

PRESENT: Jim Sahr, Jim Newhall, MD, Brad Lerch, Marlene Monette, Charlie Zennache, Palmer Parker, Etienne Smith, Lawrence Taylor, Jack Makarchek, and Howard Galvin & Charles Drew (alternates). **NOT:** Michele Sharpy.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Jim moved, and Howard seconded, the minutes of the 6/5/00 Board of Directors meeting be approved. The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 abstention (Brad).

MEMBER INPUT

Presentation by the Fair youth who attended the Power of Hope camp. The ten youth spoke enthusiastically about their experiences at camp. They attended three sessions each day on various creative arts & holistic workshops. Highlights: Singing Hug-a-grams, Fire Meetings, Swing Dance, Writing, Walking in a line at night with no flashlight, meditation with a Zen monk, talking about sex and stuff, free-styling spoken word, recording tracks at the studio, musical improv, painting at the beach, drumming, massage, teach your own skill/craft, lots of singing, break dancing, They attended a workshop on undoing racism. They did the ropes challenge course. (Already some are planning how to set up a ropes challenge course on the Fair site.) There were a total of 70 youth and 30 staff from all over the world and different ethnic, cultural, socio-economic backgrounds. Although the ten youth did not know each other prior to camp they have formed a visible & deep bond with each other. They shared stories, songs, real listening at the nightly fire circles. It was ok to be vulnerable, to cry... They also felt real and strong connections with the staff. Camp themes included self-empowerment (learning to do what you want to change the world), support everyone, giving and receiving, and no judgment.

Charlie asked, "Can we do it here?" and "Are you willing to be involved?" The answer was a resounding "Definitely!" to both. First change — extend the time to 7 or 8 days, 6 was too short a stay.

Leslie introduced Sharklett, aka Robin Smith, as the new Swimmer. Doug Green, who's been Swimming for several years, expressed deep appreciation for the Fair community/family. One measure of any culture is how youth are cared for and treated as well as who the youth are. Doug said he is totally impressed by the Fair's kids.

Denise Joy said she wears several hats during the Fair, one as the Wonderful Tea Fairy during Main Camp and then as a craft vendor. She is awed that so many different people, crew, aspects come together to create the Fair for just one weekend each year. She would like to become more involved to fix the cracks in the system such as the booth rep system.

STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

General Manager. Leslie said Main Camp has been incredible. People are happy, creative and working hard. Thanks to Steve W., Andyman, and all the volunteers that prepped the site all year long making it so easy to move back on site. Thanks to norma for organizing the office move. Things are going so smoothly in Main Camp that the meetings hardly seem necessary. The kitchen is amazing: delicious meals served on time with smiles & laughter! Leslie authorized a slight increase in the advertising budget for more coverage in the Portland area.

The Fastix agreement is not finished yet

Administrative Assistant. norma said Main Camp has been great. She attributes much of its success to Leslie.

Site Manager. Steve Wisnovsky began by warning everyone of the high fire danger on site. The grass may be green on the ground but the moss & leaves in the trees are very dry. He thanked his co-workers for their collaborative, team effort. He thanked all the volunteers who've worked year-round to deliver a green and beautiful site. Steve thanked, Main Camp, Quartermasters, Construction, VegManECS for their positive attitude which sets the stage for the main event. He also explained that they did a light application of the BT donuts to affect the mosquito population. They don't want to do a heavier application as it also impacts the dragonflies and other creatures.

President. Jack said he was reminded of the invaluable lesson of honor while watching the Power of Hope Camp youth. It is important to give and receive honor to/from each other. He feels a greater sensitivity to why we do what we do here and now on this piece of land. All around the world, many people are suffering miserably. We are fortunate to celebrate and thus, begin the end of suffering. Look at our youth before us. When we pass on, they will continue the struggle. Honoring each other's presence is the greatest thanks. And, it is important to make sure we have room for our kids as well as our elders; the family is growing generationally.

Treasurers. Thanks to all the staff working within their budgets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel. Marlene put an end to the rumor spreading through the Fair. Leslie did not get a \$10,000 raise (as much as we may like to give her one). She advised the wagging tongues to check their facts first. The updated Personnel Policy details the salary range assigned to the GM position. The ranges are specific to the job, not the person.

Member Survey. The deadline to submit questions is 7/28/00.

Elders. Only two letters have been received this past month making a total of four fairies officially expressing interest. Brad would like to put together a committee of seven members.

Law Reform Etienne said they would like to use some of the Law Reform budget to submit position papers in the voters' pamphlet. First, they will check with Floyd Prozanski whether that would be desirable and useful for the measure he is presenting.

OLD BUSINESS

CART CENTRAL COORDINATOR

Palmer moved, and Marlene seconded, Koren Barrett be appointed as the Cart Central Coordinator.

Peach Gallery: Leslie thanked Tom Osbourne who did a great job in this role. He will stay on with the crew.

BoD: Palmer noted that Koren is not present at this meeting because she is already doing a fine job at her post.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

MAD PRIDE DAY REVISITED

Marlene moved, and Brad seconded, the OCF endorses Mad Pride Day.

Peach Gallery: Martha said this event plans to put a positive spirit on a difficult topic for many to discuss — psychiatric survivors' rights. David Oaks of Support Coalition International has been working for many years on this issue and is a long time Fair member. Jack questioned how could we not stand up for folks that are different or "crazy". It is imperative to protect people that are misunderstood and have no rights.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Howard & Jim).

ARCHAEOLOGY BANK ACCOUNT

Peach Gallery: John Stamp would like to open a separate account dedicated to the archaeology research fund. They have already collected some money when a hat was passed at the Crisis Intervention training. Hilary expressed concern that the Fair, as a 501(c)3 has specific responsibilities regarding collecting charitable contributions. She noted that no crew has its own separate bank account. It would be easy to create a dedicated line item for archaeology fund donations. The treasurers are not prepared at this point, as the Fair is about to begin, to initiate the new process. Hilary agreed to talk with Archaeology following this BoD meeting about an interim process. The issue will be raised again next month.

No action was taken on Donations to Northwest Project Institute for Public Accuracy or Fern Ridge Latch Key as neither had Board sponsorship.

The next scheduled BoD meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, at EWEB, at 7pm. The following items were tabled until August or added as new business. Law Reform Group proposal (Etienne), Elders Committee appointments (Brad), Consider new grievance process (Charlie), Archaeology Research Fund, Power of Hope training for adults (Dr. Jim), No vehicles in the 8 on Sunday night (Charlie), Fair Town Hall meeting / Fair Future Vision on Sunday night (Charlie)

Minutes by JEN-LIN