

**Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors' Meeting
April 02, 2012, 7:00pm at EWEB**

Directors present: Diane Albino, John 'Chewie' Burgess (facilitator), Saman Harnsongkram, Paxton Hoag, Lucy Kingsley (alternate), Jack Makarchek, Deane Morrow, Anna Scott (alternate voting for Indigo), Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence 'LT' Taylor, Bear Wilner-Nugent. **not present:** Indigo Ronlov. **Peach Gallery present:** 22 members and guests, 5 staff (Charlie, Robin, Steve, Andy, Tony), and 3 officers (Hilary, Grumpy, Bill).

Agenda review

Old business: Secretary's report and April donations consent calendar; Radio loans (Chewie); Treasurer's report; Approval of March minutes (Chewie); Logo jurying; Bylaws revisions (LT); Peach Power capital projects (Anna); Create OCF Archive (Deane); Create OCF Archivist position (Deane)

Tabled business: Sponsor Good Works Film Festival (Chewie); Front of the Fair task force (Bear)

New business: Eugene Celebration donation request (Jon); Lane County Network Immigrant Integration statement (Jack); Crafts Lot changes for 2014 (Indigo)

Announcements

The WOW Hall annual membership meeting and Board of Directors election will be held on May 15th. Thirty days of membership before the meeting are required to participate in the election. Jon P

The new Community Village restaurant has been selected and will be called Mama Mundo's Village Café; they will be bringing mycelium culture to the Fair. The OCF Food Committee assisted in the selection process and their help is appreciated. Jen-Lin

About 250 craft applications have been received, roughly 180 new and 70 returning. About 20 will probably be accepted. Jeff H

The application deadlines for the 2012 Fair entertainment, craft sales and food sales have passed; Teen Crew deadline is April 15th. Robin

Culture Jam registrations have begun. Returning youth must call the Fair office (541-465-2230) between April 1-April 15th and new youth must call between April 15th and May 1. Robin

2012 OCF Guidelines are ready. Thanks to norma sax and Lynn Marx for kicking out yet another fun and factual guidelines booklet. The Guidelines are available on the oregoncountryfair.net website now. You can pick up a printed copy from Quartermaster or Registration during Main Camp. Robin

The annual Oregon Country Fair kick-off party (aka the Spring Fling) at the WOW Hall is on May 5th starting at 6:30pm. The event is free but you can buy tickets for the Spring Fling raffle! The raffle will benefit Culture Jam's scholarship fund again for the second year. Please contact norma at the OCF office to donate an item or service. Thank you everyone who has donated (artwork, fair booth gift certificates and more) to the raffle. Raffle tickets are available at the Eugene Saturday Market at Sue Theolass' booth (beeswax candles #341 near the entertainment stage) and will be sold at the Spring Fling as well. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Robin

OCF is partnering with City of Eugene Recreation on another 1-day youth event, Be The Change, on May 19th from 10am-4pm. Teens 14-18 will come together with a staff of artists, youth workers and activists to explore how they can make positive changes in their lives, their community and the world at large. The event is free but registration is required. Call me at the Fair office to sign-up (541) 465-2230. Robin

The annual Booth Registration packet has gone out to all Food and Craft Booths. The deadline for returning packets is May 1. Robin

Tickets to the Fair went on sale April 1 at 10am, a couple of weeks earlier than in the past. Log on to the TicketsWest website to find them. Tony

People can use Facebook to share the news and links about the on-line ticket sales. Sara

The 10th annual Sasquatch Brew Festival, benefiting the Northwest Legends Foundation and featuring blues music, is on May 12th at the Hilton in Eugene. See me if you want to volunteer. Chewie

We sadly note the passing, last Saturday, of a long time Fair vendor Joe Cotter. He is known for the art at various McMenamins establishments. Chewie

Member Input

Dance for a Reason representatives expressed their deep appreciation to the Board and Fair Family for the recent Board donation. They gave us roses and a card.

Chris Browne read the following letter: *"The active participants at the recent Council of Elders meeting discussed at length the department that took place during the processing of a specific motion at last month's board meeting. An agreement was reached by all parties present that the following letter be read into the minutes of this board meeting. "We are an association of equals. Each and every member of our community is entitled to respectful and equitable treatment by all other participants. The Guidelines apply whenever and wherever we gather for OCF activities. The OCF is unlike any organization in the world, intentionally maintaining a spirit of love, and honest respect for each other, not as a cute rhetorical bumper sticker, but as a core value we all bring to the organization as a basic tenant of our lives. Furthermore, it is that value that we are not only committed to as individuals, but also as the most valuable thing that we hope to share with our membership, our community and the broader world. The recent public discussions of you folks, our dear board, were not in keeping with those values and beliefs. We are not addressing the specific issues that were being discussed (in this instance board passes, we can address that in another forum), but rather are addressing a slippage in the spirit of the fair that has caused us, as your elders, much concern. We do not pretend to have all the answers, but are bringing this concern to you now in the hope that in our collective wisdom, we will again remember who we are and what has brought us together in this wonderful group of loving, creative people who share so much. The Council attendee's request that each OCF board member and officer attend Zak's humanistic intervention class, for the full session and really pay attention to it. We expect our board members and officers to treat each other respectfully, whether it's resolving problems or just having fun."*

The subject of ethics was raised at the last meeting; the most ethical arrangement regarding passes for Board members is to decouple the Board members from dependence for access on anybody they supervise. Jon P

I will attend Zak's intervention class and will and sit up front so I can hear. Deane

The Peach Power project to utilize mycelium for remediation and ecological functioning on the Fair site is going well. I really appreciate the opportunity to use my training at the Fair site and I hope the Fair will keep options open for people to practice their craft. Jeffrey

Please support the motions for the Archive project and for a person to oversee it. Licia

Speaking as a relic myself, I too support the Archives project proposals. Hal

Board Donations

Secretary's report: The Board has donated \$2500 so far this year. Three donation requests totaling \$1500 are on new business for next month: Bring Back the Bow (\$500, LT sponsors), Lane Peace Center (\$500, Chewie sponsors), and Veneta Community Dinner (\$500, Jon sponsors).

Donation requests totaling \$1500 are on tonight's consent calendar: CALC Peace Scholarship (\$500, Diane sponsors), Earth Day Committee (\$500, Diane sponsors), and Rural Art Center (\$500, Chewie sponsors). The donations calendar passed 10-0.

Chewie moved, Paxton seconded, to loan Fair radios to the Oregon Supported Living Program for use at their May 12 bike event and to loan four radios to Habitat for Humanity for use at a July 22 fundraiser. Charlie checked with Ichabod and confirmed the radios will be available on those days. **The motion passed 9-0-1 (Jon abstains)**

Approve Minutes

Chewie moved, Bear seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 05, 2012 Board meeting. Tony said his comment about "no take-backs" was followed by an explanation point in the minutes and it should have been followed by a question mark. Anna asked for a friendly amendment to amend the explanation point to a question mark. **The minutes, as amended, were approved 8-0-2 (Saman and LT abstained).**

Old Business

Treasurer's report: Hilary said the bookkeeping errors on the balance sheet, due to the Quick Books update, have been corrected.

Logo Jurying: Jeff Harrison said the Board votes were counted with the assistance of Steve and the results are ready to be announced. He said this year's process change where the Board considers just

new items and past items are grandfathered is much easier. All of the four new items received enough positive votes to be accepted: a canvas pack-9; a Fair game-8; an embroidered peach patch-8; and a silk screened peach-9.

Bylaws changes: LT said there are five changes and they will be considered in separate motions.

LT moved, Bear seconded, that the bylaws of the Oregon Country Fair be amended so that the following section will provide as follows: Article IX, Section 6, Vice President. The Vice President shall perform such duties of the President as the President may delegate to the Vice President. In the event of the death of the President, the Vice President shall become President for the unexpired portion of the President's term. The Vice President shall have all the authority and powers of the President during any period of time that the Board determines the President is incapacitated. After discussion, the motion passed 10-0. Peach Gallery: Grumpy asked about the vote required to pass (2/3rd's) and if a bylaw change should be posted before adoption. Bear and LT indicated the only requirement is to provide notice of the intent to amend. Jon P noted bylaws are the rules of the road and need careful attention, especially if there is a change. Joseph said it would make good sense to publicize amendments before adopting. **Board:** LT said only the first sentence in this amendment is new and the rest was already in the bylaw; the Board's intention to amend the bylaws has been on the agenda for at least 2 months.

LT moved, Paxton seconded, that the bylaws of the Oregon Country Fair be amended so that the following section will provide as follows: Article IX, Section 2, Election/Term. The officers are to be elected by the Board of Directors at its annual Board meeting or in the event that an office becomes vacant at any other time of year. There shall be no requirement that an officer be a director. Each officer shall serve until the next annual Board meeting or until their death, resignation, or removal from office. After discussion, the motion passed 10-0. Peach Gallery: Grumpy noted the change is the added phrase "or removal from office" and asked how that would be carried out (Bear said it is provided for in another section). Hilary noted that officers are selected at the Board retreat. Chewie said that is the time of the Board's annual meeting.

LT moved, Chewie seconded, that the bylaws of the Oregon Country Fair be amended so that the following section will provide as follows: Article IX, Section 9, Vacancies. Except as provided in section 6 of this Article, any vacancy in an office may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board. The motion passed 10-0. (The amendment brings this bylaw into alignment with the Section 6 vice-president provisions.)

LT moved, Paxton seconded, that the bylaws of the Oregon Country Fair be amended so that the following section will provide as follows: Article IX, Section 3, Secretary. The responsibilities of the Secretary shall be as follows: to keep a current book of records containing the minutes of all meetings of the Fair, a copy of the Certificate and Articles of Incorporation, a copy of the bylaws, the names and addresses of the Board of Directors, and a roll of the members; to make such book of records accessible to the members upon reasonable notice; to act as a proxy for members electing to appoint a proxy in accordance with Article VI, Section 7, to select a date for the Director's meeting and to give notice for all meetings as required by the bylaws; to be responsible for the recording of minutes and to provide each Director with a copy thereof; and to work with the registration coordinator prior to each Fair in order to assure accurate membership records. The powers of the Secretary shall be such as are consistent with the duties enumerated above. The motion passed 9-0-1 (Jon abstained). (The requirement to maintain a current Post Office Box in the name of the Fair was removed.)

LT moved, Deane seconded, that the bylaws of the Oregon Country Fair be amended so that the title to Article VI, Section 1 shall read: Annual Meeting. The motion passed 10-0. (The "s" was removed from "Annual Meetings".)

Anna moved, Chewie seconded, that the Board approve Peach Power capital funding for six projects: two for solar electric work, one for energy efficiency, two for composting technology and one for transportation. After discussion, the motion passed 10-0. Peach Gallery: Hilary said these are good projects and necessary but we should clarify the process; it has worked out well this year but was not conducted as originally envisioned. Steve offered his enthusiastic support, saying these are all good improvements and investments; this funding takes pressure off the regular capital project process. Jon P asked for an explanation of the transportation item. Charlie said the funding process needs a way to consider the possible staff ramifications. **Board:** LT thanked Anna for her efforts. Anna described each of the projects: 1) expansion of the grid tied solar array by 3.9 kilowatts; 2) maintenance of the Solar

Roller; 3) collaboration with Crew Services to improve LED lantern lighting; 4) funds for the next phase of lab work for the compost remediation work; 5) set up of three, non-event related, composting toilets; and 6) installation of metal bike racks for public and volunteer use during the event. Paxton said the composting toilets are 35 year old technology dating back to use in the Village. Hilary said the process needs wider discussion so all issues, such as the need for permits for these toilets, are considered. Chewie expressed his appreciation for this funding system and for Anna's and the Peach Power Committee's work. Jon said permits need to be resolved prior to any spending. Charlie said there will be oversight regarding the permits.

Deane moved, LT seconded, that the Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors officially create the Oregon Country Fair Archives and adopt the OCF Archives Vision Statement in support thereof: *"The OCF Archives seeks to support the vision of the Fair by preserving its history and cultural heritage manifest in the official records of both the organization and the annual event (correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, founding documents, publications, artifacts, ephemera and all other documentary sources). The purpose of the Oregon Country Fair Archives is to collect, organize, preserve and make these records available for use by the Oregon Country Fair Board, staff and Fair Family, and for research by community scholars and other interested parties. Stewardship of the Oregon Country Fair via the archives attends to both authenticity of record and history as well as accountability to community and Fair Family members."* After discussion, the motion passed 10-0.

Peach Gallery: Charlie said this motion is a formal step in the process and this official act is needed to enable the plans; materials have been collected in recent years and it's time to make the move forward. Jerry Joffe said he has been working on this project for two years and he introduced a guest, Terry Baxter, who is a Multnomah County archivist and a member of the National Society of American Archivists. He said Terry has been attending recent Fairs and is excited to help this project. Terry said archives are for the broader society, now and in the future; local community and culture are exposed by preserving the archives of the time; archiving is a passion and is a way to speak for the dead. Charlie thanked Terry for coming down and for his comments and help; this means we can capture our history, legacy and identity; we need this project so we can comfortably go forward with change while knowing we have preserved our past. Grumpy said archives are incredibly important but we need to be cautious; this work could become very expensive and the funding should be done through regular Budget process; we are a volunteer organization and expenditures should not get to the point of paying people or to the point of paying for things. Charlie said the spending so far has been for restoration. He said there are grants available for this type of work and there are partners in the community, such as U of O, Lane County Historical Society, Folklife, Oregon Cultural Trust, who open up possibilities and associations. Chris said the OCF Elders Committee supports this project and he read a statement: *"The Oregon Country Fair Elder Committee enthusiastically endorses and supports the establishment of an official Oregon Country Fair Archives as presented to the OCF Board of Directors by Jerry Joffe and Charlie Ruff. As Country Fair Elders, we realize that among our responsibilities is the preservation of our unique and culturally significant history for future generations. We understand the need for an all encompassing and consistent process to accomplish such an archival project utilizing the organization, security and preservation such a professionally facilitated project would guarantee. A program such as this will encourage the donation of precious memorabilia currently residing in personal collections and put it to best use in preserving our long and unparalleled history."* Jeff H asked that we recognize and honor the life's work and habits of our friend Wally Slocum who would have been paying close attention to this idea. Jon P said the Board should pass the motions for this project because it is important for fulfilling our educational goals. Joseph said after 35 or 40 years that efforts should be made to recover a complete collection of the original newsletters of the organization. Steve pointed out preservation of the photos of this January's major flood, which are scrolling on Grumpy's pc tonight, will be valued someday. Jen-Lin spoke to the importance of cheap art being made available to the masses. Jerry said there are no intentions to buy archive materials; a "deed of gift" can be issued to record each donation. **Board:** Deane noted this motion has the full support, in the form of two letters, of the History Crew and of Archaeology; Archeology has asked to have a representative on the committee. Jon said a major expense could be the establishment of a climate controlled facility at some point in the future and there will probably be an overlap of the archives with the Archaeological records which also require a climate controlled environment. Anna noted this is a motion to start the project and other decisions will follow about facilities and about when and how as we continue down the path. Paxton said we need a good process to avoid instances similar to the time he loaned a 1969 poster to the History Booth and it

was subsequently lost. Chewie said he supports this for the community cultural significance and the need to preserve artifacts; he has a first year photo ID and he has a number sign "no. 9" from a booth that was used the Crow Road site that he will donate. Diane said she is happy with this motion and she noted that what was on display last year at the museum was only about 10% of their collection; displays would be nice. LT said he is delighted to see the merging of his two passions, OCF and history, and in looking forward to the 100th Fair, we probably won't be here but will have told the history about our little biosphere and plot of land. Saman said it is important to capture the stories that the people tell about their times at the Fair. Jerry said there are already archival efforts going on at the Fair and this could help draw them all together. The motion passed.

Deane moved, Paxton seconded, that the Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors direct Operations staff and the OCF Bylaws Committee to research and explore the creation of an officer position of OCF Archivist, and to return to the Board a detailed recommendation of the expected roles, responsibilities and job description for such a position. After discussion, the motion passed 10-0. Peach Gallery: Hilary said the position should be a volunteer position but wondered if it should be an officer of the corporation. Charlie said the motion is to explore and recommend, the concept may or may not come into being but we should do the legwork with the Bylaws Committee to get to a good decision; we should start with a volunteer. Terry Baxter said its right to start with a volunteer because things build slowly and incrementally with collection, preservation, organizing and material availability; when the project is fully functioning, the position might become a job. Charlie said one reason to explore this position is to empower someone who can sign off on deeds of gift and who can act on behalf of the Fair with some credentials; having some position status has was advised by other organizations. Hilary said she understands the duties, doesn't understand the officer position, and agrees that it may become a staff position someday. Jon P said we need a key person but is not sure about needing an officer. Joseph said creating an officer is unprecedented; the GM already has special volunteer positions who report to staff. Chris said this motion is only to explore and not to make the decision tonight. Bill W said these motions are good. **Board:** Anna wondered if we need a motion in order to just explore possibilities and bring back ideas. Jack said this motion directs the Bylaws Committee to work with Operations. Chewie asked for a friendly amendment to remove the officer part. Charlie said the question is to determine if we should make this an officer position. Paxton said the only reason to direct this to the Bylaws Committee is if it's about an officer; we could appoint a volunteer to start the process now but we would need to reword the motion and we could table it for now. Jon said he supports exploration of an officer position and would expect to hear back if it's a good option, or not a good option, or is one of a number of options. Diane said she is not sure about an officer but is sure we need this discussion and should include other groups. Bear said he doesn't like the officer idea because the confidentiality of Board activities doesn't seem important to the position. Jack said we need an archivist and it needs to be elevated to Bylaws; a "non-executive officer" or some other creative idea could help nail this down; we are not quick to change so some time for a person to become comfortable in the role is important, time that would avoid the uncertainty of a Board election each year, we should give it the respect of the Bylaws, and in the interim we have mechanisms and can delegate responsibilities to move ahead while we work to get this set up the right way. LT said, as the third Board member and Bylaws Committee member to speak to this tonight, the Bylaws Committee and a group of persons could hammer out details of the need and of a recommendation; the results will be good if they come from collective wisdom. Paxton said the Bylaws Committee might slow it down; we should just appoint a volunteer Archivist. Chewie said he will support the notion and the motion, we should get going and the Bylaws are the right place to get it rolling so be creative and go forward. The motion passed.

Staff Reports

General Manager (Charlie R): *As I write this I can see the water rising and I am hoping that it will stop raining soon so we can dry out a little bit. Between the recent snow event and the ongoing flooding we can't even really assess what damage has occurred much less gauge what it will take to put things back in order. It is safe to assume there will be much to do to get our site ready for the upcoming season as well as the event. I hope that folks who might be directly affected by the impacts will engage as early in the season as they can, so there will be fewer last minute surprises left to deal with. Even though we don't yet fully know what we are up against, I know that our amazing volunteers and the entire Fair Family will pull together and put on our best show yet.*

Last month I told you about our push to get our tickets on sale earlier than ever this year. In that spirit I am thrilled to say that our 2012 Online Pre-Sale is underway and tickets are now available. This is a full month earlier than our on sale date for many years and is two weeks earlier than previous Pre-Sales. It's a great incentive for friends and family, who know they are coming to the Fair, to purchase early and get some fantastically artful Fair commemorative goods for doing so. It also gets us in the landscape of summer festival and music event as people are making their purchase decision earlier than ever before. The Pre-Sale lasts through April 16th at which point our tickets will be available through all the usual outlets, online and by phone. So far, since 10:00AM yesterday we have sold nearly \$6,000 in tickets, most of which is comprised by 76 3-day tickets. By comparison we brought in \$16,000 for the entire two week window last year, so we are off to a fine start.

We are working on a partnership event for the afternoon of Sunday, the 16th with Travel Lane County. Their new Adventure Center at Gateway is a TicketsWest outlet and we are planning an outlet kickoff event there that would bring visitors and attention to both the visitor center and the Fair.

Our posters are going to press and will hopefully be in release in time to support the TLC event and the full ticket on sale date of the 16th. Thanks to James Bateman for working hard to help us get the poster and many other of our marketing materials together and in place for this earlier time line. Additionally, we just finalized the translated text and will doing a first ever Spanish language poster this year.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the March Coordinator Potluck at the LCC Longhouse, which you may recall the OCF helped fund. It was a great meeting in a great space. It was very useful to imagine what our own version of such a space might look like out on site. Several members of the Community Center committee were in attendance and we talked about the powerful effect such a gathering space can have in defining and building community. A special thanks goes to Dean Middleton for facilitating the even with the folks at LCC for us.

I would like to give you update on our shuttle bus service for 2012 and let you know that we may well be able to do the service the same way we did it last year. I believe that we have been able to get the remaining private providers to allow us to work with LTD to provide the service from the Downtown Station. We don't have it all finalized contractually quite yet but we have paper and verbal agreements in place that should make it possible. LTD's fully allocated rate for 2012 was scheduled to take a dramatic hike this year to \$163 per bus hour, however we were able to successfully make the case with them that a Non Profit's like the OCF and others should not incur the fully allocated rate and their board agreed to hold our rate to \$142 per bus hour. We are looking forward to another great year of mass transit to the Fair.

We have finished our insurance review for 2012 and our policies have now all been renewed as of April 1st. We were able to make some significant improvements to our coverage's and even after adding the new Territorial property our rates have gone up only \$500 for the year. We will have a new volunteer injury provider with much better coverage and have resolved a long standing issue around coverage for volunteer firefighters and I am very pleased with where this puts us in these regards. We managed to negotiate the removal of several other exclusions and I feel we have the best coverage package I can remember as we go into the season.

I want to let you know that the COLA amount for 2012 came in at 2.85%. We have adjusted the payroll to reflect this for the staff members that are not currently on a step table or have reached the top of their step table. We projected our 2012 salary budget numbers based on a placeholder figure of 2.6%. This will result in an increase of about \$300 dollars above our overall projection.

I am happy to report, that at the Path Planning meeting in March, the committee passed a motion of recommendation to the board that was included in your packet. The recommendation is for a 2014 time line for implementing Craft Lot as public space. This is the outcome of a lot of work by the committee and I thank them for their efforts. There will be a motion added to new business to adopt the recommendation and I urge you support this important part of our event and our future.

Also in your BOD packet is a request for an organizational pledge of support for the Lane County Network for Immigrant Integration's Statement of Principles. There is no funding attached to this they are only looking for our affirmation. This will be added to new business so please review the statement and hopefully you will want to lend our support to this effort that so clearly aligns with several of our OCF Goals, particularly that of diversity.

I want to remind everyone to join us at the WOW hall for the Spring Fling, this year on Saturday May 5th. The band will be Medium Troy and we will of course have the best raffle ever, so come out and kick up your heels as we get the season started.

Site Manager (Steve W): March was a very eventful month with two more floods, a snowstorm, a lot of tree damage, more bank and path erosion and Andy's birthday. The site is flooded right now (April 2). I want to give an early thanks to the Tree Crew, VegManECs and Site Crew for the workload that is coming our way. We will need all of April and May and more to make the site safe and to recover from the five flood events this winter. Our volunteer mechanics are geared up and repairs on the Fair fleet of trucks and tractors are underway. The spring Wildflower Walk is April 28th, starting at 1pm at the Hub. The next Highway pickup is April 29th, gather at 10am at the Warehouse or catch up a Maple Gate shortly after 10am. Anyone visiting the site should be looking up and watching overhead for hanging limbs or damaged trees that might yet fall in windy conditions. Anyone that wants to come out, pitch in and help with site cleanup should meet up with site staff on Saturdays or Sundays. The first trillium of the spring has been spotted and it's a time of rebirth.

Caretaker (Andy S): David Hoffman is a timeless volunteer who almost never misses a weekend and he deserves some special recognition. He and I have been turning and working the compost for several years and he always gets me and gets the work started. We took the temperature last week and discovered we are ahead of schedule so we will start screening soon and have it ready for the Recycling Crew. David is tenacious about getting the work done, is the best volunteer the Fair could have, and he deserves our thanks.

Office Assistant (Robin B): The office has been like an on-ramp as the application deadlines pass. It's exciting to see people coming in and calling and thinking ahead to the event. The Be the Change event will have the benefit of our lead facilitator Alan Wong and is an act of philanthropy; we give this to the young people. We ask *"How can we make a positive difference in our own lives, the lives of others, and the world at large? Unleash your powerful potential. Come together with a diverse group of teens from across the city, express yourself on issues you care about, and take part in creative workshops with inspiring local artists and activists. The world needs your ideas and imagination, so come join us at Be the Change and let your voice be heard!"* It means a lot to help our youth.

Assistant Manager (Tony C): There is tons going on right now and last weekend included many long hours working on the website. All that could be happening is happening. It's exciting, buy tickets!

Committee Reports

The Path Planning Committee: Dennis Todd (former co-chair) spoke: *We recognize that the Fair needs more public space. We advocate that the Fair open the entire Crafts Lot to the public in 2014. We have developed a plan called the maximum flexibility plan, which will minimize the permanent structures, and, if permitted, allow for a 2nd weekend event in the summer if possible. The Board is asked to authorize this plan.* Anna asked where we can find the plan. Dennis said the graphic is still being prepared and the plan will be on the "ocfpathplanning.org" website soon. Indigo will make the motion next month.

The Committee met on March 18th at Alice's with twenty six people in attendance. The minutes from the February meeting along with two small corrections were approved and posted on the Path Planning web site. Several members of a dance group expressed their thoughts and desires for a stage presence in the Crafts Lot development. They are looking for a possible world music and dance stage area. Committee members made a presentation of the Path Planning processes over the last six years of developing new areas for public access to improve the overall quality and quantity of the fair experience. This was a good revue for the committee members and board members that were present for this meeting. Up to date there have been three proposal maps of ways to develop the Crafts Lot for public access and these are all available on the PP web site. A fourth design concept map was presented at this meeting and discussed at great lengths. This design concept takes into consideration many of the ideas and suggestions from interested fair family members. This map will also be posted on the PP website under Maps. The Committee worked on putting together a recommendation to the Board of Directors to open the Crafts Lot to the public starting in 2014. After lengthy discussion a written recommendation was approved and will be submitted to the Board. The recommendation reads as follows: The Path Planning Committee recommends that the Crafts Lot be opened to the public in 2014 following the principle of maximum flexibility exemplified by Map #4 and incorporating fair family feedback. The Committee worked on the Path Planning work plan thru the 2012 fair year. This includes

what we need to do and when it needs to be done. A very educational discussion was conducted about the heritage trees on the fair site. Where are they located and how can we educate the people about helping to preserve them. These trees were on site long before we got there and with our help, they will still be there long after we have moved on. The next regular Path Planning meeting will be on April 15th with the location to be determined by the weather at the time; either Alice's if very cold and wet or the Hub if the weather is nicer.

The Elders Committee: *The Committee met in the town office at 7 pm on March 22nd with fifteen people in attendance, including one committee member via Skype. The minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed and approved for posting as written. They are available on the OCF.net web site. The Committee reviewed at length the proposed letter of support to the board pertaining to the motion to create an archival process to preserve the fair's history. The Elders are very much in favor of seeing some system of preservation established and will do whatever they can to aid in this endeavor. This letter is included in the board information packet and will be read into the record from the gallery when the motion is presented. The Committee reviewed and approved twenty three new applications for Elders status. This brings the total number of active Elders to six hundred and fifty seven for the 2012 year's fair. There have been a total of seventy three people approved this year. The Elders held their spring retreat at Alice's over the past weekend. The meetings commenced at 10 am on Saturday morning and concluded at 6 pm. A very nice dinner was provided and some live entertainment occurred to make the evening enjoyable. Sunday's meetings commenced at 10 am and a summary was conducted at 1 pm. Some of the subjects discussed were the activities planned for the Still Living Room this year and a permanent location within the fair area to one day have an Elder's craft booth among other things. Also camping mapping and work details were under discussion. Ways to improve fair family participation in the voting process were discussed as well. The Council of Elders held a meeting at 2 pm after the retreat had concluded with the subject being ways to focus on Elders helping Elders all year long and not just during the fair. These discussions as usual are rather lively and also very informative. The next regular Elders Committee meeting will be held in the town office on Thursday, April 26th at 7 pm.*

President's Peace

The river is really raging. I was sitting on a bench and the water was running, it helped me think about us and Crafts Lot. Some of our main entertainment is situated in the lowest spots on the property and are somewhat confined so people just walk past and the audiences are limited to 200 or so. We hope all will embrace the expansion and this maximum flexibility concept; and we hope everyone will recognize the sacrifices of those who will be affected. The plan will enable more people to see the performers, much like the spaces at Chela Mela where entertainers can be seen by many.

Elders Committee, I heard what was said and want to say that Boards can get carried away at times, and we can reflect on these last two Board meetings and our limits, but let's not take the passion out of the Board, and remember that we all love each other. Thank you, Chris.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm. The next regular meeting is May 7th at 7pm at EWEB.

Tentative agenda for May:

Secretary's Report and Donations Consent Calendar (Bring Back the Bow; Lane Peace Center; Veneta Community Dinner)

Treasurer's Report and Budget

Approve minutes from the April 2 Board meeting (Indigo)

Good Works Film Festival sponsorship (Chewie)

Front of the Fair task force (Bear)

Eugene Celebration donation request (Jon)

Lane County Network Immigrant Integration (Jack)

Crafts Lot motion (Indigo): "I move to adopt the Path Planning Committee's recommendation to open the Craft's Lot to the public in 2014, following the principles of maximum flexibility as exemplified in map #4, as well as incorporating Family feedback."