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OCF Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Committee members and Board Liaison present: Diane, Heidi, Kimmo, Lisa, Mark, Palmer, and Paxton.

Guest: Lawrence Taylor.

Absent: Sam (Board Liaison).

The committee approved the September 27 meeting minutes completed by Heidi, with a revision to remove the commentary about paying someone to do the Board minutes since it was not discussed during the committee meeting.

There was no membership or other feedback received since the last committee meeting.

Announcements:

- Paxton said FairCARE will hold a stakeholder / membership work session on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 6pm.

Meeting Discussion included:

- Paxton agreed to speak on behalf of the committee at the next Board meeting regarding Lawrence Taylor's appointment to the Bylaws Committee.
- With Kimmo resigning as Recording Secretary, the ED has appointed Norma (staff) to do an abbreviated version of the minutes until the Board has a replacement for the officer position.
- Lisa added a new tab to the Bylaws Comparison excel sheet, titled Draft, to narrow down what amendments we will propose to the Board. There is a column for what the bylaws currently are, and what we will recommend be amended in the second column.
- We began our final review of each bylaw, and included review of grammar, punctuation, and use of the words we use to describe the event (the Fair) versus the corporation (The Oregon Country Fair).
- There was discussion about the term 'charter member' and if that meant there was more than one class of membership. Some committee members felt this section was outdated and no longer needed, but others disagreed. We decided to keep the section and keep the sentence about charter members having the same rights as other members. We then created a new subsection under Dividends and Earnings about charter members who have loaned money to help purchase property.

- Mark expressed that some members are accusing the Bylaws Committee of disenfranchising some people due to the parameters regarding Fair participation each year. While Mark agreed there was no substantial change, how it was presented made it seem otherwise. Heidi noted that someone being removed from the membership list if they do not vote for at least three years is not new, and was only moved from one section to another.
- Since we are behind on our work plan schedule, the committee agreed to add some extra committee meetings to finish up the comparison review. We decided to meet November 1st and 8th to complete our draft.

Tasks, To Do's and Summary

- Kimmo – schedule meetings on Zoom and get posted on .net site.

The next Bylaws Committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 6pm-7:30pm.