

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, APRIL 3, 2000

PRESENT: Charlie Zennache, Etienne Smith, Palmer Parker, Jim Newhall MD, Marlene Monette-Showker, Michele Sharpy, Jim Sahr, Brad Lerch, Lawrence Taylor, Jack Makarchek and Charles Drew & Howard Galvin (alternates).

MINUTES APPROVAL

Michele moved, and Marlene seconded, the minutes of the March 6, 2000, BoD meeting be accepted. Regarding Bi-Mart and Wetlands Mitigation: Lawrence said to strike his first sentence. It should be replaced with the following. "Lawrence said he believes the issue is not 'people vs. birds,' as it was previously framed, since 1)under federal laws, wetland mitigation will occur if Bi-Mart builds in Veneta, whether or not it occurs on our property; 2)restoration work on the Boro pit has admittedly been a low spending priority; and 3)we spend discretionary funds on other projects, such as the Endowment. So, the issue isn't 'people vs. birds,' any more than it's 'Endowment vs. birds.' The issue is where we get our money...." Etienne was dismayed that her comments were not included. "This motion does not address OCF involvement with Bi-Mart, but rather, clarifies the wording and intent of the original motion." Jack added that his comments on this issue were much stronger than expressed in the minutes. "The Teamsters and other labor unions have no problem building and working for the nuclear industry in total disregard of working for a healthy environment." Charlie corrected the comments during the Expansion into the Wooded Understory Moratorium discussion. He said it makes no sense to plant trees and shrubs on the riverbank and then cut down the vegetation on top of the bank.

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

CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sat. 4/15 Highway Pickup. Gather at 10am at the Warehouse.
- Sat. 4/22 Celebrate Mother Earth & Earth Day by planting trees on the Fair Site. Meet at 10am at the Warehouse.
- Mon. 4/24 The Law Reform Group is organizing a debate on April 24, 7pm at Harris Hall between Doug Harclerod and Dan Koenig who are both running for District Attorney. Lil DeSoto reported Dan Koenig has readily agreed while Doug Harclerod has yet to respond. She announced Law Reform witnessed a victory on March 27 when the US Senate passed a law which affects civil forfeiture. The burden of proof is reversed from the victim to the police and provides for indigent attorney.
- Mon. 5/1 Registration packets are due. You may talk with the good folks from Registration every Saturday during the month of April at Saturday Market. 370 craft applications were requested and 226 have been returned.
- Sat. 5/6 Spring Fling at the WOW Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Music will be provided by Ashbury Park!
- Sun. 5/7 Far Side Dedication Celebration. Noon. Use the entry ramp one-half mile west of the West Lane Shopping Center and park along side the dirt road that borders the pond (dependent upon weather and ground conditions).
- Mon. 5/8 Board Work session on Youth Camps. Time and place to be announced.
- Sat. 5/13 Spring Site Clean-up work day. Everyone is welcome. Gather at 10am at the Warehouse.
- Mon. 5/15 Board Work session on the Grievance Process will be held at 7-9pm at Central Presbyterian Church. The group present at the first work session on this issue decided it needs more work to do a possible comprehensive re-write of the existing grievance process.

- Happy Birthday to Etienne & Dr. Jim!

David Hoffman announced the Grass Roots Garden, one of Food for Lane County's programs, may lose much of their garden space as their host wants to expand their building and must include room for a fire-truck turn around. It is sad that prime garden/ farm land will be paved.

MEMBER INPUT

Regi DeSoto (Traffic) expressed concern that a recent letter to Traffic staff stated all teens age 11-18 would have to buy a \$25 teen pass. The Board voted last month to exclude 11 year and 12 year olds from this fee. Arrow (Traffic) apologized for the unintended error.

STAFF & OFFICER REPORTS

General Manager. The long process of purchasing land and pursuing the land swap with the City of Veneta is final. Leslie reported the wonderful news that she, Steve W. and Jack met at Systems West to sign the survey and boundary line documents to be recorded at the County. The OCF received just under 56 acres and the City of Veneta received just over 56 acres. Many fairies and friends deserve much praise for their vision and hard work. This proves that faith and persistence have their rewards. Leslie is proud of the professional conduct the OCF's representatives displayed throughout this process. Please read the related article in this month's *Fair Family News*. Additionally, the OCF paid more than 50% of the land swap costs and may be owed money by the City of Veneta. The land swap agreement terms say both parties are responsible for half of the filing fees, survey costs, and attorneys' fees. Leslie is working on a plan with Lane Transit District (LTD) to move the express shuttle system to two locations: South Eugene High School/Ems Stadium and the downtown hub. LTD has also agreed to accept OCF day of event tickets as bus fare. This will make it easier for folks to take the bus directly from their homes and leave their cars behind. This new plan has a significant budget impact this year as we are purchasing more hours of service at a higher rate than last year, security and toilets in two locations as well. The total request is for an additional \$4,200.

Unfortunately, Leslie & Marshall Landman's (Crew Services Coord) schedules could not mesh this past month. Thus, plans for the showers are not available. Estimates have been submitted for \$8,000 - \$20,000 initially. We will know more next month.

Thanks to Registration and Craft Inventory for their wonderful work. The process was very smooth this year!

Thanks to Tom Keller for mowing the lawn at the town office and keeping the yard looking so spiffy! Thanks to Andyman for great work on the Fair office.

The BUMs for OCF 2000 will be: Sallie Edmunds, Grumpy (aka Steve) Gorham, Ben Sturgill, Zak Schwartz and Doug Green. The Swimmers will be announced next month.

Site Manager. "Spring has certainly sprung on the Fair site, and the number of visitors has increased. It's a beautiful time and place to take a stroll and enjoy the sights: trilliums, violets, hummingbirds, ospreys, and it will get better over the next month as the delphiniums start their bloom. Come on out! And ask AndyMan for a demonstration of the bicycles he's been creating this winter.

The work on site has also increased: thanks go to a large turnout of VegManECs yesterday. We removed the erosion control dams, removed beaver wrapping from trees and raked and cleaned up winter's debris. Andy and I are getting an early start on road repair, and on coreplugging and rehabilitating the grass areas. Thanks go to Site Mechanic, Buck Morris, for yet another repair job on the tractor's four wheel drive assembly, and on the site truck's hydraulic pump.

Once again, we've got LOTS of free, fertile Fair compost available for gardeners: screen a load for yourself, screen a load for the Fair.

To update the Terra Science/Bi-Mart mitigation proposal: no news. The last we heard from Terra Science was in December. What we've heard is that Bi-Mart is continuing to work out details with the Oregon Department of Transportation and the City of Veneta."

Steve also introduced and thanked Jim Stephens, whose business, Aqua-Metrics, has been testing the OCF's various water delivery systems to help insure safe drinking water supply for the Fair.

Caretaker. Andy reported he has been working with the Long Tom Watershed Council's "water quality monitoring program" which began in September '99. The program is doing a monthly baseline monitoring of 17 sites. The goal is to identify the sources of pollution such as heavy nitrates and identify areas in need of restoration and enhancement. Andy's test site is located where the Long Tom goes under the bridge and enters OCF property.

Leslie read reports from norma and the Treasurers all of whom are at a meeting with The Boss tonight! (Bruce Springsteen performed at the Rose Garden in Portland.)

Administrative Assistant. Thanks to Philip, Chela, Chelsea & Devon Guyette (VegManECs) for hosting our March coordinator potluck. Thanks to Tom for mowing the lawn. And thanks to Leila and Sylvia for their office help. The Guidelines have been mailed to coordinators. Please call the office if you'd like to receive your very own copy. Thanks to Craft Inventory crew for processing the hundreds of applications this weekend. Thanks to Registration crew for their hard work as well. Thanks to Marshall for helping her to get the changes to the web site on-line. Coordinators are asked to review the packets they have received from the office. The new copier has arrived. Coordinators and committee members are encouraged to use it instead of incurring costs at Kinkos or elsewhere. Please call to arrange time to use the copier for large projects as well as schedule reimbursement checks. norma is working with Kevin Dougherty (Advertising & Media Crew Co-Coord.) to design a new color brochure.

Treasurers. The Treasurers ask the Board to support the Crew Services capital project budget request. It had been submitted as requested but somehow was lost by the Budget Committee. They do not support a \$20,000 capital expense for showers, which would only be a short-term solution. If the Hospitality project is approved this would leave the 2000 OCF budget in the black at \$1,172 (considering the Endowment principle as an expense rather than allocated funds).

President. Jack has continued to ponder the implication of finalizing the land swap. It is pushing us into a more diverse discussion of what we are all about. We have an ever increasing population on a finite planet. And the arts do more to allow us to be sustainable. Arts are an inclusive medium for everyone. The OCF can direct the same energy and resources used to acquire the Far Side towards the issues of environment, human rights, animal rights, a place for all. We will need a creative vision to steward our growing land mass for the OCF as well as for the larger community. As we explore our differences many outside the OCF look to us for leadership while others wish for our demise. Speaking from our hearts on these issues is the root for the creative process. No one should be afraid to speak their mind and heart. We can use the arts to solve the large problems. Thanks to everyone who is doing this work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jill Heiman Vision Fund. The three recipients of the 2000 Jill Heiman Vision Fund (category: Environmental Protection & Recovery) will be: 1) Friends of Buford Park and Mount Pisgah, 2) League of Wilderness Defenders, and 3) Northwest Coalition Against Pesticides. As Palmer quipped, "They don't get a dime unless you give a nickel!"

Ad hoc Guidelines group. The 2000 Guidelines are highly visible with a safety-orange cover. Many have been hole-punched and twine attached so they may be tied up conveniently in your booth or camping area. Please review them again.

Personnel. Charles Drew is the staff liaison this month.

Path Planning. Folks met last weekend for a site walk-about to view conditions and current erosion. There will be no big plans this year. They are discussing a process for booth replacements in the year 2001. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 16 on site.

OLD BUSINESS LOGO JURYING

Charlie moved, and Lawrence seconded, all items submitted be approved.

Peach Gallery: Thumbs up from many. Anna DeLocis (Construction/Energy Park) said she would miss the individual presentation of each craft. David Helton (Registration Co-Coord.) suggested items previously approved to bear the OCF logo should be grandfathered.

BoD: Jim agrees with Anna. He added that it is disrespectful to the crafters attending the meeting to consider all items together. Etienne said she would also miss the individual presentations and the ability to ask questions about the entries. Charlie said he intended no disrespect. All of the items on the table are of such high quality it is difficult to refuse any. Dr. Jim agreed. He is impressed by the high caliber of OCF craftspersons. Palmer and Michele stated it is the Board's responsibility to authorize the use of the OCF logo. Brad suggested limiting the number of items bearing the logo to prevent it from being over-used and cheapened. Jack encouraged more submissions from crafters. This year there are only two new entries. Many spoke to the issue of grandfathering, but we'll save that discussion for another meeting when that is on the agenda.

The motion failed: 4 in favor and 6 opposed (Jim, Michele, Dr. Jim, Palmer, Etienne & Brad).

Jack moved, and Dr. Jim seconded, the Board may approve up to 19 items. (19 items were submitted.)

The motion passed: 7 in favor, 2 opposed (Jim & Howard --Marlene had temporarily left the room) and 1 abstention (Etienne).

The items were individually presented by Dave Peek (crafter) and Michele Sharpy while Jeff Harrison (Craft Inventory Co-Coord.) described them. All Board members were asked to vote yes or no on each item. Jeff noted that the entire process so far was identical to past years from the very first motion and discussion.... Jeff added we are a traditional organization.

Jim moved, and Palmer seconded, each craft to be approved to use the OCF logo must receive eight (8) yes marks.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Lawrence & Palmer).

Logo Jury Decision 2000: Seventeen items were approved. Two items were excluded: the small, colored glass containers with etched peach and the cotton tie-dyed and silk-screened cotton t-shirts. The t-shirts seemed to resemble staff shirts too much for many of the BoD members.

CREW SERVICES CAPITAL PROJECT

Charlie moved, and Dr Jim seconded, the Capital Projects budget be increased by \$980 to approve the request from Crew Services.

Background: The money will be used to purchase lanterns, cambros (five-gallon containers to keep coffee hot) and coolers. They intend to set up a night-time Hospitality location away from Main Camp.

Peach Gallery: Thumbs Up! David Helton appreciates Marshall's attention to detail and level of care shown to the crews. His job was made easier last year when not only did Marshall's crew provide lanterns so David did not have to scrounge them, they also came out and lit them so Registration could continue with their job without interruption. Leslie noted Marshall shops for the best price and plans to the penny.

BoD: Dr. Jim agreed with Leslie and added, "If Marshall asks for it, he needs it." Palmer responded, "Let's toy with Marshall and make it \$983.50!"

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 abstention (Charles, Etienne was out of the room).

GM BUDGET -- BUSES

Charlie moved, and Dr. Jim seconded, the General Manager budget be increased by \$4,200.

Background: The money will cover expenses for the two new OCF express shuttle locations and the contract with LTD.

Peach Gallery: Anna expressed concern whether this is a viable long-term solution. Leslie believes as people become more aware of the improved service and availability more will use the bus and costs will even out, if not drop. The contract with LTD drivers may continue to increase.

BoD: Brad said the extra money was in fact putting our money where our beliefs are. He added the door-to-gate bus ride with the OCF ticket should have the added benefit of helping presale ticket numbers.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed. Etienne was out of the room; Charles voted as her alternate.

LOGO JURYING REVISITED

Jim moved, and Jack seconded, the small, colored glass containers with etched peach should be reconsidered as the same crafter's other items (glass mugs with etched peach) had been approved.

Peach Gallery: Anne Morris (VegManECs Co-Coord.) asked if the item did not pass then why go through the process again?

BoD: Brad believes the two items are different products and should be considered separately.

The motion failed: 3 in favor and 7 opposed (Michele, Marlene, Dr. Jim, Palmer, Etienne, Brad & Charlie).

DONATION -- EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Etienne moved, and Dr. Jim seconded, the Board donate \$500 to the Earth Day Celebration as proposed by Diane Albino.

Background: The Earth Day 2000 Celebration committee requests OCF sponsorship for this event which will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 10am to 5pm, on Broadway and Willamette in downtown Eugene. The money will be used to cover expenses including entertainment, stage, procession (all species parade), environmental fair, publicity, etc. The event is being organized by the City of Eugene, Lane County, Bring Recycling, Lane Regional Air Pollution Agency, Downtown Events Management, Inc., (DEMI) The Energy Outlet and other groups and individuals. \$2,100 has already been donated toward the total budget of \$5,000.

Peach Gallery: Diane added that Ashbury Park will perform. The donation will be made to DEMI which is a 501(c)3 non-profit.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Dr. Jim moved, and Lawrence seconded, the Board gives permission to Earth Day 2000 Celebration to use the OCF logo in recognition of our sponsorship. Palmer's friendly amendment to include use of an OCF banner was accepted.
The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

DONATION -- FIESTA LATINA

Palmer moved, and Marlene seconded, the Board donate \$600 to Fiesta Latina.

Peach Gallery: Steve W noted the OCF has a long-standing cooperative agreement with Fiesta Latina for other services.

BoD: Lawrence advocated making the counter-culture more multi-cultural.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

EXPANSION INTO THE WOODED UNDERSTORY MORATORIUM

Marlene moved, and Dr. Jim seconded, the OCF establish a five-year moratorium effective immediately on expansion into the wooded understory excluding Zenn Acres, the Far Side and as needed to comply with county and state regulations.

Peach Gallery: Some folks fully supported this bold move while others considered the issue pragmatically. David Helton said blanket moratoriums are not the best solution. Leslie worried about the environmental impact of sprawl as well as cutting the understory. She would like to very carefully infill in certain spaces rather than sprawl into the grass lands. We also need to be aware of the operational & budget impact as we spread ourselves further apart on the land. She is concerned about creating two Fairs divided by Indian Creek, each requiring its own infrastructure, and about tying operations hands. The real problem is our failure to deal with our ever increasing internal population. This motion talks about expansion, not protection or restoration. Steve W. agreed this is a real dilemma. He would like to educate all Fair dwellers about our collective impact. We need to understand that no tree will exist 30-50 years from now where each tent lies. Consider then, planting a native tree next to your tent and tending to it each year. We are sacrificing the next generations' trees and we need a commitment to mitigation and restoration. Mitigate, mitigate, mitigate.

BoD: Jim respects the Site Manager and General Manager's concerns. However, a future Board could suspend the moratorium with seven approvals. This is not an irreversible action. Palmer is unwilling to restrict Operations and future Boards. Other BoD members would like more information. Jack said the dilemma is in making really good long term decisions. Wilderness exists in the US today because others said wilderness was important many years ago. He believes in the creative resolution skills of Operations and Fair members. Do we want to look back ten years from now and see the understory further degraded because we did not act tonight? He added that this will make his desire to open the Fair to more folks more challenging. Charlie added that volunteers spend countless hours trying to stop the erosion and impact from our event which is held on the property only three days of the year. Marlene said she has been on the land since '93. We lose big trees every year. We have no saplings, no teenager trees standing to take their place. The interdependent relationship between the understory and the big trees is significant. Mitigation does not replace what Mother Nature does. She is concerned about the health of the land we will leave future generations. Brad spoke for several BoD members when he said that he'll have to vote from his heart rather than his head on this issue. Palmer further opposed this measure because there is no enforcement. It is unlikely to succeed since we are at this point because the "no brush cutting policy" is not successful. Marlene said this is the first step to send a clear message and to set policy that protects the land.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Palmer and Lawrence).

LEAVES OF ABSENCES FROM COMMITTEES

The issue is whether the committee or the Board should decide if a committee member may take a leave of absence.

Jack moved, and Michele seconded, a committee member will petition the BoD for a leave of absence.

Peach Gallery: David Helton said this does not address the whole issue. What happens in the situation when a person does not attend meetings for six months? Leslie said the BoD should trust committees to manage themselves. When the members cannot agree they could appeal to the BoD.

BoD: Palmer noted the committee could not agree among themselves and so they have come to the Board for guidance. The Bylaws state "the Board remains responsible that the committee's function is properly performed." Charlie and Dr. Jim advocated fairies take individual responsibility to inform the committee if they will be absent for a period of time. The committee should determine if they can fulfill their mission without a full membership. Marlene said it may put more responsibility on the other members if one or more persons are absent. Jim supported Michele's reasoning: a committee member's seat may be considered vacant after three missed meetings and the Board should appoint a new member. Jack believes volunteers should be able to take a leave of absence. However, the possibility of contention could make it more difficult to be responsible. A standard should be set so folks could take a leave of absence. It is the committee's responsibility to inform the Board.

The motion passed: 7 in favor and 3 opposed (Lawrence, Marlene & Dr. Jim).

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 7pm at EWEB. The agenda, subject to change, will include: Budget Issues -- Capital Projects/Lump Sum Wood Purchase from Conde (Jack), Salary Ranges for Steps 1-7, 3-7, and 4-7 (Personnel), Ticket Agreement for Outside (Michele), Rules for Items Submitted to the *Fair Family News*, Donations to: Northwest Project Institute for Public Accuracy, Start Making A Reader Today (SMART), Oregon State Police Officers Association; Review Memberships in Lane Arts Council and Convention & Visitors Association of Lane County (CVALCO), OCF Day of Event Online Proposal (Cliff Cox), Grandfathered Logo Jury Items (Charles) and Committee Attendance Guidelines (Jim).

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The following list is in response to a fairy's request for better access to BoD members. This list is also posted on the Fair's website or contact the office.

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