

Recorder: Diane McWhorter

Attendance: Members: Anna Scott (chair), George Patterson, Bob-O Schultz, Paxton Hoag Participants: Mark Pankratz, Sarah Haimowitz, Toby Kubler, Tony Clementi

The meeting was held by conference call in the OCF office, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Agenda: 1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Membership and Calendar
3. "Go To Meeting" Option
4. Review Minutes of Last Meeting
5. Funding Recommendations

2. Membership and Calendar: Discussion of options for internal governance regarding meeting frequency and attendance. Proposals include requiring a minimum number of meetings attended per calendar year to remain an appointed, voting member, or setting up other criteria. Recruitment of new members should be ongoing, particularly those with skills and professional knowledge about issues handled by Peach Power. There are presently 7 members, though not all attend every meeting, and membership number is not currently limited, with the optimal size being 7-9 members. The process of being appointed by the BOD is to write a letter of interest. Because the committee does disburse funds, there is some responsibility involved. No decisions were made.

3. "Go To Meeting" Option: Charlie Ruff has agreed to set committees up with this online conferencing tool, which would add the capability of posting documents which members could then view and interact with while meeting. A few members have used it as participants and the committee feels that with some training, they are willing to try it out at the next meeting. Paxton will assist in the set-up process.

4. Review Minutes: The minutes of the 2-28-11 meeting were approved by general agreement. There was discussion about the process for releasing minutes to be posted on the oregoncountryfair.net website. It was unclear how to correct an already posted draft, and in general members felt that full committee approval would be best before posting for public access. An alternate process could be to post the draft minutes on the website with access limited to committee members, who could suggest corrections and then approve, at which time the minutes would be changed from draft to official and other fair members could access them. Members will continue to receive the draft minutes by email, and the approval will take place at the following monthly meeting.

5. Funding Recommendations: The BOD/ Budget committee was challenged to pare down the amounts of money allocated for capital projects, and some of the projects could perhaps be supplemented by Peach Power funds, if they fall under goals and priorities of Peach Power. Because this is a transition year with no large projects on the schedule for Peach Power, some small ones could be accomplished. The committee could consider funding the Crew Services upgrade to LED lanterns, purchasing bike racks, dump boxes or carts, stepvan conversion, and rebuilding the Solar Roller. Part of the discussion was whether or not Peach Power should supplement the capital projects budget process after the decisions have been made, or wait until next year to try to be in the process before the Budget Committee decides.

In the case of the LED lanterns, it was suggested that Anna write a letter to the Budget Committee and Crew Services, expressing interest in the development of the new lanterns, offering committee expertise. If PP Committee members are satisfied with the technical aspects and worthiness of the proposal, they would consider adding funding to speed the process of the upgrading. A project like this is a great opportunity to involve some kind of industry donation of goods to test on the ground, and often members of Peach Power have a great deal of useful knowledge to assist the process.

The mycoremediation project funding was granted at a level of \$484 in the capital projects budget, plus the \$1000 grant from Cascade Mycological Society. The committee will let the Budget committee know that the funds are already covered through the Peach Power funds and the grant.

In the case of the repair and upgrading of the Solar Roller (which powers registration at night), members favor getting the equipment back on board. The Energy Park Electrical Company volunteered to do the work if materials can be purchased, on site, and ready for the pre-Fair project window. The cost estimate is around \$5500, mostly for batteries and possible replacement of the inverter. Anna will put together spreadsheets for the project and send them to committee members. with Bob-O pricing some components.

Bicycle racks could be sponsored in future years, built as an art project by the OCF, or bought and subsequently rented to other organizations. Last year racks were rented for 224 bikes, and they were overfull, plus it was added expense to haul them to the site. Used ones are available for purchase. Manufacture could begin with a few prototypes for evaluation. Moving to storage and storing them could be an issue. No decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is April 25, with a possible conflict for office space. The Go To Meeting process may be implemented.