and passed out copies of the “Elders Progression Outline” which detailed the history of Board votes on Elder issues and listed ideas from Elders about possible transition job ideas. It also included a sample application for a transitional pass and specified the necessary information to be provided. The report states, “The following information needs to be provided when applying for a Working Transitional Pass: 1) Outline the jobs, duties and responsibilities that you have had and are currently holding

with the Fair family; 2) List the job(s) that you are interested in transitioning into and indicate the steps you have taken within your workgroup, crew, booth etc, to accomplish this end; 3) Obtain the signatures of at least two members of your proposed workgroup, work bosses, crew councilors, booth reps etc, to show that they support your intentions; 4) Have this completed application returned to the Elders Committee prior to April 1 of each calendar year.” He pointed out that the proposed ‘transition pass’ is different from the ‘helper pass’ that is on tonight’s agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDER DONATION TO CALC NEW THEATER PROJECT

Joseph moved and Bear seconded that the Board donate \$500 to the CALC New Theatre Project.

Background: Angela Messerli is an intern at CALC and will also direct the production of the multi-media theatre project *Our Neighbors’ Stories*, based on the lives of Springfield residents. She spoke about CALC’s work with diversity issues. The cover letter from CALC says the script is “a collage of stories of diverse Springfield residents including European Americans long in the area, recent Latino immigrants, LGBTQ people, people of different religious backgrounds” and more. The script incorporates “the most interesting and moving selections from the interviews” and is limited to 30 minutes in length because they want to schedule showings “at churches, civic groups, and especially schools, with the objective of using the theatre piece as a catalyst for discussion about respect, acceptance, and equity.”

Peach Gallery: Leslie said CALC has “been a bedrock in our community *forever* and is wonderful at bringing diversity issues into the open.”

Board: Lawrence said it’s a great project and the Fair should certainly support it. Joseph thanked CALC and Angela for doing this.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

CONSIDER DONATION TO COMMUNITY PUPPET THEATER

Bear moved and Lawrence seconded that the Board donate \$500 to the Community Puppet Theater.

Background: Norma Bengiat-Zasloff is the director of the CPT which “welcomes people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and life experience.” This winter is the troupe’s fifth season. The newest production is called “The Magic Camel.” Norma wrote the play to “break down stereotypes and show the commonality between Jews and Muslims.”

Peach Gallery: Grumpy inquired about the group’s tax status. Norma said they are “under the umbrella of the Lane Arts Council,” a 501(c)3.

Board: **Bear said the motion should be amended so that the money goes to Lane Arts Council for the Community Puppet Theatre and Lawrence accepted the amendment.** Lawrence and Bear both spoke in favor of the motion (*Bear said he and his wife met in a puppet troupe*) and Brad said he’d love to see a performance at the Fair.

The amended motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

CONSIDER DONATION TO SPIRALSCOUTS

Diane moved and Brad seconded that the Board donate \$500 to SpiralScouts.

Background: Jennefer Harper, hearth keeper (and member of the Fruit Booth in Community Village), said SpiralScouts “is an alternative scouting organization for boys and girls ages 3-18.” The Eugene chapter started six months ago and has 30 families involved, and a waiting list. They offer the opportunity to earn badges in such areas as recycling, ecology, self-esteem, community service, peace, art, and kindness. Jennefer’s hearth of youngsters named themselves the Sparkley Starflies. There is a yearly fee and they want to be able to provide scholarships. The cover letter also stated that they seek donations for scouting uniforms (a tie-dyed t-shirt with a spiral on it) and to help pay for campground fees and field trips. (*Note: Instead of troops and scout leaders, they use the terms hearths and hearth keepers.*)

Peach Gallery: Grumpy asked about their tax status but Jennefer answered, “I’m sorry. I’m not the treasurer and I’m really not sure.” Andy had looked at their website prior to the meeting and said, “It looks like a fun and wonderful thing, and something we should support.” Jon Pincus (Elder) dittoed Andy’s comment and said he had the same thought when he read an article about the group in the Register-Guard.

Board: Bear thinks “our funds are too limited for a frivolous expenditure like uniforms” and likes the idea of money going to scholarships instead. Diane likes that they have tie-dyed t-shirts. Jack asked if Jennefer would recite the SpiralScouts creed. It’s called the Firefly promise and she said it goes like this, “I promise to serve the Wise Ones, to honor and respect Mother Earth, to be helpful and understanding toward all people, and always keep love in my heart.” Lawrence supports the motion and feels the group “is really in line with our purposes.” Paxton *thinks* the parent corporation is a 501(c)3 but isn’t positive because “it was several weeks ago that I looked at their website.” Marlene got a laugh when she said, “How can we not support an organization with a group called Sparkley Starflies?” and Brad asked the peach gallery “where else can you find this kind of entertainment value on a Monday night.”

(Note: Jennefer told me later that they got a donation of hemp material and organic cotton t-shirts. The Fair's donation will be used for things like scholarships, field trips, and campground fees.)

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Anna and Bear).

APPOINT WRISTBANDS CREW CO-COORDINATOR

Paxton moved and Lawrence seconded that the Board appoint Gretchen Dubie as Co-Coordinator of Wristbands Crew.

Background: Current Coordinator Merrill Levine wrote a letter to the Board explaining that last year her former Co-Coordinator John Chambers “decided to take a year’s sabbatical to reevaluate in what capacity he wanted to continue with the Fair.” To prepare for his possible departure, Merrill asked Gretchen to “step in as an apprentice.” John decided to resign from Wristbands Crew so Merrill is asking that Gretchen be named as his replacement. Gretchen said she “is very excited to work with Merrill.”

Peach Gallery: Leslie thanked Merrill for her excellent work and for training Gretchen, and said she is excited to have Gretchen join the Coordinators group. Grumpy said he’s “glad there’s a lot of energy there” because of the work needed to coordinate wristbands with the Fair’s computerization project. Lara Howe (Recycling Crew Co-Coordinator) said Merrill “is kick-ass, and we are so lucky to have Gretchen too.” She said when John Chambers stepped down, “it left huge shoes to fill.”

Board: Paxton worked with Gretchen before and thinks she’ll do a great job. Bear worked with her on Main Camp Crew and said she “is always a pleasure.” Lawrence thanked John and said “he did great work,” then asked “how can we not appoint someone with the last name Dubie?” (Note: yes of course there was laughter!)

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

ELDERS HELPER PASS

Deane moved and Diane seconded that the Board formalize the Elder Helper Pass as drafted.

Background: Paxton read the proposal that was drafted by the Elders Committee. The Helper Pass is for the physical, emotional support and assistance of a qualified OCF Elder. The protocol states: 1) Any applicant must be a qualified OCF Elder; 2) Application must be made before the deadline; 3) Application must be signed and dated by the qualified OCF Elder; 4) Fee must accompany the application; 5) The total number of wristbands is not to exceed the number approved by the Budget Committee.”

Peach Gallery: Jon supports this proposal that went through “a long and careful process.” He was present at the meeting between Leslie and the committee and said he was “impressed with the process.” Jen-lin said she has “some sense of resistance and I’m not sure why.” She wished she could articulate her feelings better and said she’s not sure she understands the proposal. Mark asked what the pass would cost. (\$50, same as any other pass). Leslie said there are “some bugs to work out with the application and approval process” but she supports the motion and said Operations is ready to work with the Elders Committee on that if this motion is approved. Grumpy hopes this isn’t just a way to bypass trying to get SOP’s for Elders and expressed concern over the phrase “emotional support” which he said is “an open doorway and totally undefinable.” Chris said they intend to set up sub-committees to review pass requests “before it even gets to the full Elders Committee” and they are committed to seeing that the requests are legitimate. Mark dittoed earlier concerns that the proposal seemed incomplete.

Board: Joseph supports the idea of both helper passes and SO’s for Elders but said this proposal “sounds a little too loose to me.” Anna said “something’s not right yet.” She envisions Elders as “a group of skilled mentors but this amount of paperwork and bureaucracy doesn’t fit what I envisioned.” Bear said that “we still don’t have the nighttime population under control and I can’t support expanding new categories of passes.” He suggested if an Elder needs assistance that he get someone to help who already has a pass. Paxton said, “We’re all getting older and we’ll all need help.” He said it didn’t make sense to him to ask for help from someone who already has a pass “because if that person has a pass he already has a job.” Jack wants to make sure Operations is comfortable with this. Leslie said yes, that we “need to provide help for medical hardship cases” and pointed out that there is “no increase in passes associated with this motion” because the budget gives them the same number of passes as last year. Jack said issues about age keep coming up “and this is just the beginning.” He said, “We are a sensitive, caring organization and we’re going to have to be extremely creative. We have to address the issue of some Elders needing assistance.” Deane doesn’t understand where the resistance to this motion is coming from and said, “We’re not talking about crooks; we’re talking about people who have given 20 years to the Fair. Should we parade people in here with wheelchairs and crutches and breathing machines?” Diane said it disturbs her “when younger Board members speak against these proposals. You say there’s too much bureaucracy but if we didn’t do the paperwork it wouldn’t fly.” Lawrence said he is “a radical inclusionist and I trust the good intention of the Family as a whole.” Bear said he changed his mind after listening to others and appreciated “Leslie’s clarification that this won’t change the net number of Elder passes.” Jack apologized if anyone thought he was expressing mistrust for the Elders. Joseph asked, “Can we table this and work it out?” It was 9:15 pm so Marlene called for a short break and afterwards handed the gavel to Bear for the remainder of the meeting. **Paxton suggested amending the motion to read, “Deane moved and Diane seconded**

that the Board accept the Elder helper pass.” This was accepted by Deane and Diane. Paxton then read again the same passage that is quoted in the Background section above with slight changes to numbers 2-4 which now read as follows: 2) Application must be made before the April 1 deadline to the Elders Committee for approval; 3) Application must be made by the qualified Elder; 4) The helper pass pays the standard rate for an OCF pass.” Marlene yielded time to Mark who wanted to add that he also doesn’t mistrust, and that the discussion helped to clarify what he didn’t understand. Brad said he “would like for us to be patient and non-rhetorical about this issue in the future because we have to work together as a team.”

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

COMPUTER PRIVACY POLICY

Deane moved and Joseph seconded that the Board accept the OCF Computer Privacy Policy as written by Assistant Manager Charlie Ruff.

Background: Charlie said working on the IT project (Information Technology) “The Oregon Country Fair needs to collect certain information in order to effectively run the organization and manage events. The OCF values your privacy and accordingly has developed the following policy to protect your rights: The Oregon Country Fair collects information only for its own use. The OCF will not require that you provide any information that is not required for either membership in the organization or participation in an event put on by the organization. If you are a Fair member, information that you have provided will be used to verify membership and to track member eligibility for member benefits. The Fair may also use membership information to contact you for Fair-related purposes. We will also disclose any information which we are required to disclose by law. The Fair will not intentionally disclose nor will we sell any information which you provide to third-party marketers, vendors or other parties. In the future there will be additional opportunities to sign up for information, notifications and other mailing lists. These will be opt-in lists and will be covered with their own set of terms and conditions.” gy) will “unearth a bunch of issues that we will need to address” and this will “probably need to be re-visited on a yearly basis.” He read the policy:

Peach Gallery: Jen-lin asked how the site will be protected against hackers. Charlie said it will be “a secure website with full implementation of security” but added that “There is no system that I know of that is 100% hack-proof.” norma asked the meaning of ‘opt-in lists’. Charlie said that’s when people can voluntarily choose to be on a certain list to get information. norma wants it known that the office gets many requests for phone numbers but never gives them out, even if someone says it’s okay. They take a message and pass it on instead. Grumpy said it’s “important to pass this policy” and the Fair won’t be collecting information such as social security numbers, only information that will “primarily be useful for the Fair and no one else.” He also said, “If you’re on e-mail, your info is probably somewhere on the web already.” Hilary said the Fair would have credit card numbers though if the member paid online and “we need this policy and we need secure systems.”

Board: Deane supports the motion but “hopes we will make room for people who don’t want to use a computer.” **Lawrence suggested changing the second ‘required’ to ‘necessary’ which “means the same thing but sounds better” because it doesn’t repeat a word in the same sentence. Deane and Joseph accepted the amendment.** Jack agrees with Deane and said it will be important “to figure out ways for non-computer people. It will be slower for them, but we can do it.”

The amended motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

CONSIDER GUIDELINES CHANGES

Background: Four proposals to change the Guidelines were read at the January 9 meeting and one was read at the January 30 meeting for discussion tonight. Grumpy’s proposal to delete the amount of the towing fee was deemed an operations issue rather than a policy issue and Bear said that Operations may change the amount without Board approval. He explained that the Board deals with policy, not operations. Four suggested changes were voted on tonight dealing with recycling, craft issues, sound amplification, and inclusion of the Community Agreement and other new language to the first two pages of the book. The amendments from the Craft and Recycling Committees are policy, not operations, because they deal with Board Committees.

GUIDELINE CHANGES TO FIRST TWO PAGES

Bear moved and Jack seconded to accept the amended opening pages of the Guidelines with the *Who We Are* and *Code of Conduct* sections. The first change would add the statement of intent as the very beginning of the Guidelines. Bear read the second change that would be added: “The OCF wants you to have a safe and wonderful experience at the Fair. As the Fair has grown we no longer all know each other, and unfortunately there are people who come to the Fair who take advantage of our open and loving community. Even though the Fair tries hard to prevent problems, inappropriate behaviors sometimes occur. These behaviors can include crimes such as theft, and physical and sexual assault. The OCF Guidelines exist to help us protect the health and safety of all. By signing for your wristband you acknowledge that you have read, and agreed to abide by, the OCF Guidelines, Code of Conduct and the following statement: 1) I agree to be responsible for insuring the safety of minors in my care. I will not leave children unattended at any time while at the Fair; 2) I agree not to sneak people into the Fair, or allow people who do

not have wristbands to stay after public hours, as doing so strains our capacity to take care of one another and our land; 3) I agree to cooperate fully with the Sweep volunteers, including permitting my tent, vehicle, or other camping facility to be swept if requested.”

Peach Gallery: Leslie said she and Greg and Katie from the Board and Sallie from the management team worked hard on this to address the Board’s concerns about the language from last year.

Board: Jack said the Community Agreement has already been passed and this motion just adds it to the Guidelines book. Paxton said he is “not happy with the way it’s written” and referred to a letter that the Board received from Martha Evans who urged the Board to make several changes with the language. Lawrence shared one of Martha’s concerns that the phrase ‘The OCF wants you to have a safe...’ sounds like “there’s the OCF and there’s you but it’s really all *us*.” He said he supports the “intent and substance but has trouble with the form.” Bear called for a vote “to see where we are on this.”

The motion failed: 4 in favor and 6 opposed (Brad, Marlene, Paxton, Deane, Lawrence, Diane).

Bear suggested “breaking this into parts.”

Bear moved and Lawrence seconded that the Guidelines book begin with the Fair’s statement of intent.

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

Paxton moved and Deane seconded that the Board table the second addition and resubmit the language on the Community Agreement.

Board and Peach Gallery: Marlene asked who would do the rewrite. Jack said staff and legal. Paxton offered to help. norma reminded them that the printer’s deadline is just two days after the next Board meeting and “before it goes to the printer it needs to be formatted.”

The motion failed: 2 in favor and 8 opposed (Joseph, Brad, Anna, Bear, Marlene, Lawrence, Jack, Diane).

Lawrence moved and Joseph seconded to add the proposed language to the Guidelines but to change the first sentence to: “All of us at the OCF want to have a safe and wonderful experience at the Fair.”

Peach Gallery: Leslie said she “supports this motion and thinks this is a positive change” but was “very upset that no one from the Board contacted me before tonight with their objections.” Steve W. said this language “has been crafted and re-crafted” and he doubted “that at this late hour the ten of you can make it any better.” Paxton said it’s “better to take the time and get it right tonight.” Marlene said it’s interesting “how much emotion this brings up” both this year and last year.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Paxton and Deane).

CRAFT COMMITTEE GUIDELINE CHANGE

Bear moved and Diane seconded that the Board approve the change to Section 66 that was put forward by the Craft Committee.

Background: Cathy Coulson-Keegan (Crafter) read the suggested addition: “Before or after the hours the Fair is open to the public, sale of handmade or handcrafted items is allowed inside of booths so long as the person or persons who made them are present at the Fair with a valid wristband or pass.” Cathy said they are trying to deal with the problem of imports being sold before or after hours and said this “indirectly addresses the imports issue by clarifying what the juried crafter can present after hours.” She also explained that adding this sentence will “clarify that the guidelines that exist during the public hours can be softened at night to allow development of creativity by Fair family” by allowing crafters to sell non-juried work of their own creation during off hours.

Board: Joseph said this doesn’t call for enforcement. Paxton said it restricts crafts rather than expanding them and it’s “a backhanded way of dealing with imports.” Bear said it “expands what can be sold in a creative way.” Jack said this is “just a clarification with no impact. If the intent is to look Operations in the eye and say this has to be enforced, I don’t think we’re there yet.” Bear yielded time to Leslie who said this is “confusing for Operations. We want an import policy but this leaves us in limbo and causes confusion.” Brad supports both this motion and a strict policy against imports.

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Paxton). *(Note: The next day, Anita Parish (Crafter) contacted the office saying there was a mix-up and the proposal that was brought to the Board was one of the Committee’s earlier drafts. The final draft includes strolling vendors so this topic was added to the March agenda.)*

RECYCLING GUIDELINE CHANGE

Bear moved and Joseph seconded to amend Section 79 by adding the proposed language put forward by the Recycling Committee.

Background: Their proposal asks that the first paragraph be replaced with the following: “In order to meet the Fair’s waste free goals, the use of plastic disposable service ware and utensils is strictly prohibited (excluding coffee lids, plastic straws and stirrers which should be provided only upon request).”

Peach Gallery: Lara said this will “remove petroleum based utensils from our food booths” and explained that the exceptions are noted because they have not yet found an acceptable alternative.

Board: Deane asked if the Recycling Committee worked with the Food Committee on this. Lara said “absolutely.” Joseph said, “Let’s celebrate this.”

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

SOUND AMPLIFICATION GUIDELINE CHANGE

Steve W. read the proposed addition: “There is no sound amplification allowed after midnight with the exception of the Saturday night Main Stage midnight show.”

Deane moved and Anna seconded that the Board accept the proposed change to Section 9 as read by Steve.

Board and Peach Gallery: Paxton wondered if this would affect concerts that the OCF may want to have at other times of the year. Steve said the intent is for it to cover Thursday, Friday, and Sunday nights of the Fair. Brad opposes this and thinks “we should just ask our neighbors to keep it down” and added “earplugs are a great thing.” Deane said the key word here is ‘amplified’ and he said “sound travels.” Grumpy said not everyone “has respect for the people around them.” He said many workers, young and old, couldn’t sleep last year “because you could probably hear the Disco Ball a mile away.” Bear said the current Guidelines already state “No battery-powered amplifiers, radios, tape recorders, or recorded music are allowed on paths..etc..unless provided or approved by the OCF.” He added, “So I think the anti-Disco Ball language is already in the Guidelines.” Joseph said what characterizes the Fair is “not electronic amplified music but the path music.”

The motion failed: 5 in favor and 5 opposed (Brad, Bear, Lawrence, Jack, and Diane).

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7pm at the EWEB Community Room. The agenda, subject to change, will include the following tabled items: Budget Issues; Peach Pages Proposal; as well as the following new business: Consider Capital Projects Requests; Consider Donation to Elmira High School Grad Committee; Consider By-Laws Amendment for Elders Membership; Vaudeville Proposal (Paxton); Amend Guideline Change from Craft Committee.

Minutes by Barbara Edmonds who thanks Ralph Waldo Emerson for the following quote: “As we grow old, the beauty steals inward.”