

**Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors' Meeting  
February 06, 2012, 7:05pm at EWEB**

**Directors present:** Diane Albino, John 'Chewie' Burgess, Saman Harnsongkram, Paxton Hoag, Lucy Kingsley (alternate), Jack Makarchek, Deane Morrow, Indigo Ronlov (facilitator), Anna Scott (alternate), Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence 'LT' Taylor, Bear Wilner-Nugent. **Peach Gallery present:** about 20 members and guests, 5 staff (Charlie, norma, Robin, Andy, Tony), and 3 officers (Hilary, Grumpy, Bill).

**Agenda review**

**Old business:** Budget and Treasurer's report; Approve December minutes (Indigo); Appointments to Elders Committee (Diane); By-Laws revision (LT); Occupy Eugene report and request (Chewie); Barter Fair (Indigo); new and revised Guideline proposals (various)

**New business:** Board service qualifies for a camping pass (Deane); Approve capital projects; Turtle Enhancement support (Anna); Appoint Robyn Weir as Booth Registration co-coordinator (Chewie)

**Announcements**

A Front of the Fair work session will be held from 12:30 to 4pm on Saturday, February 11 at the Hilyard Community Center. (Charlie R)

Howard McCartney has resigned as coordinator for the VegManECs; his service is deeply appreciated. (Chewie)

With sadness we announce that Eric Skinner, who worked on the Peach Pit, passed away last week. (norma)

The people of Occupy Eugene send their thanks for the support given last month. (David M)

The Project Homeless Connect event has been discontinued. (Virgil)

**Board Donations**

Use of the consent calendar for donations will resume at the March meeting. Four requests have sponsors and will be on the calendar. Two others were received recently and they need a Board member's sponsorship to move forward.

The four established requests are from Looking Glass, Youth for the Education and Prevention of Sexual Assault, Dance for a Reason, and Oregon Assisted Living Program. The two new requests are for CALC's Peace Scholarship and the Green Neighbors Faire.

**Approve Minutes**

**Indigo moved, Chewie seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2012 Board meeting. The minutes were approved 8-0-2 (Paxton and Jon abstained).**

**Old Business**

Hilary stated the Board passed the 2012 budget a week ago. Grumpy said there will be a meeting of the Budget Committee at the Fair office on February 15 to review the capital project requests.

**Diane moved, Deane seconded, to appoint Peggy Day Fitzgerald, Jain Elliott, and Jim Goettler to the Elders Committee. After discussion, the motion passed 10-0.**

Chris Browne said all three are welcome to join. Hilary asked about the number of committee members and the work of the committee. With these appointments there will be 16 committee members; the committee organizes Elder projects like the Still Living Room and the Old Timers picnic; the committee verifies eligibility of Elder candidates and allocates the event passes (Chris, Paxton). All three will provide a benefit to the committee (Chewie).

**Indigo moved, Bear seconded, that the Barter Fair is discontinued in South Miss Piggy's in 2013, and that the BoD direct management to explore implementing a Monday Market that is pedestrian only with vendors occupying up to a 10x10 space in a location to be determined by management for the Monday following the 2013 Fair. Peach Gallery:** Crafts Lot needs to move to Piggys; Barter Fair is the wrong event in the wrong place; it extends the time of the three-day event; it is more a cash event than a barter event; it causes significant congestion problems in and out of the "eight" and around Crafts Lot; there are alternative sites; it could become the biggest barter fair / garage sale in the city of Veneta and thus provide benefits for the town (Oren). There are other on-site locations, such as the Kermit area or the top of Trotters, but the logistics and scope of support and services need to be considered; traffic flow and congestion problems would be relieved. The Fair plans for ongoing path expansion are about 10 years overdue and the only available replacement space is Crafts Lot so new space is required for the displaced camping; Miss Piggy's is the obvious place; it's a domino effect and the Barter Fair needs to move for the greater benefit of the public and the event (Dennis). Fair family sells and trades at the Barter Fair. Import goods are an issue but they are all around us. Participants are trying to make an honest living in the global marketplace and people like the Barter Fair (Sheila). The motion is not about stopping but just about moving the Barter Fair and about the Saturday Market model (Spirit). One purpose for the Barter Fair is as a place to acquire supplies for a craft (Peggy). The Barter Fair has been around since the beginning. It seems the more land we purchase, the less space we have. The Barter Fair should not be shut down without knowing the options. Changing the location will require even more services and support crew and the change will affect the patrons. Any plans for change need to be announced (Judy). The Path Planning committee is in unanimous agreement about moving the Barter Fair out of Miss Piggy's to enable development of new public space. The Barter Fair can remain a viable event in a reincarnation and new location (Justin). The Fair started over 40 years ago and has grown and changed and that will continue. We can work together, with open minds and there will be a good result; this won't be a radical change; we are still exploring so be patient (Chris). In reality we need to expand and we can do it with respect; it's time to move the Barter Fair and we can do it well; announcing it a year in advance is a positive start (Charlie Z). Charlie R asked "What does the larger Fair really want and need the Barter Fair to be?" and then read a letter from John K:

*Dear OCF Board, I want to offer a camping operations perspective on the motion to have the 2012 Barter Fair be the last in South Piggy Lot.*

*I'm very much in favor of the original motion, as opposed to delaying the move of Barter Fair for two years, as previously discussed by the Board. I'm also in no way advocating an end to the Barter Fair, only that it be moved out of Piggy Lot and separated from camping space. It is no longer tenable to host Barter Fair in Piggy Lot because the size and interests of Barter Fair are now in conflict with Piggy Lot's primary purpose, which is camping.*

For several years my crew has had to deal with issues stemming from the fact that while Barter Fair is supposed to be an event that happens post Fair, its planning and building happen more and more per-Fair. On Wednesday morning when camping in Piggy opens, Barterers race in with trucks in or run in with easy ups and set up store fronts of empty racks and tables. They build these store fronts as close to the main gate to Piggy Lot as possible because as with any marketplace location is a key component to sales. The owners of the larger store fronts generally camp in Piggy. When challenged about the camping space taken by racks and tables, they rebut that they have paid for the space, or that they use it for common area in their camp. When pressed further they generally accommodate by meeting camping criteria for the space rather than yield it. Ultimately, the space is used inefficiently. Some of the smaller store fronts do not camp in Piggy. The easy up, (use a) vehicle for lock up, and a tent is just staking claim to space for an event that doesn't happen for 5 days, while the Barterer has a second campsite somewhere else at Fair. How many do this is unknown, but it is not insignificant.

This contention for space and proximity to the entrance is a problem because Barter Fair is so large. The Barter Fair survey, on the contrary, seems to suggest that it is fairly small, but I strongly disagree with this assessment. Page 8 of the survey reports that, of the 134 Barterers interviewed, 111 (or over 80%) need only a blanket or a 10x10 easy up. This totals to approximately 10,000 square feet. But we've all seen Barter Fair take over more than half of Piggy lot, which has 140,000 square feet of space.

As to the Fair Family who only want to camp in Piggy Lot, when camping opens in Piggy on Wednesday, they also race in, but seeking the space they need to camp with their friends and family--the #1 desire of those who camp in Craft, Piggy, and Island according to the camping survey. But to avoid the mayhem of Barter Fair, they head to the back of Piggy Lot or further away to Island Lot. This means that many Fair Family who only want to camp are pushed further from the Public Fair, during the time of the Public Fair, because of an event that doesn't happen until after Fair.

The main problem is the lot has a dual simultaneous identity. As much as we would like, Piggy is not a camping lot that suddenly transitions to being Barter Fair on Monday. Rather, from the moment it opens, to Barterers it's a marketplace laying in wait. I've heard Barterers refer to the lot as Barter Lot and openly challenge people simply wanting to camp there. Naturally the campers resent this. They resent that they can't land peacefully because they must contend with the charged anxieties of Barterers vying for their spots for Barter Fair.

I truly empathize with the Board and appreciate the difficulty of now defining something that has been allowed to freely evolve. But in its free evolution, it has also grown and has needed to be moved to larger spaces multiple times. We're at that point again. The dual purposing of Piggy Lot needs to end to resolve the issues I've outlined. There are also the future considerations of Fair Family growth and the eventual closure of Craft to camping, both of which mean that I need to be able to assess the amount of available camping, something I believe I cannot accurately do when half of my largest camping lot is also Barter Fair.

I have faith in the Board and the Fair Family, that if the original resolution is passed, we can as a community and an organization, within a one and a half year span, decide what and where future Barter Fairs should be.

We need to do this thoughtfully; the security solution is for more space; last year a person was actually injured by a vehicle in the rush into Piggy's. The participants need to be voices in the process; and there are compliance questions to consider with any relocation. At this time we should focus on notifications and hold work sessions and discuss (Tony). The motion should be amended to drop the language about pop-ups and other restrictions until the bigger discussion takes place. The main thing is to move the Barter Fair in a righteous way (Jon P). Since the "eight" was closed to traffic on

Sunday nights some years ago there has been gridlock on Monday from 11am to 2pm and at the heart of it all is a Barter Fair in process (Oren). Changing the set-up process might help (Spirit). People like to camp with their stuff (Sheila). **Board:** The motion should only address the use of the space and the need to relocate the Barter Fair; there are problems with the specifics in the motion about size and access and about "exploring implementation" instead of "implementing"; I cannot support the motion written this way; the Barter Fair has been treated as an unwanted step-child for a long time; invite folks to meet and be a part of the process and inform them so they can take ownership of whatever decision is made; provide video conferencing in major west coast cities so people outside the area can join the discussion; create a Monday Market crew or committee for the event (Jon). The budget for crews should be increased to reduce the stress on the crews; we need a new vehicle camping area (Paxton). Paxton asked for a friendly amendment to delete "explore implementation" and insert "implement". Bear did not accept the request. **Paxton moved, Jon seconded, to amend the motion by deleting "explore implementation" and inserting "implement". Peach Gallery:** Let management work on the problem without forcing a solution (Tony). This amendment assures that the Barter Fair will continue (Jon P). We should not be directed to implement something when we don't know what it will be; it's a set-up for a failure (Charlie). The doubt about the event's continuation is reduced if this amendment passes but process flexibility will be limited (Joseph). **Board:** To "explore implementation" is to set a target and have time for work sessions and figuring out the pieces; to "implement" forces the solution and it may not turn out well; we could say "explore ways to implement" to find some middle ground between flexibility and assurance (Indigo). Bear, Chewie and Anna indicated they oppose this amendment. The motion to amend only makes sure the event will remain but it does put pressure on the staff (Paxton). I want to make sure the event happens and don't want any wiggle room; I remember the promises that were not kept over the pony ride change (Diane). Directing to make it happen is appealing but are we ready to accept whatever it takes; if the Board delegates the process then the results are out of the Board's hands; that has some appeal; to explore the possibilities only means to be uncomfortable another year and we've been at this for 30 years; if I were a Barter Fair participant I would probably be more comfortable with "explore" (Jack). Words matter; without this amendment it's feasible that the relocation might not happen and the event would not resume; the staff could "explore" and then just stop; a commitment of this Board to have a replacement venue is needed and that needs to be clear to the folks of the Barter Fair (Jon). If we ask the staff to explore they will explore, if we ask them to implement, they will implement (LT). There are no intentions to make this event go away and there is no ambiguity; the Barter Fair move is a keystone piece for the Front of the Fair plan and there are a lot of relevant issues to consider (Chewie). This is a great discussion and this Board is working really hard; the Board can make multiple decisions going forward; the motion, without the amendment, gives us flexibility for later decisions; let the staff work their magic and report back (Anna). **Anna moved, Bear seconded, to call the question. The motion to call the question passed 8-2 (Jon and Paxton opposed). The motion to amend failed 5-5 (Jack, Saman, Bear, Chewie and Indigo opposed).**

Indigo changed the motion to remove "that is pedestrian only with vendors occupying up to a 10x10 space". Bear agreed with the change. The Barter Fair needs to move and the camping will be taken care of; the record level flood last week reminds us that the Fair site changes and we have a whole new world coming at us (Chewie). This motion is moderate and gives us a year; no one person has a vested right to make

money off the Fair; we own the land collectively and are entitled to make changes for the best use for all; the Barter Fair is not aligned with the statements of our goals and visions; it is orthogonal to our vision and is in the way (Bear). We need a deadline and I would like a friendly amendment with a target date (Anna). I am frustrated by not knowing what the Fair wants this to be and I resent the implication that we would just derail the Barter Fair; the issues need to be resolved by the greater Fair Family (Charlie R). We need a report at this meeting in a year (Indigo). Work sessions later this year and reports a year from now feel about right (Anna). A report at the Feb 2013 meeting is acceptable (Bear). Developing the policy about what the Monday Market should be is the Board's responsibility; we need language indicating the Board of Directors is committed to developing implementation of a Monday Market on the Monday following the 2013 Fair (Jon). I will amend the motion to say "the Barter Fair is discontinued in 2013 and the Board of Directors, in collaboration with management, will explore implementation of a Monday Market in Feb 2013" (Indigo). I don't like the word "explore" (Jon). We have just had a 5-5 split and I hope to see the wisdom and a willingness to work this out; we have 5 to explore and 5 to guarantee; the motion is collaborative and effort may be required; the Board should direct this but not from a position of distrust (Jack). There are many pieces to this puzzle and it will take work sessions and collaboration; there will be camping questions in the background (Diane). I like the latest version of the motion because it turns Path Planning loose and gives us a year and a half to work out these changes (Deane). I am committed to the Barter Fair in some form; this is the Board's decision to make; the Barter Fair is a whole lot more about the Fair than the The Commodore's "Brick House" on a Saturday night (LT). The Fair Family has grown to 18,000 over the years and the Barter Fair has grown like topsy; it's both peculiar and integral and it needs to move somewhere (Lucy). I am committed to continuing the Barter Fair and will vote for this motion; it's a matter of trust (Paxton). The amended motion reads "**that the Barter Fair is discontinued in South Miss Piggy's in 2013 and the Board of Directors, in collaboration with management, will explore implementing a Monday Market for the Monday following the 2013 Fair with a report back to the Board of Directors at the February 2013 Board meeting.**" The motion passed 9-0-1 (Jon abstained).

### Guideline Proposal Consideration

**3. Overnight Credentials** (change ages): Wristbands cost \$30 each for teens age 14 through 18 and \$10 each for youth 11 - 13. **Indigo moved, Jack seconded, to approve this proposed change. The motion failed 0-8-2 (Jack, Paxton, LT, Deane, Saman, Bear, Chewie and Indigo opposed; Diane and Jon abstained).** This is counterintuitive; teens are teens and youth are youth (Hilary). This was a Main Camp QM suggestion (Charlie). Registration training would be affected. This will add a lot to the youth numbers.

**3. Overnight Credentials** (an addition): You must present your fair issued overnight credentials for inspection when requested by a staff member. Inspection of wristbands may include, but is not limited to, touching and/or tugging the wristband to ensure it is secure, visual confirmation of registration number, and visual inspection of the wristband for other security elements. Inspection of a photo id may include, but is not limited to, touching the identification so as to be able to view the photograph, comparison of the photograph to the person presenting the photo id, and inspection of the back of the identification to view both the registration number and other security

elements. Thus, if you do not want your wristband tugged on, get a photo id. If you do choose to get a photo id, please be sure that your photograph is not so "artistic" such that the photograph depicts you in such a manner that the photo cannot be readily matched to you. Unfortunately, the inspection of overnight credentials takes a little time so please be tolerant and cooperative as you pass through a check point - remember that OCF security staff members are volunteers. Failure to cooperate with a request for inspection of your credentials may result in forfeiture of those credentials and removal from the property. All persons asked to leave the property by security or management must surrender fair issued credentials. **Indigo moved, Bear seconded to approve this proposed change. The motion passed 8-2 (Deane and Jon opposed).** A member said an episode of security tugging a wristband caused wrist pain for three days and they object to having a flashlight pointed in their face when using a laminated photo id; the visiting population is swept out; security goes overboard with fish ladders, a hand reaching through the window of a car, or sticking a head into a tent. This guideline would set a monetary bar to the sanctity of your person if you are required to buy a laminate in order to avoid unwanted physical contact; intervention training program is great but does not include a quiz and there are unqualified people. There is a need to tug at times and a need to be gentle, the wording is good. Sweeps only do so much and there is a large unauthorized nighttime population; the wristband is a credential and it requires inspection (Tony). The circumstance of suffering from tugging is regrettable; there is a big problem with unauthorized people; they hide in tents; it is not wrong to touch, it happens when the band is put on (Grumpy). The changes are needed; on the flip side some Fair Family are quite nasty to security volunteers who are only trying to perform their security service. We need to support security volunteers, there should be two-way respect and fun and many checks; lots of fake wristbands are caught each year; each early morning un-banded people are found sleeping in the open (Hilary). While I don't doubt the necessity for this, I also know for some, unfortunate experiences live on and those experiences can manifest as extra sensitivity to being touched (norma). We have humanistic training; this guideline is needed so all understand, so security is respected and attitudes are contained. This guideline is proposed to standardize the methods and set the expectations; too many fake wristbands are just taped on; tugging catches them (Charlie). Security folks are nice but even with training some could be better; if someone gets in with a fake band and then something bad happens as a result, it could be a lot worse for us than the tugs (Chewie). Security staff is part of us and we all should be respectful with each other (Bear). An injured wrist is disturbing and it is troubling to know that some of our family have been so hurt they cannot be touched; our ideal is to touch each other and to feel safe doing it; a flashlight in the eyes recalls Neil Young who sang "...deal with the man with the light in your eyes..."; the pass checks should be 3-chip interactions: "yer front side is good, show me your back side....Ok, that's what kilts are for!" (LT). Cooperate and a pass check is easy, people at the top need to cooperate too (Paxton). The language says "may include" but the reality is "shall include"; this seems to have become a one size fits all Transportation Security Agency approach; common sense has part to play (Jon). Security coordinators need this clarity in the guidelines but they must be well trained (Jack). "I am just so against putting your hands on another person. I can't believe we are discussing it. If you want to check my wristband, ask politely and I'll pull on it until it comes off, but if you put your hands on me I am liable to deck you, simple as that. Somebody said we have to do this so people can do their jobs. Cops would like to come in your house without knocking, so they could do their job. What's



the difference? You just shouldn't tug on people, period. Am I clear?" (Deane). The coordinators need this to guide their efforts; trouble can be reduced if people check gently (Diane). Threatening another with physical violence is a violation of our code of conduct (LT).

**5. Volunteers** (language change): **CREW SERVICES:** To facilitate the well-being of OCF volunteers during the Fair, Crew Services provides a variety of services, including hospitality and showers. A hospitality center is located in the Flowin' Notes shower area by the WareHouse (Friday to Sunday nights from 7pm to 10pm) serving warm drinks and small nibbles. Hospitality is also located in Main Camp (noon to 5pm, Friday through Sunday; access is from the gate to the left of the Youth Stage) serving cool drinks, fresh baked goodies and a light buffet. Free showers for staff and performers are located at dahinda's Acres, Flowin' Notes, and on the Far Side. Hours vary, but most are open early and stay open until around 10pm. Bring your own towel and shower supplies.

**Pre-Fair Meals:** The Oregon Country Fair is grateful for the time volunteers give to help build our event. It is in this spirit of gratitude that the Staff Kitchen serves meals to working crews only. It does not provide snacks nor does it provide meals for crewmembers that are on site for meetings, trainings, or personal walk-a-rounds, or for those working on their booths.

In order for working crews to receive a meal in the Main Camp kitchen, Coordinators are required to turn in an advance meal count to Main Camp Quartermaster. See section 6 for details.

Those without a meal ticket may have the opportunity to eat if seconds are called. Teens will receive a meal if they are on site working, and will also need a meal ticket or will wait for seconds. All children 12 and under must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian and will only receive a meal if they go through the line with a meal ticket carrying caretaker.

**Indigo moved, Bear seconded, to approve this proposed change. The motion passed 10-0.** Take out the part about meals for children 12 and under (Grumpy). Some families volunteer together and they bring the kids who need to be fed (Hilary). Children need to eat; as a child I required food in order to grow (Tony). We want to err on the side of inclusion but we need a meaningful meal ticket system (Charlie). Some who attend work parties for Community Village appreciate getting left-overs. If you like my help, you better feed my kids (Bear). Grumpy, you bring out the best in us; my daughter helps when she is on site; a lot of good thought went into this guideline proposal (Chewie). Don't think of them as kids but as crabby adults in training (LT). 22,000 meals were served last year so this clarity is good.

**6. Main Camp** (language change): Pre-Fair, the Staff Kitchen serves meals for working crews only. Coordinators of pre-Fair working crews are responsible for turning in an advance meal count to Main Camp Quartermaster no later than 9am for lunch, 2pm for dinner, and 8pm for breakfast the next morning. After these times, no more ticket requests are possible and your working crewmembers will have to wait for seconds. Coordinators or their representative can pick up tickets from Quartermaster. See section 5 for more meal ticket details. **Indigo moved, Bear seconded, to approve this proposed change. The motion passed 7-3 (Jon, Deane, Chewie opposed).** Recycling starts about 10am. Sometimes the crew is not in contact with the coordinator in time to

make this schedule to work (Chewie). This guideline describes a procedure that gives the kitchen time to plan and prepare the right amount of food (Bear).

**8. No Dogs** (add last sentences): The prohibition of dogs on site, except service dogs, is in effect from June 1 through August 31. Anyone who refuses to comply will be told to leave. You may be placed on probation or banned from the property for violating this guideline. Dogs that attack, or fight with other dogs, will be banned from the site. Dogs that chase or harass wildlife will also be banned from the site. **Indigo moved, Chewie seconded, to approve this proposed change. After discussion, Chewie withdrew his second and the proposed change was not approved.** The last two sentences can be problematic with regard to banning service dogs (Grumpy). The Oregon Revised Statutes and Lane County Codes address this issue and we do not need the parallel (Hilary). The Site Managers intention was to have some language about dogs that disturb migrating birds (Tony). The Site Manager and his representatives need the authority to ban dogs that are problematic (Charlie). There have been dog problems and they include dogs identified as service dogs. Dogs running and birds flying away is not unusual; dogs do attack other dogs and they do fight with each other; dogs are dogs and it's good to be a dog, if you are a dog (Chewie). The guideline could be helpful but there are concerns with the duplication (LT). Any changes with respect to service dogs need to be reviewed by an attorney; better language might be "all dogs, including service dogs, must be under control of the responsible individual" (Jon). "Banned" needs to be a part of this guideline (Charlie).

**9. Photography and Video** (additions): Still photography at the Fair is allowed and may happen as part of the event. To protect people's privacy, please ask for permission before you take photographs of youth (ask their parents) and people who are not fully clothed. We strive for respect of all people and want people to feel able to express themselves at the Oregon Country Fair. You have the right not to be photographed if asked. Fair photographers will have an ID laminate which indicates they are registered with the Fair. If you feel you are being inappropriately photographed please report it to Fair Central or the nearest Info Booth.

Video Cameras: Due to our agreement with performers, no video cameras are allowed on site from Wednesday, July 6 through Monday, July 11, except those belonging to credentialed media representatives or people who have made prior arrangements with the Video Crew through the office. Please do not take video footage from a cell phone or other such device with out permission from the subject. Failure to follow this guideline may result in your removal from the Fair. **Indigo moved, Bear seconded, to approve this guideline change. The motion passed 10-0.** It says laminates are the credentials; the sentence will cause confusion about the laminated photo ID's (Grumpy). The sentence was removed. What is the meaning of "the right not to be photographed if asked", is it only if asked? (norma). If language tinkering is needed the guideline is not ready for Board approval (Jack). People want the freedom to express themselves and guidelines are currently in place; maybe this needs to be refined and brought back next year (Tony). We need an appropriate way to deal with body painting and photography. What happens to the film. Cell phones can take video. This is a positive idea but not clear enough (Indigo). This doesn't get us to a good discussion with regard to the personal invasion aspect (Jack). This proposal came from feedback submitted by an affected individual (Paxton). Strike "if asked" and the entire next sentence; strike "or" regarding Fair Central and strike the language after the



cell phone sentence (LT). This guideline is necessary when considering the way things get posted on the internet (Bear). Indigo and Bear agreed to the strikes identified by LT. Common sense applies for taking crowd shots and honoring any objections (Jon and Charlie). This guideline, with changes, is as follows: **9. Photography and Video** (additions): Still photography at the Fair is allowed and may happen as part of the event. To protect people's privacy, please ask for permission before you take photographs of youth (ask their parents) and people who are not fully clothed. We strive for respect of all people and want people to feel able to express themselves at the Oregon Country Fair. You have the right not to be photographed. If you feel you are being inappropriately photographed please report it to the nearest Info Booth.

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**41. Camping** (deletions and date changes): **CAMPING BEFORE AND AFTER THE FAIR.** Camping, before and after the Fair, is limited to working Main Camp crews. Booth people setting up for the Fair with authorization from their Booth Representative may camp from June 2 to July 12. The Fair does not provide meals for booth workers.

(second paragraph changes): All campers and their belongings must be packed up, packed out and off site no later than 11am, Tuesday July 17. **Jon moved, Deane seconded, to approve this guideline change. The motion failed 1-9 (Jack, Diane, Jon, Paxton, LT, Saman, Bear, Chewie and Indigo opposed).** This proposal overturns a long-standing protocol (Charlie). This will require additional budget for a bunch of crews (Tony). Decon, pre-post, recycling will be affected. This change will remove the \$2 fee for booth people; will remove the requirement to check-in on each arrival; and will extend the departure time by 17 hours (Deane). This proposed time extension will have a major impact on our budgets; the \$2 helps pay for sanitation and services (Bear). This fee brings in very little money and causes resentment; some people face a long distance trip and need extra time to prepare (Paxton). The time extension is not workable (Chewie).

**Paxton moved, Chewie seconded, to eliminate \$2 fee for pre-Fair camping.** It brought in \$20 last year (Paxton). **The motion passed 8-2 (Bear and Saman opposed).**

**55. Barter Fair Sales** (an addition): No sales of alcohol are permitted. **The Board voted 9-1 (Bear opposed) to accept this change.**

**62. Prohibited Items** (add phrase re medicine): Imported or manufactured items are inappropriate for the Oregon Country Fair. No pipes, bongs, or other tools to ingest illegal drugs, nor any other drug paraphernalia, may be displayed or sold on OCF property at any time except for the after hour display and sale of medicine delivery devices. Crafters who believe that any of their items may be interpreted by staff to be in violation of this guideline should contact the Craft Committee at the Fair office before the April 1 craft jury deadline each year to resolve questions about what they may exhibit at the Fair. **Jon moved, Deane seconded, to approve this guideline change.** Including an exception is not good idea (Charlie). Jon stated he introduced this proposal to fulfill a campaign promise made to a crafter. **The motion failed 1-8-1 (Jack, Diane, Paxton, LT, Saman, Bear, Chewie and Indigo opposed; Jon abstains).**

**75. Menu (additions):** Registration materials for food booths include a menu form that must be completed each year. Returning vendors who are planning a change of menu are subject to re-evaluation by the Food Committee. Food vendors at the Fair are required to make a significant contribution to the menu items they serve. Prepare as many items as possible from scratch. Some element of your principle items must be made from scratch. Mere assembly does not constitute a significant contribution. We encourage you to use fresh ingredients, sourced locally and organic whenever possible.

**New. Food Booth Representative:** In addition to the guidelines for all Booth Reps defined in Section 47, the following additions apply specifically to food booth reps. The food booth rep must be on the Fair property for at least half of the hours that their booth is open. The food booth rep must be reachable by phone throughout the entirety of the Fair. Each food booth rep should have a valid Food Handler's card. All booth reps must attend the mandatory meeting or submit notification of a specific sand-in who works in the booth.

In the event of a booth rep transition within a food booth, the booth rep position may be transferred to another member of the booth as long as they have a minimum of 5 years working in the booth. All such requests for booth rep status transfer will be verified by Booth Registration Crew and approved by the Food Committee. During any such transition the booth will be automatically subject to a two year probationary period. Final approval of transfer will be pending successful completion of the probationary period. The OCF reserves the right, when necessary, to appoint food booth representatives, to reject the transfer of food booth representative status or to revoke food booth representative status.

**New. Strolling food Vendors:** Strolling food vendors are reduced sized food booths which must have the ability to move their booth when called upon to do so. Typically their menus are limited in order to accommodate food preparation in a small space. Strolling food carts must be no larger than 4'x6'. Storage must extend no further than 3 feet behind booth and must adhere to the aesthetic guidelines of the food committee. Strolling vendors must follow the health department sanitation guidelines for temporary restaurants. Booth placement must be such that it does not interfere with traffic or visibility of other booths. Each strolling food vendor must have a hand washing station, as described in Section 8, if serving any item not prepackaged in single servings. **Indigo moved, Saman seconded, to approve these three guideline changes. The motion passed 10-0.** These proposals all came from Registration and the Food Committee (Tony). The minimum of 5 years experience is necessary for experience and a good transfer and is meant to counter the practice of selling a food booth; the booth representative can change but the booth is part of the Fair (Charlie). 3 years seems sufficient (Paxton). The person must be reachable by phone if off site (Paxton, Charlie). This does not reduce the requirement for the food handler's license (LT, Charlie).

### Committee Reports

**The Elders Committee** met in the town office at 7 pm on January 26th with twenty people in attendance. The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved as written. These minutes are available in detail on the [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net) web site by accessing the Committee's link found there. A board member invited everyone interested in re-visioning the front or face of the fair to attend a February 11th BOD Work Session at the Hilyard Community Center at 2580 Hilyard Street from 12:30 to 4 pm.

A report on the current status of the Elder's Budget request for 2012 was presented. The initial requests were not available but enough funds are available for the Elders to be able to continue with their projects for the 2012 fair. The Elders pass process will be the same as worked out last year under the terms of the agreement reached between the Elders, Operations and Inventory. A letter will be sent out to all the approved Elders explaining the terms and times.

The Committee reviewed and approved seven new applications for Elders status. This brings the total number of active approved Elders to 615, with six additional applicants requiring further verification. The Committee reviewed and approved the recommendation for three new members of the Committee. They have already submitted their letters of intent to the board for approval.

The camping subcommittee submitted a map layout of the Elders camping area. There will be discussions on naming the various paths thru the area at the next Elders retreat that will be held on March 31/April 1st at Alice's on site. Dates for the spring work parties at the Elders camp will be as follows. First party: April 14, Second party: May 19th and the Third party: June 16th. These will all be on Saturdays and from 10 am to 2 pm.

A report was given on the current status of the Archive project. The process is slow in its development but progress is being made. The Elders have shown much interest in being involved in this project once it gets underway in earnest.

**The Path Planning Committee** met on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Alice's with twenty-five people in attendance. The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved as written. These minutes and any associated documents are available at the [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net) web site under the Committee's link.

A report from operations was given concerning the recent flooding. Levels had reached almost nineteen feet and the high waters are continuing due to the persistent rains. A report was given about the new land purchase in the Far Side Area. There will be no change in operation's procedures for that area for this year. It will take some time to properly develop this acquisition and determine how it can best serve the Fair's needs.

The Committee reviewed the processes involved in developing the Crafter's Lot for possible public use. This involves developing new camping areas as well as improving the Front of the Fair areas. Several Board workshops are being planned for the near future. The Committee also reviewed the progress concerning the opening up of the Gypsy Way area to a new Child Care area. Path ways and layout designs are already in the process of creation. The Committee is staying actively involved with this process as many of its members are actively a part of the process due to their other affiliations with groups and crews that are doing the actual work of opening up this area. The Committee reviewed supporting a name change for the new Child Care area. This will be discussed and looked at in more detail again next month. The members reviewed the process being developed to obtain a GPS Kimble surveying system for use in current and future property development. Having the means to properly survey our lands is critical to the proper future use of it. The Committee will submit a letter of support for this project.

The Committee is extending to the Board an invitation to attend their March meeting to review the Committee's designs and progress on developing the Crafters Lot. This meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, at noon, at Alice's. The next regular Path Planning meeting will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, at noon, at Alice's.

### **Adjourn**

Due to the length of the business discussion, the staff reports, member inputs and the President's Peace were not heard. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm. (EWEB contacted the Fair Tuesday morning with a reminder about their 10pm time limit.) The next regular meeting is March 5th at 7pm at EWEB.

### **Tentative agenda for March:**

- 1) Budget and Treasurer's Report
- 2) Approve minutes from the January 30 Board Budget meeting
- 3) Approve minutes from the February 6 Board meeting
- 4) Appoint Robyn Weir as Booth Registration co-coordinator (Chewie)
- 5) By-Laws revision (LT)
- 6) Occupy Eugene (Chewie)
- 7) Approve Capitol Projects
- 8) Board service qualifies for a camping pass (Deane) "Serving on the Board is enough to earn a camping pass; if you take your pass for serving on the Board you can do your regular job or not and you do not lose your crafter status or any other position while serving on the Board; this includes being able to purchase an extra pass and vehicle sticker; this will allow Board members to look at the whole Fair during the event."
- 9) Turtle Enhancement support (Anna)