

**Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors' Meeting  
June 29, 2014, 4:03, Alice's Fire Pit, Oregon Country Fair site**

**Board members present:** Diane Albino (alternate), John 'Chewie' Burgess, Casey Marks Fife, Paxton Hoag, Jack Makarchek (president), Indigo Ronlov (vice-president), Kirk Shultz, Jon Silvermoon, Sue Theolass, Bear Wilner-Nugent. **Peach Gallery present:** Staff (norma, Robin, Shane), Officers (Hilary, Randy)

**Agenda Review**

Agenda Review, New Business, Announcements, Reports, Member Input, Secretary's Report, Consent Calendar, Treasurer's Report, Old Business, President's Peace

**New Business**

Jack: For New Business, I want to act on Shane's probation period ending and move this motion from New to Old Business.

Jon: I want to consider advocacy donations for ballot initiatives in August, co-sponsoring with the Bear Jon: donation/sponsorship to the festival of Eugene, which is an alternative to the Eugene Celebration.

Casey: The GMO motion is tabled until the August meeting.

Paxton: LUMP committee appointment is tabled until the August meeting.

**Announcements**

Bear: Coordinators, please get your meal counts in no later than the end of the preceding meal.

norma: The Teddy Bear Picnic is on August 16<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed.

Paxton: I am passing pictures around of the mushroom filter that we built for doing the grey water experiment. It is fully colonized and functional. We are planning on installing it by the Screen House.

Dennis Todd is working with a group of students that are testing the water every day. I am pleased at the amount of support I've gotten for the filter including George at the Sauna who's interested in being included in future projects.

Bear: Coordinators and Crew Leaders can pick up your 4<sup>th</sup> of July wristbands from QM starting now. If you don't have a packet of wristbands for your crew contact Patty Ro.

Chewie: Camping Crew is asking everyone to tag your tent before you pitch your tent. If you are putting a tent in a place for the first time, clear this with your coordinator who will work with Camping Crew's Mayhem who is located at Main Camp.

Hilary: There are 16 dance fusion dancers that during the Fair will be giving us a preview of the possibilities for the Dance Pavilion. They will be at Monkey Palace at 4:00p on Saturday with Mister Moo and Nomad Dance.

**Staff reports**

Shane: Everything's coming along great. The Dragon is really shaping up. As I look around this group, I see several people that have been working tirelessly for quite some time. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for putting in such an effort.

norma: Thank you to all the volunteers who've done so much.

Robin: It has been great to watch the Fair come together from town side. Culture Jam is also coming together and is three weeks after the Fair.

**Committee**

Michael: This is the LPFM second quarterly report. Robin mailed a copy to the board. The most important thing coming up is the antennae permit. Thom Lanfear is working to determine if this permit is needed.

norma: The Jill Heiman Vision Fund – when you get your food vouchers, put one in the JHVF box and you can then have all the cheese cake you want and know that you did good.

Kirk: Speaking to both CLOG and Path Planning – Path Planning hasn't had a meeting in the last few days towards the Craft Lot. This year's Bubble is coming together in new and colorful ways. We will be sharing a number of informational pieces in the Bubble area so everyone can see next year's Craft Lot plan. There will also be a Community Center kiosk to show ideas and planning. A Dance Pavilion survey to determine what kinds of dance activities can be filled out in this area as well.

Hilary: For the Flow Arts area this year there is a large area for acroyoga, staff, and poi. We've engaged with a group called Toy Box who brings a whole bunch of toys to practice circus arts. There is a small schedule that is in the Peach Pit. The 'Yes You Canopy' in Chela Mela is what Flow Arts is in the Bubble.

Justin: The only thing not mentioned was the Steward-Ship, which is a great opportunity to espouse the stewardship that we are doing onsite.

Chewie: I want to add something relevant to the stewardship. I saw a male scarlet tanager the other day and I've never seen one on the property.

Hilary: This year is giving us a good test run for the Crafts Lot, like, rental tents, setup, pulling equipment together, and engaging with people that have not been on the site before. So, thank you Charlie for having the foresight to spread this over a couple of years. We are really going to have a solid foundation for next year.

Kirk: As we are building all the new spaces, don't forget to enjoy watching the building in our space. The CLOG effort has begun to bring fruit.

### **Member Input**

Chewie: Tag before you pitch! The cleared space is for the 1600 people that are moving from the Crafts Lot. Tents without a tag will be taken down.

Jen-Lin: For the Camping Crew, I want to thank everyone that helped clear the South Woods. There have been a number of work parties that helped immensely. From the Elections Committee, now is a good time to determine if you are going to run for the Board in October. Candidate statements are due in August, but now is when you have prime networking time. More information will be coming at:

<http://oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/Committees/CommitteeHome.php>

Casey: How might one register as a member and be able to vote in the election?

Chewie: There are registration forms at QuarterMaster now, at Registration when you get your passes, and at the Information booths during the Fair.

Jen-Lin: There are also registration forms: <http://oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/memberform.pdf>

Brad: As crew moves into their campsites, please look up before you pitch your tent. Tree and Site crews have done an amazing job, of clearing the hazards from all the public spaces. That does not exempt us from all the acreage in the area where we camp. If you find a branch that is hazardous, go to QM and get it in the Tree book and report exactly where you are.

Kirk: Thank you to all the crews out working. It has made pre-Fair an amazing experience. Kitchen and QuarterMaster do not get noticed, but does a lot of work pre-Fair. Also a biased shout out to my own Construction crew that has created things we've never created before.

Paxton: I want to thank Tim Holtz for the 70 LED lights he's making for Recycling. These lights will go in the Recycling kiosk areas to identify them. This came as a challenge that I threw out to the LED Fairies list last year. These lights use dead batteries and get the last little juice out of them.

Sleeve: This has been a long and difficult problem and now it's solved.

Mouse: I want to share my joy and amazement for the energy around this place. The Fair itself is cosmic thing, but watching the fair before hand makes me feel good. At the Old Timers picnic last night, I watched the beehive of energy coming out of the kitchen. It's really cool.

Chewie: I wanted to thank every single person who has worked for months before Main Camp opened. I also want to re-emphasize what Brad said on the 'look up' and there are trees still in the canopy.

Dean: I'd like to give a big thanks to Shane and crew for the new pedestrian path in off Suttle Road to allow our thousands of people from the neighborhood camps to come in.

Robin: In honor of Culture Jam and our effort to steward the land, we will be giving out Culture Jam water bottles to all of the kids and staff members. These bottles have original art on it -- no more plastic bottles at CJ!

## Secretary's Report

Randy: As we all hit 'full tilt boogie' and go headlong into our three-day event, don't forget to wrap some kindness into your boogie.

## Treasurers' Report

Hilary: Money is flying out this time of the year. We are on that the roller coaster ride. There are many people we need to thank for keep our finances grounded and continue to implement the budget. Many of us have worked other events, so we know that what we do is really special. Our sharing, creating for the future, and handing it off to our youth is very special. We are so lucky to be a part of this.

Jon: Is it true that for the Craft Jury fees, we budgeted 1000 for income and it really is \$2822.38?

Hilary: Yes

## Old business

**Jack moved and Chewie seconded that Shane has fulfilled his probation period and the letter Charlie wrote will suffice for PNP sign off.**

Brad: I'm happy that we're endorsing the PNP as part of the process.

Bear: I second what Brad said, and I'm glad we are doing this today. It makes me very happy.

Jon: I have an opposing viewpoint concerning whether the Board or GM should be making the end of probation decision because the Board retains hiring and firing authority.

Indigo: I want to acknowledge what Shane has been doing. I've witnessed the way you interact with people and it is so generous and kind.

**Motion passes: 10-0**

**Bear moved and Jon seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.**

**Motion passes: 10-0**

**Jack moved and Paxton seconded to have Michael William Miller coordinate and execute the candidate's forum on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hub Yurt. The money for this event will come from the Change Line item.**

Robert: This is the day we picked and have it set with Michael.

Sue: I am a crafter and I make my livelihood on Saturday and I really wish that this were another day.

Bear: I believe that it was a faux pas to not consult the crafters.

Kirk: I would like a friendly amend to have this on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jack: I am fine with the friendly amendment for Sunday at 2:00, assuming that Rich Locus and Michael Miller can make it.

Bear: There are other venues for the Candidate's Forum.

Jack: I will work with Robert to get Rich and Michael, who are the videographer and sound engineer, to see if we can coordinate on a different day if possible. I will accept the friendly amendment for Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>. We can resolve this at August board meeting. The Candidate's Forum cannot continue to be an ad hoc affair. We are trying to move to a solid date. This was at great imposition to those pulling it off, namely Rich and Michael.

Hilary: This came about so that people could see it online. I would remind people there are three venues for candidates to get out their view: via video, at the member meeting and at the Candidate Forum.

JonP: We can get this approved at August meeting.

Robert: There was a bunch of discussion and this was the best date that we could find a month ago.

Jack: The meeting is set to be on Saturday, we'll see if we can move to Sunday, but foremost is to make it happen.

Spirit: Saturday Market and the Oregon Country Fair are interconnected. We are all volunteers, so please keep this in mind. This is a good friendly amendment.

Jon: I am in support of this and any expenses will come out of Change Line item. I would like to have friendly amendment for a budget for the Candidate's Forum at the August Board meeting.

Jack: We can create a new budget line if we need to.

Jon: The Candidate's Forum is different than the general meeting in that it focuses on the candidates and the issues they see the Fair facing. If we wait until the General Meeting a good deal of the membership has already voted.

Indigo: I like that our family has the opportunity to present the candidate's view. Debating questions that are operational is not the same as those that are policy in nature. There is no date that will be good for everyone. Those that cannot make the forum can see the video.

Chewie: The people that are putting the Candidate's Forum have worked very hard to put this together on this date. It may not be feasible to change the date this year. The amendment for the 21<sup>st</sup> is based on what the volunteers can do. I respect the volunteers for all they've done.

Bear: What is the current motion?

Jack: The motion is as I was initially read – **“Jack moved and Paxton seconded to have Michael William Miller coordinate and execute the candidates forum on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hub Yurt. The money for this event will come from the Change Line item.”** We will move to the 21<sup>st</sup> if the coordination by the audio/visual can be accomplished.

Kirk: I appreciate the ability to recognize the Saturday Market dates and times.

**Motion passes: 10-0**

President's peace:

Jack: It's been a long pre-Fair and rather than be specific about the effort, I want to give a deep felt thanks from me personally. Whoever and whatever we've done and contributed, it's taken a toll on people's lives and family lives. I'm not sure how you extend a true appreciation for everyone's contribution, but I want to extend an extreme thanks to all those families. We are going to have a new fresh appearance that came about under the extreme circumstances. All those people have been really important for us to pull this off.

#### **Draft Agenda for August 4 Board Meeting:**

- Approve Board meeting minutes from June 29, 2014
- Consider advocacy donations for ballot initiatives in August, (Jon and Bear co-sponsoring)
- Donation/sponsorship to the Festival of Eugene, an alternative to the Eugene Celebration (Jon)
- All catered volunteer functions of OCF to provide meals with only 100% free GMO foods (Casey)
- Appoint Tom Barr to LUMP Committee (Paxton)

Consent Calendar items:

Oregon Supported Living Program (OSLP) for \$1000 (Chewie)

Friends of Civic Stadium for (Sue)

Eugene Sunday Streets for \$500 ( )

For September:

Youth Empowerment Symposium

Girl Circus for \$1500

Civil Liberties Defense Center (\$500)