

FAIR FAMILY NEWS

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR ☉ ONE CREATIVE FAMILY

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WHAT'S INSIDE

Handy tips and hacks for your Fair experience,

Plus a roundup of important news from the Board and Crews



FAIR FAMILY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 12 Last day for total refund of booth fees
- 13 Community Village General Meeting, 7 pm
- 20 Last day for partial refund of booth fees
- 22 Last day to submit plans for major booth work
- 25 No check payments after this date
- 30 Board of Directors Meeting, OCF Site, 4 pm
- 30 Last day to submit plans to Construction Crew for repairs

JULY

- 5 All construction requiring inspection must be completed!
- 6 All construction completed (tools down!)
- 10-14 Pick up passes at Registration
- 11 Annual meeting of booth participants, Shady Grove, 7 pm to 9 pm
- 12, 13, 14 **Essentially Wondrous!**

For additional events see:

<https://oregoncountryfair.net/events/>

Elders Meet 'n' Greet

The elders meet 'n' greet will be on Thursday July 11 at Alice's fire pit. It starts around 6pm. We have lined up some music and there will be food and drink.



KEEP IN TOUCH

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INFO@OREGONCOUNTRYFAIR.ORG

OREGONCOUNTRYFAIR.ORG (EVENT INFO)

OREGONCOUNTRYFAIR.NET (BUSINESS SITE)



*Happy
Birthday
Cancers & Leos!!*



Here's a shout out to all our great Fair family members! Every one of you deserves recognition for your hard work for the Fair!

Get on the FFN and/or Voting Membership List

Tell us your name; your email address to be notified of the online version of the newsletter; your crew or booth number; name of your leader or booth rep; name of person who can verify your participation, and your mailing address if applying for membership.

*Mail to: OCF, Membership/Mailing,
442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, 97401.*

Or Email to: info@oregoncountryfair.org



FFN DANCING PEACHES

Michael "Two-Step" Ottenhausen
Mary "Waltz" Doyon
Suzi "Spinning" Prozanski
Daniel "Contra" Cohn
Brad "Hustle" Lerch
Trisha "Tap" Burbaum
norma "go-go" sax
Kim "Moonwalk" Griggs
Vanessa "Breakdance" Roy
Alex "Tango" Zabala

2024 GUIDELINES

Get all the essential information about our essential event!



Registration Crew Pre-Fair Hours

June 8 – July 5

Monday & Tuesday • closed

Wednesday & Thursday • 11 am – 4 pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday • 10 am – 6 pm

July 6 – July 8

Daily • 10 am – 8 pm

July 9 • closed



Wristband & Booth Registration Hours

July 10 – July 14

Wednesday - Thursday • 9 am-10 pm

Friday - Saturday • 9 am-9 pm

Sunday • 10 am-2 pm

Photo ID Booth Hours

July 10 – July 14

Wednesday - Saturday • 8 am-8 pm

Sunday • closed



Shower Hours

Shower Central

Thursday: 5 pm – 9:30 pm

Friday & Saturday:

7 am – 9:30 pm

Sunday: 7 am – 4:30 pm

Alice's

Friday - Sunday:

8 am – 10:30 pm

Zenn

Friday - Sunday:

8 am – 5:30 pm

Flowin' Notes

Friday - Sunday:

8 am – 10:30 pm

Far Side

Thursday: 5 pm – 9:30 pm

Friday - Saturday:

7 am – 9:30 pm

Sunday: 7 am – 4:30 pm

South Miss Piggy's

Thursday: 5 pm – 9:30 pm

Friday - Saturday:

7 am – 9:30 pm

Sunday: 7 am – 4:30 pm

Thinking of Wheels? Think Again!

Please leave the kids' bikes at home. Only service bikes are allowed. Check in first with QM (Quartermaster (541) 935-SITE/7483) or the management team before bringing a motorized vehicle to the Fair. These vehicles will be limited for service and not for personal transportation.

Minors On Site Forms

Everyone coming on site pre-Fair with a minor must fill out one of these forms. You need to fill it out only once. They can be found online at oregoncountryfair.net or at the Fair site from the Greeter or at Quartermaster. Filling the form out before you get to the site will earn you extra brownie points.

Get Cash

ATMs are located at Dragon admissions and at Main Stage, along the fence on the right side as you face the stage.

Bring Your Water Bottle

Bring reusable water bottles. Stay hydrated. Pass the word.

Pack it in! Pack it out!!

Leave no trace. Pack it in, pack it out. Please clean up your booths & camp sites. Mother Earth thanks you.

No Dogs on Site

NO DOGS allowed on site until September 1, except for service dogs. This includes dogs in vehicles. Anyone considering bringing a service animal to the site should refer to the additional information provided in the guidelines. Once on site, please inquire with the Dog Control Crew about getting a laminate tag.

Drug-Free Event

Alcohol and marijuana consumption is not allowed in public places during public hours. Please ask others to cooperate. Selling alcohol or marijuana at the Fair is illegal. Such sales risk closing the Fair, as well as criminal charges.

Smoking Areas

If you want to smoke, please be considerate of your fellow Fairgoers and smoke only in designated areas. Smoking areas have signs and brightly colored butt cans. If you don't see the can, don't light up!

Driving to the Fair?

If you are driving to the Fair Site on Wednesday, July 10, please follow Hwy. 126 to Suttle Road. Enter from the west to alleviate traffic on Suttle Road.

If you are driving to the Fair Site on Thursday, July 11, please follow Hwy. 126 and enter at Maple Gate, located at 24207 OR-126, Veneta, Oregon.

Transportation and Parking

PLEASE, TAKE THE BUS OR CARPOOL. OCF chartered buses leave regularly from Valley River Center and LTD Downtown Station in Eugene starting about 9:30am and continuing until about 5:30pm each day of the Fair. The last bus returns to town at 8:30pm.

Worker shuttle buses leave Eugene daily between 8am and 9:30am, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Fair from the Valley River Center shuttle site. There is absolutely no overnight parking at the shuttle site.

Maple Gate Open Monday Morning after Fair

As you prepare to ease on down the road on Monday, July 10, consider taking a path less traveled and exit Maple Gate directly onto Highway 126.

Sure, it's less time to take in the last moments of a Fair well lived as you absorb the exhaust of a line of waiting vehicles, but hey, why not pick up the pace toward your next adventures?

Lost Children

Lost Children. Pre- and post-Fair, lost children must be reported to, and found children must be taken to, QuarterMaster at Main Camp. Fair weekend, from noon, Thursday, through noon, Monday, the Child Care Crew provides 24-hour service for lost kids.

Found children should be taken to the nearest Child Care location. Fair Central will be notified of lost or found children. Parents/guardians should go to any Info Booth to report a lost child.



Need Help?

We hope you don't have any emergencies, but if you do, go to the nearest Information Booth or to the White Bird Medical Clinic by the Main Stage. See map for locations or ask at any booth. White Bird is a complete emergency medical system staffed by nurses, doctors and other health care professionals. Information Booths are equipped to handle minor first aid situations and can get you connected with the care you need.



Lost & Found

Lost something? Please go to the Odyssey Information booth to see if it's been found or to file a report if it hasn't yet appeared. All found items will be collected from Information booths and taken to Lost and Found Central at Odyssey by the end of each day of the Fair.

After the Fair, please email: lostandfound@oregon-countryfair.org with your contact info and a complete description of your item. Because of the volume of reports we receive, we may not be able to get back to you if we don't have your item. If you don't hear from us within two weeks, it's because we do not have what you're looking for.

If your item is given to us after the Fair, we will do our best to re-unite it with you by mail (at your expense). If you're in the Eugene area, we may be able to deliver it to you. We keep found items for about 30 days after the Fair and then donate unclaimed goods to a local charity.

Please consider putting some sort of identification on your precious possession so we can easily return it to you. An address label is a good idea. Cell phones, iPads, cameras, fanny packs, all turn up and astonishingly enough, don't always get claimed. We would return items much faster if we can easily identify to whom they belong.

Found something? Please bring it to the Odyssey Information Booth and your good karma points will increase considerably.



Feedback

During the Fair, feedback forms are available at any Information Booth. After the Fair, forms or written comments complete with your name, address and phone number can be mailed to: Feedback, OCF, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401 or emailed to info@oregoncountryfair.org. Your feedback is appreciated, welcome and given attention!

FAMILY LETTERS

This newsletter is for the Oregon Country Fair Family and all material is volunteered from the membership.

Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.

Letters must be limited to 300 words. They will be edited for length and clarity. Please include name, Fair Affiliation and a method of communication (i.e. phone number or e-mail).



Fair Family News Editorial Policy

The Fair Family News provides space for a calendar of events; announcements; Letters from the Family and to and from the Board; information for and from crews, booths and entertainers; committee reports; official information about the Fair; and room for any other Fair Family contributions with the purpose of sharing. As space allows, Fair-related contributions such as art, short literary pieces and humor will be included. All printed material will be edited for clarity and length. We will not print personal attacks or material that is libelous. It is the intent of the Fair Family News to print all sides of a debate whenever possible. This newsletter will uphold the OCF Code of Conduct.

Lime-Green Friday - Again!

Dear Fair Family,

Sub(Lime)ity to all adherents of the color spectrum that falls within the Lime-its of Lime-Green, and that is a broad spread that goes from Safety Lime to the rich hue of dark lime as it appears on the fruit skin of the sacred citrus fruit that inspires us all, the LIME.

So wear lots of lime-green of any form, Friday, July 12th, 2024, no matter your fair status, who you be, or what you are doing. The Limeys will be up to our usual — Meet & greet at the Dragon admissions up until 11:00am, We will then stream into



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the fair and meet up with any stragglers in Chela Mela (We are a hard bunch to miss) and start off on our Lime Parade from there. You can jump into the parade at any point and we will be doing the whole eight and Xavanadu! Please bring drums, percussion instruments, banjos, kazoos, etc to keep the Limeys lively (Non-violent Instruments of Kismet?). We will end up at Chela Mela where we started and gather for a Photo-op. If you miss the parade there is still a whole day to wear lime and greet our kind with a "Happy Lime Friday". Wear Lime with Peachy for dragon run (check with the Dragon Handlers for times), as well as just strutting our stuff around the fair. Also consider recording your lime outfits for posterity at the Fair Foto Booth "Imaginarium", located at the Bus Entrance. It's fun and Free! May the Lime be with you and we see you everywhere!

Sunday Morning Mourning March

The Sunday Mourning Memorial Service at the Fair is a tradition begun 2015 and held every year, commemorating people who have left the Earthly plane.

On Sunday morning of the Fair beginning 10 am, we meet at "the Junction" of the Figure 8 (near the Drum Tower) — symbolizing the Crossroads, where the Lands of Living and Dead meet, to memorialize members of our Fair Family and relatives and friends of our Fair Family who have left our mortal plane in the past year.

We invite all Fair Family who would like to bid farewell to a Loved One to join us at the Junction at 10 am on Sunday of the Fair.

Some members of the Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Band will depart from Stage Left to the Junction at 9:45 am, marching to only the sound of our drum section. All are welcome to join the solemn march from Stage Left toward the Junction.

Beginning at 10 am we briefly commemorate the departed. Names will be mentioned and honored. Those of us of the Tribes of Israel, and others who choose to join us, will recite the Kaddish, an ancient Aramaic memorial prayer (scripts will be provided). Prayers from other traditions are most welcome as well.

After all names of those departed have been mentioned and prayers recited, we will leave the Junction. Those of us returning to Stage Left will march in New Orleans "second line" fashion, expressing joy at being alive in our magical Fair setting. All are welcome to be a part of our return march. Please join us in this Fair tradition.

*Sammy Epstein,
on behalf of Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching
Chamber Band/Orchestra*

Announcing the Chuck Gerard Basic Needs Fund

Dear Oregon Country Fair Community,

White Bird Rock Medicine hopes this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As an integral part of our cherished OCF community, we are excited to share some important news regarding a significant development in the services you have come to trust and rely upon.

For more than 50 years, the Rock Medicine program has proudly operated as a department of the White Bird Clinic, steadfastly grounded in our shared philosophy of providing health care and sanctuary to those in need at OCF. Today, we are thrilled to announce that Rock Medicine has evolved into a standalone nonprofit organization.

Although White Bird Rock Medicine is now an independent entity, our commitment to the core values that have guided our work since inception remains unwavering. We continue to be driven by a philanthropic spirit, offering our services through the dedicated efforts of volunteers who share our mission of caring for our community.

While this marks a new chapter in our journey, we want to assure you that White Bird Rock Medicine remains deeply rooted in our founding philosophy: to provide our community with holistic care whenever the need arises.

To further our mission and broaden our impact, we have established the Chuck Gerard Basic Needs Fund. This fund will channel the proceeds from Rock Medicine toward grant opportunities for Lane County nonprofits. These grants will specifically support organizations providing essential assistance to individuals experiencing or facing houselessness, addressing basic needs for folks.

We deeply appreciate the symbiotic connection that Rock Medicine and OCF share, and we look forward to this year's Fair as we work together to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Thank you for your unwavering trust and commitment to the values we all hold dear.

White Bird Rock Medicine

Fair Area Rapid Transit Service, at Your Service!

The FARTS shuttle will operate our buses: Bubble Bus, Purple Passion, ExtraLove and New Bus on July 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. FARTS is excited to see you at our 2024 Fair!

Hours of operation:

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 am-1am

Friday & Saturday: 10 am-1 pm (public lots only)

Sunday 10 am-1 pm (public lots only) & 6 pm-11 pm

Monday: 7 am-8 pm

The FARTS shuttles move in "Fair time" (please be patient). Stops include: the entrance gate to OuttaSite, Registration and Carts.

* Please wait at one of our stops for a pickup. The FARTS will stop along the way if able, just say hi and wave us down.

* Please do not jump onto a moving FART. While we do love White Bird, we'd prefer everyone be safe.

* All riders really must be fully inside the bus, yep, no hanging onto the bus. The FARTS ropes are there as a



The pink Bubble Bus

Photo © Annie Niedergang

reminder, be inside of them and enjoy your adventure.

* Our larger buses typically carry about 30 passengers, so consider this when there is a crowd.

* During the high ridership hours of 11 am-5 pm the purple bus

will turn around at the entrance to OuttaSite.

If you wait at the stop, in the shade, the bus will come to you.

* The pink bus will come in through the parking lot center aisle and pick up riders on the way back out. We do not pick up at the low point of the ditch at "It's Been Swale." Our pickup will be just after the ditch, as we're heading out.

FARTS does not service the Winery or off-site campgrounds. The Winery has its own shuttle service, hours and route.

FARTS folks are excited to see your sparkling faces. WE LOVE YOU!



by the Jill Heiman Vision Fund Allocations Committee

Five nonprofit groups related to the environment and sustainability will receive funding from donations to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund this year. The OCF Board triples the power of each gift by matching \$2 for every \$1 donated, up to a total of \$20,000.

1. Whole Earth Nature School will pay park rental fees for its summer nature camps that help connect youth with nature.

2. Northwest Youth Corps will purchase work boots, gloves and work shirts for youth participants who face financial barriers to participating. Funds will also repair zippers on the sleeping bags that are loaned out each year.

3. McKenzie River Trust will remove invasive species from Coyote Spencer Wetlands to promote native plant growth, in coordination with the Long Tom Watershed Council.

4. Cascadia Wildlands will outfit a summer camp

kitchen for the wildCATs volunteers, who field-check proposed timber sales on federally managed lands.

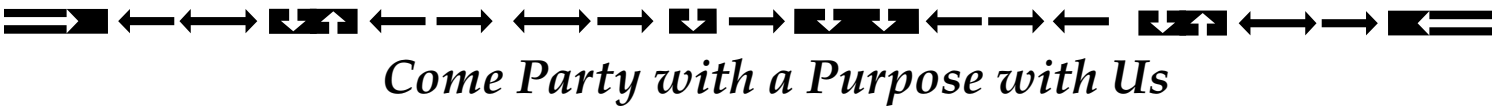
5. Beyond Toxics will design a public education campaign about the harmful effects of artificial turf on wildlife and water quality, focusing on playing fields proposed at Golden Gardens Park in the Bethel area.

\$1 = \$3

The OCF Board triples the power of your gift with its \$2 match for every \$1 donated, up to a total of \$20,000. Look for donation boxes for the Jill Heiman Vision Fund at Information Booths around the Fair. Food vouchers, cash or checks may be donated. Checks and cash donations are tax-deductible; include address for mailed receipt. Donations also can be mailed to the Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401.

You can find donation boxes at Information Booths at the Fair. Checks and cash donations are tax-deductible; include address for mailed receipt. You can also donate online at <https://www.oregoncountryfair.org/about-ocf/philanthropy/donate/>

One food voucher and one dollar at a time, donors to Jill Heiman Vision Fund are making a difference in our community. Since the fund began 28 years ago, we have donated more than \$625,000. Thanks to everyone for your awesome support!



The Jill Heiman Vision Fund is seeking volunteers who are interested in the Fair’s deeper purpose of philanthropy and helping others in our community. Members of the JHVF Worker Bee subcommittee do the good deeds that keep this committee functioning smoothly.

Pre-Fair, Worker Bees clean out the wooden collection boxes, pull together the Jill’s Landing area next to Jill’s Crossing, promote the fund in talks to Fair crews, and distribute the money collection boxes throughout the site. During the Fair, we also hand out fliers to Fair booths.

An OCF-credentialed pass (Volunteer, Booth, Signifi-

cant Other, Elder, Teen , etc.) is needed to participate in most Worker Bee activities. Our volunteers get no food vouchers or passes for working on this committee. What you will get is a fun and groovy group of people to work with — and the feel-good satisfaction of helping us in our work to fund valuable grants to local nonprofits.

If you’re interested in joining the Worker Bees of the Jill Heiman Vision Fund, please email the committee chair — Suzi Prozanski, suzipro@efn.org— with a short description of your Fair experience and the reasons why you seek to join this group.



Carts Need YOU to Make the Fair Go Round!

by the Peach Cart Crew

Peach Cart Love

As we dive into OCF 2024, the Peach Cart Crews are gearing up to serve you. Peach carts keep the Fair people-powered and pedestrian friendly, offering an eco-friendly alternative to cars, trucks, and gators. Our crews maintain a fleet of more than 200 pushcarts and will lend carts to Fairgoers more than 4,000 times during OCF.

The Art Behind the Cart

Did you know that dedicated Event Carts Co-Coordinator Bill Klaverkamp handcrafted nearly all of our unique carts? Bill's passion for creating these functional pieces of art is evident in their quality, utility, and durability. Each cart is more than a tool — carts are a moving piece of OCF culture. "Each cart I build carries the spirit of the Fair," Bill says.

Whether you're hauling ice, tents, or art installations,

our carts are here to help.

Be a Hero

On our busy days, you may encounter a waitlist—but it doesn't have to be this way. Be a part of the solution and return carts promptly after use. If you don't know where a cart came from, it isn't yours to keep. Each day that a cart is held past its checkout time, our fellow Fairgoers aren't being served by the use of that cart. Waitlists impact everyone, but especially our most vulnerable community members and those who provide essential services to OCF.

Don't bogart that cart. Be kind, and return it. We thank you for keeping our Community-Accountable Resource Treasures (C.A.R.T.s) in circulation.

Cart coming through — for you!





Fair Thee Well: Dennis Todd

Dennis Todd (1945-2023) was truly a Renaissance man. He was a loving husband and father who wore a great many hats and wore them all well. Above all, he was a teacher.

At whatever he set his mind to, he excelled. He was a scientist who studied oceanography, forest ecology, and a variety of other scientific disciplines. During his full and fulfilling life he was a professional ski instructor, an owner of a VW repair shop, a musician, a gardener, a baker, a sailor, an adjunct professor at the University of Oregon Honors College, and a devoted member of the Oregon Country Fair.

Dennis's introduction to the Fair as a volunteer on the Recycling Crew in 1977 was the beginning of a lifelong love affair. He served as a worker on the Child Care crew and was a Construction co-coordinator during the expansion of the Left Bank in 1991, helping build DeSpain Lane Volunteer Bridge, Jill's Crossing, and the Dragon Plaza.

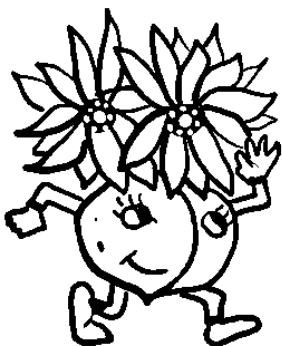
He later served for many years on the Path Planning



and LUMP Committees, where his insights were invaluable. He was proud to be involved in the Indian Creek Enhancement Project in the late 1990s, when fish-passing friendly culverts were installed, the stream was de-channelized, and the banks were planted with native vegetation. As was his wont, he worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Fair and made sure, before he left us, that the torch was passed.

Dennis's musings on the occasion of his 75th birthday beautifully summarize his philosophy. "An ecologist's reflections on reaching 75: A web of interwoven life surrounds and supports me. I inherited the wisdom of four billion years of evolution. All living beings are my kin. I am made of stardust and powered by sunlight. I am

a pantheist. Everything is holy. The Divine and the Universe are one and the same. Every day is a gift. Survival is a miracle. I am blessed to be part of the Divine. Love and joy abound."



First-Time Applicants Sought for Work Group to Review Policies

The OCF Board wishes to explore and further our commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) policies. Our community has told us that this is important. To do this, the Board is forming a work group (consisting of around five to 10 people) to review our EDIB policies and recommend changes as necessary. This work group is authorized for a term of nine months following the appointment of members, at which time the work group will report back to the Board. The work group will dissolve after delivering their report, unless their term is extended by the Board.

The work group shall:

- Coordinate with Fair CARE to define EDIB terms used at the Fair, including but not limited to: “equity,” “diversity,” “inclusion,” “belonging,” “safe space” and “marginalized community.”
- Conduct a statistically accurate demographic survey of the 2024 Fair participants (not including the public) and analyze the results. Where available, provide comparisons to the demographics of Lane County.
- Collect data on the status of EDIB at the Fair. This includes reviewing our systems for collecting EDIB incidents at the Fair and making recommendations for improvement.
- Determine both the governance and operational implications of the collected data. Highlight areas of

celebration and areas for growth. Determine other recommendations from this data.

The work group needs members with skills and qualifications in collaboration, data collection, policy analysis and organizational change with an emphasis on issues and policies around EDIB. Parties should be prepared to attend (virtually or in person) one meeting per month, to do work outside of the meetings, and be available for other meetings as required as we develop policy to recommend to the Board around our EDIB goals.

While our goal is to have all of these qualities represented in the EDIB work group, we do not expect every individual to possess all of these qualities. We are seeking balanced representation of all aspects of the Oregon Country Fair organization. In order to create space for new leaders, people new to committee work are encouraged to apply. We encourage people from all walks of life, backgrounds, and identities to apply.

More information is available at oregoncountryfair.net.

Letters of interest should be sent to office@oregoncountryfair.org or mailed to Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence St, Eugene, OR 97401. Please put EDIB in the subject line.

Application deadline is July 27, 2024.



Positively Neutral: 2024 Report to the Board on June 30, 2024

by the OCF Carbon Neutral Working Group

In 2019, based on input from the Oregon Country Fair's 50th Anniversary Sustainability Initiative, and in keeping with OCF's commitment to operate by a seventh-generation intention, the Board of Directors passed a motion stating, "To continue the Fair's environmental leadership and to do its part to contain the severe threat climate change poses, the OCF Board of Directors hereby declares that it will strive to become carbon neutral by 2025."

A group of volunteers formed the Carbon Neutral Working Group, and in February 2020, OCF partnered with Portland State University's Institute for Sustainable Solutions (ISS) to calculate and develop a plan to lower its carbon footprint. A summary of the eight months and countless hours of work completed in collaboration with OCF and ISS, including graduate students and university faculty, was presented at the September 2020 Board of Directors meeting. The project's Phase 1 reports and documents are available on the oregoncountryfair.net site.

The Carbon Neutral Working Group continued to meet through the Covid-19 pandemic and the suspension of the OCF event in 2020 and 2021. During this time, efforts were made to continue data collection and emission evaluations from event operations, volunteer staff, and ticket buyers. One of the key findings was that, like most events, most of our carbon footprint comes from transportation.

This spring, the group prepared a report to the Board of Directors that includes an estimate of our carbon footprint and recommendations for next steps. The Board will consider the report and an updated motion at its June 30, 2024, meeting. Here is a link to the report: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/05/Carbon-Neutral-Working-Group-Report-2024-May-27-to-OCF-Board.pdf>

Our 2023 Carbon Footprint

This year, the Carbon Neutral Working Group continued to collect data on the transportation patterns of ticket buyers and volunteer staff because they are the largest contributors to our carbon footprint. We calculated our 2023 total estimated carbon emissions to be 3,695 tons of CO₂e (carbon dioxide equivalent). This is equivalent to the emissions from 800 cars for one year, or roughly 375,000 gallons of gasoline. To mitigate our

2023 impact, we would need to have one wind turbine or roughly 3,500 solar panels running for a year, or 55,000 tree seedlings growing over 10 years.

What can we all do to reduce our OCF-related carbon footprint?

- Individuals can carpool, reduce the number of trips they make to the site, use Zoom video conferencing for meetings, etc.
- OCF can develop incentives for people to carpool, use alternative transportation, and encourage Fair family to reduce their number of trips.

What can we do to offset our carbon footprint?

- OCF can install more grid-tied solar panels on the Fair property and sign up for net metering, finish the hub roof solar project, or partner with Veneta/Elmira school or another institution on a community solar project.
- OCF can plant more trees and try to reduce the impact that the Emerald Ash Borer is expected to have on our tree canopy. However, since we would need 55,000 seedlings to offset a single year of carbon emissions, this isn't, by itself, a viable long-term solution.

What can the Board of Directors do?

- We are asking the Board to update its motion to read: "To continue the Fair's environmental leadership and to do its part to contain the severe threat climate change poses, the OCF Board of Directors hereby declares that it will remain dedicated to the goal of becoming a carbon neutral event by the year 2030."
- We are asking the Board to allocate funds for research, education, and implementation programs related to this issue.

What can you do?

- Testify at the Board meeting on June 30, 2024, to let the Board know your ideas for reducing the Fair's carbon footprint.
- Stop by the Stewardship Booth in Xavanadu during the Fair and talk with volunteers.
- Contact the Carbon Neutral Working Group at: ocfsustainability@gmail.com.

The Counterculture Comes Alive in the Still Living Room's Magical History Tour Theater

by Jerry Joffe, Fair Elder

Born in 1969, the Oregon Country Fair grew up in the '70s through the vision, guidance and dedication of people who considered themselves part of the counterculture. Many of these folks are now OCF Elders. It's only natural that during our upcoming 2024 event, the Elder's booth, The Still Living Room (SLR), will be the site for a new series of presentations and discussions about how the counterculture continues to influence the Fair and so many aspects of our lives.

The SLR has expanded recently to include a new pocket venue, The Magical History Tour Theater (MHT). Throughout the day the MHT screens a silent, 8-minute video about how the Fair began. This year, in addition to the video, (see the schedule below) at 1:00 and 4:00 each day of Fair there will be a series of speakers from the OCF and the Counterculture History Coalition.

The Counterculture History Coalition is an international organization of individuals and groups dedicated to collecting and sharing many vast and diverse archives of counterculture materials. Drawing on these archives and their own expertise, speakers will explore topics inherent in the Oregon Country Fair and the counterculture movement, such as experimenting with lifestyles, political dissent, economic self-reliance and saving our own histories. Alongside some OCF founders and the Fair's Archivist, will be presenters from France, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties, Washington state, and Deadwood, Oregon. Tom Noddy will talk about how the counterculture influenced the New Vaudeville movement and vice versa.

The SLR is also a great place to see five decades of the Fair's history highlighted in a series of Timelines. This year features a new Timeline, which overviews

the Fair's accomplishments from 2010 until our 50th Anniversary in 2019.

When you've had all the dancing, dining and shopping you can handle for a while, the Still Living Room is a lovely place to sit and schmooze with people who have been involved with the Fair and the counterculture for many decades. Come visit, relax and learn how the Magic began — and continues.

Magical History Tour Theater Schedule

Friday

1:00-1:45 pm Oregon and California Counterculture Festivals — Sandra Bauer & Mary Cay Liebig (OCF Founders), RJ Jergenson and Ann Waters (CC Museum Archives)

4:00-4:45 pm Saving Communities Through Archives — Terry Baxter (OCF Archivist), Nicole Riggs (Humboldt Area Peoples Archives) and RJ Jergenson & Ann Waters (CC Museum Archives)

Saturday

1:00-1:45 pm Communes in France and The Pacific Northwest — Paolo Stuppia (Back-To-The-Land Project), Kate Harnedy (Deadwood, Oregon, Archivist), Teresa Vaughn (Evergreen Land Trust)

4:00-4:45 pm Counterculture Meets New Vaudeville — Tom Noddy (New Vaudevillian)

Sunday

1:00-1:45 Multi-Generational Back-To-The-Land — Brian Hill (Back-To-The-Land Project) and Felisa Rogers (Deadwood, Oregon, Writer)

4:00-4:45 Counterculture into the Future — All of the Presenters from the Weekend

How The Fair Began (8-minute looping video) will play during all other times 11:00 am– 7:00 pm.

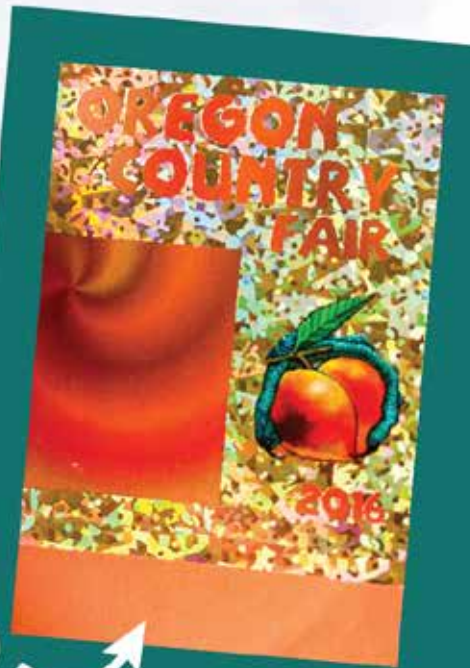


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from the Fair Guidelines

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In case of fire, notify the nearest Info Booth or person with a Fair Radio, (e.g., Path Rove or Security Crew).

ALL booths, camps, and camping vehicles (e.g., trailer, RV, or motor home) must have at least one 2A 10BC fire extinguisher (such as a common 5-lb. dry chemical extinguisher), regardless of whether your camp will use any open flames or not. Fire extinguishers must be re-certified each year or have the current year's receipt taped to the extinguisher. This rule applies at all times on the Fair Site. Please be prepared to show firefighting equipment to Fire Crew, who may stop by to verify compliance.

Campfires

Only fires that receive permits from OCF Fire Crew are allowed on OCF property. No other campfires are permitted. Additionally, no other sources of open

flames or tiki torches are permitted on the property. No unattended candles are allowed.

To prevent the spread of invasive species, bringing firewood or wooden pallets from offsite is prohibited (unless previously coordinated with and approved by the OCF Site Manager). Site sourced firewood is available at Wood World and can be requested via QuarterMaster or site employees.

Burning painted or treated wood is prohibited at all times everywhere on OCF property.

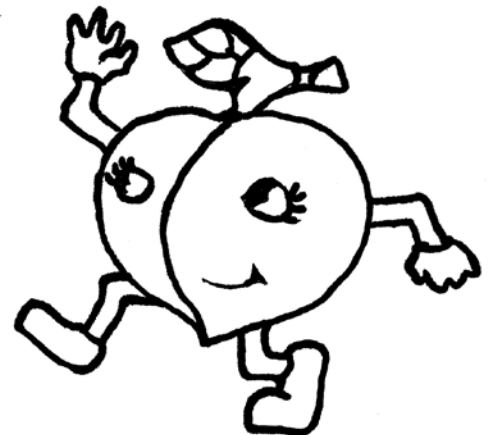
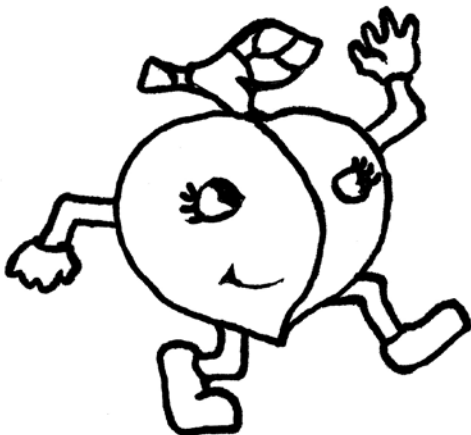
Additionally, in efforts to prevent the spread of pests and diseases, no firewood is to be taken from the site. Individuals observed bringing firewood from offsite or removing firewood from the site are subject to confiscation of firewood.

Never Allowed:

- Unattended flames of any kind, including candles, cooking devices, and campfires.
- Tiki torches.
- Open flames inside tents.
- Unpermitted campfires.

See Section 93 of the OCF Guidelines for more details.

For safety concerns regarding the use of fire, such as whether or not your setup is safe, contact Fire Crew for a free, no-hassle inspection. You can contact Fire Crew using a Fair radio, through QM or Fair Central, or by Tinker Bell from any Info Booth.



Wait/Share List

Do you have booth space to share? If you do, these fine fair family artists would love to hear from you! If you need extra passes for a crafter on the wait/share list, the Booth Rep may request them from Registration. The wait/share list is comprised of juried crafters who have participated in the fair. If you are an active juried crafter who wants to be on this list or to be removed from this list, contact Registration by email at 1YO@OregonCountryFair.org or phone 541-357-8625 to leave a message. This list is also available at the www.oregon-countryfair.net website.

Armantrout	Amy	leaf print naturally dyed hankies and up cycled clothing	619-818-7238	amytrout@gmail.com
Averett	Ramon	I create from the most amazingly beautiful, local, sustainably harvested,, long refined craftsmanship crafted, my own no petroleum finished, functional art In wood!	360-402-9788	ramonte121@gmail.com
Black	Laura	Astrology Consultations (Tarot upon request)	541-497-3465	laurablack42@gmail.com
Bloodgood	Natalie	Face painting, sculpture and festival cloaks	503-960-8619	art.natalie@gmail.com
Brown	Matthew	Functional art made from locally and sustainably harvested wood.	541-321-3461	lostcreekwoodcraft1@gmail.com
Brushland-Vitrifex	Hamm	Handblown glass art	541-517-2100	info@waterworksglass.com
Burt	Bob	Marquetry is pictures made of wood veneers	541-554-4304	rjburt88@gmail.com
Clancy	Bridget	Costumes and clothing for festival and everyday wear.	541-670-0430	bridgetjclancy16@gmail.com
Copenhaver	James	Stone Massage tools	503-999-0462	Jimmycopenhaver@gmail.com
Daniel	Steven	Hand thrown kiln fired pottery from a potter taught under the bauhaus tradition lineage with 65 years of working clay.	541-490-0228	ReubenHDaniel@gmail.com
De La Cruz	Erik	Galactic , psychedelic paintings that inspire earth awareness and the beauty of the human condition.	415-866-5118	dela@delacanvas.com
Dittmer	Arusha	Indigenous contemporary fine art	541-335-1733	auhusgaa@gmail.com
Dunnings	Devonne	FANTASY BRAIDS	404-680-9177	houseofdye@gmail.com

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Elwyn	Ivy	Upcycled capes, dresses, pants, t-shirts, hoodies and hats.	707-321-2175	ivyelwyn@yahoo.com
Fahey	Erin	Colorful hand woven willow baskets	720-289-9211	kinderdcraftstudio@gmail.com
Foss	Rachael	Colorful fused glass jewelry with a botanical bent	503-756-7805	Rachaelfoss@comcast.net
Freeman	William	BiciArte is art jewelry that celebrates the bicycle and recycled design.	360-778-9662	will.iamfree@gmail.com
Fuller	Brendan	Ceramic sculptures	206-650-0966	brendanfullerceramics@gmail.com
Funk	Roger	Wooden toys, flowers and heart coasters	541-535-8876	rogerfunk@charter.net
Garrison	Sage	Functional wheel thrown pottery	503-915-4882	garrisonsage@gmail.com
Grayson	Alison	Whimsical and witchy art celebrating our connection to the natural world	267-455-3714	alisongraysonart@gmail.com
Gudger	Andrew	Classical hot glass technique & infuse beauty into raw Crystal	541-729-7396	aggudger@gmail.com
Hamilton	Eliza	I utilize wool roving and hand-felting techniques to create sculptures, wearable art, wall art, faux-taxidermy and pose-able animal likenesses in a small scale to life size.	978-270-8345	Wooliza@yahoo.com
Henderson	Ian	Touchable rubber jewelry which looks like sea life and prehistoric plants	857-288-8966	zoachimerum@gmail.com
Higgins	Autumn	Functional and decorative, hand painted, fine porcelain pottery.	503-422-9828	autumnhiggins@gmail.com
Hyder	Ira	Jewelry made from cast peach pits	541-647-8517	Ira_Hyder@yahoo.com
Hymas	Ann	Epic Clothing and costumes	503-705-6482	ann@circlecouture.net
Januari	Jazzi	Handmade and Dyed Clothing	541-520-8810	Jazzietoo@gmail.com
Jeans	Mama	Quilts and wall hangings and all things quilted with skulls skeletons and dead things.	503-803-6964	mamajeanskindthreads@gmail.com
King	Cynthia	Hand made Herbal Aromatherapy Products including natural skin care.	503-874-9423	lutawellness@gmail.com
Krell	Debbie	Tie dye - clothing, tapestries, specializing in black light reactive silk	206-384-8095	debbie.krell@yahoo.com
Kremer	Sherri	Hand forged mixed metal jewelry set with rare unusual stones & crystals.	530-519-1430	sherri@sherricrystals.com

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Lauritsen	Mathew	Marionette Puppets - hand carved, spooky, Tolkien-esque, fairytale inspired	503-720-8525	mathewlauritsen@gmail.com
Lynch	Carlyne	Vitriograph glass art and handmade glass	503-784-2277	carlynelynch@comcast.net
MacDonald	Kristi	Glass art, Humming birds, Dragon eggs, marbles, hearts, pendants and more.	208-794-3639	kristimac77@msn.com
Malone	Steven	1 of a kind handcrafted leather journals+ American Bison Leather bags using skills I learned growing up in a small family shoe repair business. I am happy to demonstrate for ur attendees	315-480-4508	poeticearth@yahoo.com
McAuliffe	Fiona	Dynamic mixed textile and lapidary art.	541-221-4373	fionmc@msn.com
Muir	Hans	Leather Footwear, unstructured zero drop boots and classic dress shoes	206-816-4477	Hans.muir@hotmail.com
Myers	Eric	Custom shaped and painted Longboard Skateboards	541-729-9055	cascadialongboards@gmail.com
Neff	Peter	Handblown glass art	503-913-3436	peterbneff@yahoo.com
O'Halloran	Frances	Herbalist + Artist crafted bio-regional plant remedies and exquisite bodycare.	919-414-3665	frances.lovejoybotanicals@gmail.com
Pugliese	Alex	Electroformed hand made and PNW found jewelry & decorative nicknacks	802-688-4882	alexandria.pugliese@hotmail.com
Ranney (Medina)	Sarah	Paintings, prints, stickers & cards; Macrame wall-hangings & Plant hangers	503-334-5895	sarahmedinaart@gmail.com
Reitmaier	Christopher	Mixed-media art using found materials	702-559-0910	somniative@gmail.com
Rieke	Ashtine	Welded floral adornments and displays	541-580-4428	studioblackavenue@gmail.com
Roche	Jenny	Photo Booth shooting Polaroid portraits 🌟	503-349-2681	Jennyhannah1979@gmail.com
Rose	Aruna Beth	Intuitive Readings & Counseling, TAROT & Numerology for the SOUL	541-510-7063	bethr@efn.org
Roshni	Atma	Living plant sculptures and everything moss	503-812-4339	lushlivingsculpture@gmail.com
Safran-FlyingHorse	Tara	Silver, Gold and Gemstone Jewelry - Handwoven Textiles	509-732-4829	flyinghorseartstudio@gmail.com
Snow	Jim	Fine mineral wire wrapped jewelry.	469-231-8866	gemsnow.co@gmail.com

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Soland	Donovan	Handcrafted leather Masks, crowns, hair barrettes, horns, earrings, and various adornments.	607-280-0882	donovansoland@hotmail.com
Stephens	Danny	I am a painter focusing mostly on ethereal surrealism and realism.	435-565-0388	dannystephensart@gmail.com
Stevens	Bedford	Wooden sword and knife replicas for costumes and reenactments	541-915-3916	redbirdbedford@gmail.com
Sunflower	Sherilyn	Hand woven willow baskets	541-740-9234	SunflowerInspirations@gmail.com
Thompson	Eghan	Sustainable upcycled wearable sculptures, jewelry	707-845-8684	eghant@gmail.com
Trantham	Jarred	Vibrant functional leather art	904-316-2199	lostsailordesign@gmail.com
Vancouver	Argon	Leather wallets	503-544-6243	argongas@gmail.com
Vannest	Jenna	Mushroom & nature inspired, whimsical pottery.	603-391-6246	Themushroomwoman@gmail.com
Vautier	Tai	High end silver and gold ancient looking jewelry	970-403-2643	taivautierjewelry@gmail.com
Veazie	Matt	A variety of unique dichroic glass jewelry, marbles and borosilicate glass creations	541-760-2509	mattveazie@gmail.com
Westberg	Candice	Original whimsical ceramic art that is often themed around ravens, owls, goddesses, PNW flora and fauna, anatomical hearts, curiosity cabinet vibes, with a bit of snark tossed in for good measure.	541-514-2865	artbycandice@live.com
White Horse	Leo	Paint on canvas, Pencil on paper, colored pencil on paper and mixed medium.	541-606-7338	leowhitehorse8@gmail.com
Wilkerson	Aleksandra	Dreamy and detailed paintings and prints inspired by nature, science, and song lyrics.	646-288-7676	Apocalisseart@gmail.com
Wolik	Michael F	Magical art reflection portals by mirroring my Nature Photography.	541-525-2802	mfwolik@gmail.com
Wright	Gretchen	Assemblages made with vintage and upcycled materials	503-840-5489	gretchenw5@yahoo.com
Zamboni	Shelby	Water inspired leather sea lillies.	541-326-6993	shelbyzamboni@gmail.com
Zeigler	Loralee	Hemp and organic clothing hand sewn and hand dyed.	541-515-4540	circlecreationsclothing@yahoo.com
Zeimetz	Bekah	Acrylic paintings	641-204-1575	bekahzeimetz@gmail.com



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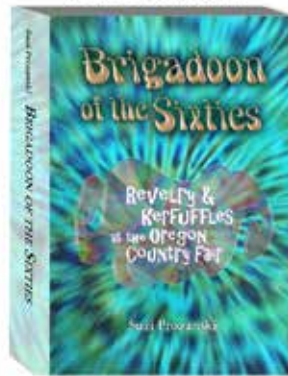
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Board of Directors Meeting

June 3, 2024, 7 pm

(Subject to approval by the Board at the June-ly Board meeting, June 30, 2024)

Zoom remote online and live streamed on YouTube

YouTube recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WE0gVbLL4Rw>

Board Directors present: John Alexander, Anthony “AJ” Jackson (President), Sandra Bauer, George Braddock, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Arna Shaw (Vice President), Sue Theolass, Jon Steinhart, Lisa Parker, and Teresa Vaughn. Absent Board Members: Tom Horn. Other Board officers present: Hilary Anthony (Treasurer), and Stephen Diercouff (Secretary). Staff present: Kirsten Bolton (Executive Director), Mark Malaska (Co-Event Manager), Alexis Maddock (Site and Facilities Manager), Vanessa Roy (Marketing Manager), Norma Sax (Office Manager), Alex Zabala (Office Assistant), and Anna DiBenedetto (Board Scribe).

The meeting was facilitated by Steven Berkson.

Announcements

Stephen D.: Advisory petitions are due July 31 for the fall ballot.

Jon Steinhart: Swapping his BoD hat for another volunteer hat: Was asked to do Sunshine Database rollout and he thanks the vast majority of the Fair family for graciousness in dealing with small bugs as they have been discovered. There are some folks spouting vitriol on FB about it but they’re not representative of who we are. So thanks again to most of you.

AJ: The BoD had two closed sessions, one was a training, and one was a work session. No decisions were made.

Steven B.: Let’s try to focus on the topic on the floor and avoid introducing distractions, also treat each other with respect and civility.

Minutes Review

(YouTube video: 0:03:24)

John Alexander moved and Arna seconded to change Hall Stuart-Lovell’s summarized statement from last meeting. Hall: Supports the passage of the EDIB motion in spite of concerns around the first two work tasks. She thinks the group should focus first on understanding issues and developing goals so that we don’t repeat past mistakes. She looks forward to participation in the new work group. ~~In favor of establishing a work group focused on the issues of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the Oregon Country Fair. She hopes the Board will pass this motion.~~

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Board approved the minutes, as amended, from the May 6, 2024, meeting by unanimous consent.

Agenda Review

(YouTube video: 0:08:55)

Arna moved and Lisa seconded to change the order of Bylaws amendments so #4 becomes #2, and the rest go in successive order.

Grumpy: Membership had an agenda, so you shouldn't change the order now.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Teresa moved and Sandra seconded to move voting age requirement to August meeting.

Stephen D.: If it does not pass in August, we will go back to default, which is to allow 14-year-olds and older to vote, so postponing will have that consequence.

Member input:

Lisa Cooley: Supports tabling wholeheartedly.

Board Discussion:

Arna: Question for Stephen D.: If we postpone until August and it gets amended and can't be voted on until September, would that work for new members registering for this year? Would like decision on age for this year's election, so what is deadline for implementing this year?

Stephen D.: August meeting would be drop-dead date. September meeting is too close to ballot mailings.

Steven B: Bylaws were reviewed, and they require copy or summary of the amendment intent. If there is a substantive change, the Board could decide to put it back into a waiting period, but it's not necessarily mandatory.

Sandra: Any amendments attached to this motion could be submitted under New Business at June-ly meeting and Old Business in August.

John Alexander: If this changed voter rights, would it need to go to vote of membership? We need to go back to our lawyer.

Teresa: Believes there is an issue with voting rights even though other people believe that it is not, so we need to have time to have a deeper conversation. It's not age that is the issue, it's the movement of something into another section.

Lisa: Does not support tabling. It's premature. We should discuss the motion first and then possibly tabling could be result of the conversation. Our attorney explicitly stated that this motion does not affect voting rights.

Stephen D.: We have firm legal opinion that this doesn't affect voting rights. I have suggested a referendum to the Board but trusts legal decision.

Arna: Doesn't have a problem putting age question to the membership. If this gets tabled, default age of 14 would continue, which seems too young.

AJ: Wants to offer amendment to refer to membership.

Paxton: Was on Bylaws Committee when 14 was selected, which was based on minimum age of wristband. Happy to table this issue.

John Alexander: Because of urgency from Secretary, don't table so we can talk about AJ's idea, despite legal opinion. We can't do that if we table it and come up against Stephen's time constraints.

The motion failed: 5-6; Lisa, Jon Steinhart, Sue, John Alexander, Arna and George opposed.

AJ moved and Jon Steinhart moved to table the petition signature requirement (#5) to August.

Member input: none

Stephen D.: Fine with tabling.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Board approved the June 3, 2024, agenda as amended by unanimous consent.

Member Input

(YouTube video: 0:34:03)

Craig Smith: Is an Elder and works on Fixed Asset Committee and Carbon Neutral Working Group, which sent a report. There is Board interest in a motion. In 2019, the Fair passed a motion to strive to become carbon neutral. It's New Business. We have been working hard through the pandemic despite few resources. Good report was created, and something will be published in Fair Family News. On home page of .net site you can see reports from the Carbon Neutral Work Group. Change date from 2025 to 2030.

Staff Report – Executive Director

The site is alive with activity as we gear up for Main Camp opening. Lots of exciting changes are happening — from the new database, a new ticket vendor, to a new portable toilet service provider — these are big lifts, and we thank all of you for your effort in helping make them a success.

We have received feedback around the database and are using that to improve everyone's experience. This is a three-year project and the first year is always the hardest. The big driver of this project was to offer the ability to take credit cards. I can say this option has been well received and we have taken over \$300,000 in credit card payments through the database. We expect this to increase as we get closer to the event. As a reminder, we close the database on July 5 at 12 midnight. After that point you will not be able to pay for inventory via credit card yourself. The Inventory Yurt or Booth Registration will be able to handle that for you.

Ticket Sales are doing well and on par with last year. We offered significantly more three-day wristbands and I am happy to report we have sold out.

We are excited to work with United Site Services for our portable toilets. This is our biggest and most expensive contract. They are bringing a high level of logistical support to our waste management.

The foundation has been laid for a great Fair this year! I look forward to working alongside each of you to create the magic that is our beloved annual fundraiser.

Administration:

Employee work schedules will shift in Mid-May in support of the event. All employees will be on-site Fri-Sun beginning the week of May 20. May 20 to July 7. New: Alex Zabala in Eugene Office Monday – Thursday; Onsite Fridays until June 10; then Monday – Tuesday in Eugene office Friday – Sunday onsite (off Wednesday – Thursday). Kirsten & Vanessa in Eugene office Wednesdays & Thursdays (off Monday & Tuesday). Mark, Sunny, Norma, and Durwin on-site Wednesdays – Sundays (off Mondays & Tuesdays). Alexis, Korey and Jeff on-site Mondays & Tuesdays and Friday – Sunday (off Wednesdays and Thursdays). July 8 – July 14. All staff on-site, all the time July 15 – July 21. Alex returns to M-F in Eugene office Vanessa and Norma return to Eugene office on Tuesday for M-F schedule. Alexis, Mark, Sunny, Kirsten on-site for Deconstruction through July 21. July 22 Eugene office staff return to M-F.

Sunshine Database:

There are four Training videos available on the .net site under Latest News. Please review the relevant video for your area before trying to log into the database. The topics are: Food, Craft, Crew, Coordinators.

Event Management:

2024 Contracts: LTD contract is signed. Should have more bus drivers on Friday. We will publish the schedule on the .org site as soon as they release it.

Dust Control: Applying lignen ourselves multiple times. Increasing watering during crunch week.

Meeting with the City of Veneta management and Lane County Sheriffs for site tour on Friday, June 21. This is an annual meeting to discuss what's new.

There is an in-person Coordinator meeting onsite June 9 from 2 pm to 4 pm at Alice's Fire Pit. As a reminder, Main Camp Kitchen is only for working crews. Setting up your camp or holding meetings do not qualify for meals at Main Camp Kitchen. We ask crews that aren't pre-Fair crews schedule no more than two work parties during Main Camp that qualify for Main Camp Kitchen meals. Lines for meals have been extremely long and we need to all do our part to make sure that the people working are getting fed.

2024 Permits: Four of our campground permits have been approved. The Fairside Outdoor Assembly and campground permit are still under review by the county. Both were approved last year and we are confident they will be approved again this year, as nothing has changed from last year's permit. ODOT Permit has been submitted. We are asking for a readerboard at the intersection of Highway 126 and Territorial to tell attendees to enter off Highway 126.

Site:

EAB Response REMINDER – **Emergency Declaration:**

No firewood should be brought to, or taken from, site. No live edge wood (wood with bark) should be brought to, or taken from, site.

Reminder of the **Guidelines on Invasive Species and Wood**. Invasive species threaten our natural ecosystem and must never be brought on site. **Clean camping gear, vehicles, and footwear before coming to the site to prevent spreading seeds of invasive plants.** Non-native plants should not be introduced without permission of the Site Manager.

To help prevent the invasion of the tree-killing beetle known as the emerald ash borer, and other harmful insects, fungi, and blights (e.g. sudden oak death), ash wood is prohibited, unless previously coordinated with and approved by the OCF Site Manager. Crafters or booth representatives who utilize wood or plants in their products should contact the Site Manager for discussion of environmental safety protocols and best practices. Firewood, plants, soils, wood chips, wooden booth construction materials and decoration materials (excluding de-barked, kiln-dried professionally milled lumber) can be vectors for disease and invasive species.

To obtain firewood for burning on-site, please contact Quarter Master or site employees. Additionally, in efforts to prevent the spread of pests and diseases, no firewood is to be taken from the site. Individuals observed bringing firewood from offsite or removing firewood from the site are subject to confiscation of firewood.

With regard to invasive species and harmful fungi and blights, please inspect materials, products, clothing, shoes, and vehicles for potential invasive insects and seeds and remove any potential vectors from relevant items before coming to the Fair. Wooden pallets may also carry invasive species or be heavily treated with chemicals. Thereby, wood pallets are not to be brought to site for use in campgrounds, other personal uses, or for firewood. Operations will coordinate the removal of wooden pallets brought to site via product delivery as they arrive.

Marketing:

Tickets sales for 2024 are up 15 percent in revenue over 2023. It is too early to tell if we will sell out all three days. We will move to General Admission - Regular Price tickets at \$60 each day, on June 16 through the event. Tickets are being sold on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Eugene office from 12 noon to 4 pm. We are starting to see an increase in ticket sales through the office. Last day to purchase tickets through the Eugene office will be Tuesday, June 25.

Treasurers' Report

(YouTube video: 0:43:43)

Hilary: Thanks to all staff and volunteers who are working so hard this time of year. It's very exciting. When we talk about growth management, we've talked about attendance, daily budget numbers, overall sales, caps on attendance. Since 2021 we've been talking about growth by capacity numbers (people on site per day). Those numbers are all important, but capacity is how we manage both internal and attendance, capped at 35,000, based on 2018 attendance. We are

balancing the number of tickets and number of people on site to not exceed 35,000 per day. In 2022 we ended up way below because we limited daily tickets. Last year we also undersold. This year we could hit 35,000. We are still figuring out right capacity. We are managing growth in new ways. We used to look at new programs and needs there but we are now going to consider growth management as well as hitting right income level. We appreciate feedback and hope people understand our considerations.

Committee and Working Group Reports

Committees should send their reports to Vanessa (vanessa@oregoncountryfair.org), to be posted on the .net site and included in the Board packet.

Craft Committee met on March 13, 2024, and the minutes are here: https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/05/3_13_2024-CC-Minutes_.pdf

Elders Committee met and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/05/EldersCommMtg042524.pdf>

Elders Committee met on May 11 and the minutes are here: https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/05/EldersCommMtg_SpringRetreat_051124.pdf

Energy Park Committee met on April 7 and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/05/ENERGY-PARK-MEETING-4-7-24.pdf>

Food Committee met on March 26 and the minutes are here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/05/3.26.24-Food-Committee-.pdf>

Board accepted Committee minutes as submitted by unanimous consent.

Old Business

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Make Committee Best Practices Work Group a committee (Sandra Bauer & Arna Shaw)

Arna moved and Jon Steinhart seconded to make the Committee Best Practices Work Group a committee. It would retain its current members and have the following mission statement:

The Best Practices Committee's purpose is to formulate and recommend policy and processes to the Board that enhance communication between committees and the Board and committees and the membership.

The Committee's primary goal is to regularly update the Best Practices Manual through consultation with interested parties to create organizational standards that support transparency, consistency, openness, inclusive and diverse representation and participation. The Committee will also perform related tasks as needed.

Arna: They have worked really hard and brought suggestions to the Board that have passed over the last couple of years.

Sandra: Started as Work Group because there was a possibility that it would be one-and-done, but as they've gotten into the work, it's become a real resource for the Fair. It makes sense to become a Committee, which includes having members approved by the Board.

Member Input:

Lisa Cooley: Thank you to Committee Best Practices Work Group. They helped Elders through issues. Hopes this motion passes.

Board Discussion:

Jon Steinhart: They follow best practices better than anybody else, so they should become a committee.

Lisa: She was on the Board that created the Best Practices Work Group and gave them their enabling motion. She also served on the Board that accepted their work product, the Committee Best Practices Manual. When the group reconvened after their work was accepted, she was concerned they were taking on tasks beyond their original charge. She faced criticism from the work group and general membership for this opinion. As a solution, she suggested they become a standing committee, recognizing the need for ongoing work, and she is glad to see this happening. She thanks the work group for finally bringing this matter before the Board.

Sue: Doesn't doubt the work they have done but doesn't see the need to elevate status to committee and does not support the motion.

The motion passed: 10-1; Sue opposed.

Change the method of selecting Directors to election by written ballot and to clarify the election certification process. (John Alexander, George Braddock, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Lisa Parker, Sue Theolass, and Teresa Vaughn)

• **#1 Paxton moved and Lisa seconded to change the method of selecting Directors to election by written ballot and to clarify the election certification process.**

(Note: Words in green and struck out are the original language. Words in red and italics are the newly proposed words.)

Whereas the Oregon Country Fair (The Fair) began as a small group who met in person regularly to discuss policy and elect Directors at an annual meeting of the membership;

and Whereas the Fair membership has grown to the point that virtually all ballots for Directors are cast remotely by proxy;

and Whereas there is no mention of certification of the election in the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act or The Fair's Bylaws;

and whereas by tradition the Membership Secretary and Treasurer(s) informally certify the election after the ballots have been counted;

and Whereas the Bylaws should reflect actual practice as closely as feasible,

The Board resolves to change the method of selecting Directors to election by written ballot and to clarify the election certification process, and to amend the Bylaws to effect these changes as follows:

Article V. MEMBERS:

6. Rights of Membership.

a) Voting. All members who have been members for at least 30 days prior to the date of a membership meeting **or action by written ballot** shall be entitled to cast one vote on any issue brought before the membership. Members shall vote to elect the Board, remove a Director, amend the Articles of Incorporation **as provided in the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act (the "Act")**, and on all other matters for which a membership vote is required by the ~~Oregon Nonprofit Corporation~~ Act and by these Bylaws. In addition, members shall have the right to vote on advisory resolutions concerning any other matter to come before the membership.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP ~~MEETINGS~~ ACTIONS

1. **Annual Membership Meetings.** An annual meeting of the members shall be called by the Board at a date to be fixed by the Board, but in no case later than October ~~30~~15. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be ~~to elect the Board,~~ to present the members with a financial statement for the fiscal year then ending, and to consider any other business that the Board may determine to be appropriate. Agendas for the annual meeting shall be set 55 days prior to the meeting. ~~Advisory resolutions may be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting upon the petition of 100 or more members by presenting the petition to the Membership Secretary by July 31 or at such earlier time as the Board may designate. Petitions must include member signatures with the name also legibly printed and the member's Fair affiliation.~~

2. **Annual Elections.** An annual election ("Annual Election") shall be called by the Board of Directors at a date to be fixed by the Board, but in no case sooner than one week after the Annual Meeting nor later than October 30. The purpose of the election shall be to elect new Directors to the Board, to vote on Bylaw changes that require member approval or ratification, and to vote on advisory petitions.

Advisory resolutions may be placed on the Annual Election ballot upon the petition of 100 or more members by presenting the petition to the Membership Secretary by July 31 or at such earlier time as the Board may designate. Petitions must include member signatures with the name also legibly printed and the member's Fair affiliation.

The Annual Election shall be conducted by written ballot in lieu of a membership meeting as provided in the Act, with ballots issued to all members via mail or other means as the Board may provide. The results of the election shall be certified by the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer(s) within five days of the deadline for the return of ballots.

23. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called from time to time by the Board and shall be called by the Membership Secretary upon petition of 100 or more members describing the purpose(s) for which the meeting is to be held. The time and place of any special meeting shall be set by the Membership Secretary, provided that all such meetings shall take place in Lane County, Oregon, and further, that notice of such a meeting must be given within 30 days

after the petition is delivered to the ~~m~~Membership ~~s~~Secretary. The date of the meeting must be set within 30 days after the date on which notice is given. In the case of a special meeting, notice shall be required as set forth in Section ~~43~~ below. The business of any special meeting shall be limited to those matters set forth in the notice. **In the case that the purpose of a special meeting is limited to a vote on the removal of a Director or Directors, advisory petitions, and/or approving or ratifying Bylaw changes, the Membership Secretary shall cause action to be taken by written ballot in accordance with the Act in lieu of convening a special meeting.**

34. Notice. Written notice of membership meetings **and Annual Elections or other actions by written ballot** shall be sent to each member using their most recent contact information (which may be a street address, a mailing address, or an electronic address) currently registered in the records of the OCF not less than seven nor more than 60 days before the date set for the meeting, **Annual Election, or other action by written ballot**. It shall be the responsibility of the member to provide the Membership Secretary with current contact information. In lieu of sending notice, notice may be published in at least two issues of a newsletter or similar document sent to members using their most recent contact information.

45. Quorum. Two hundred members present in person or by ~~absentee ballot~~ proxy at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum except at the annual meeting, where those members present in person or by ~~absentee ballot~~ proxy shall constitute a quorum.

56. Voting. All members are voting members. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all members present at meetings shall be entitled to vote, and the Board may make provisions for absentee balloting. There shall be no cumulative voting. Except as otherwise set forth in these Bylaws, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes represented and voting shall be required for the adoption of any matter coming before the membership.

67. Membership Lists. Members who desire to send written communications to other members concerning any ~~special or annual~~ membership meeting, **Annual Election, or other action by written ballot** may request the OCF to send such communication to all members entitled to vote at the meeting, **Annual Election, or other action by written ballot**. The request shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the principal offices of the OCF not earlier than two business days after the date that notice of the meeting, **Annual Election, or other action by written ballot** is given, and not less than five business days before the scheduled date of the meeting, **Annual Election, or other action by written ballot**. The request must be accompanied by payment, in cash or certified check, of the anticipated costs of mailing the communication, as determined by the lead professional of the OCF. Costs may include postage, copying costs, envelopes, and the estimated cost of staff time to mail the notice.

78. ~~Absentee Ballots (Proxies).~~ Subject to such limitations and rules as may be established by the Board or the Elections Committee, a member may cast ~~an absentee~~ ballot **at a membership meeting or in connection with membership action by written ballot in lieu of a meeting** by appointing the Membership Secretary of the Fair as proxy to vote ~~an absentee ballot~~ for the member. Such ~~proxies appointments shall be referred to as absentee ballots,~~ shall be personally signed by the member, shall be effective only for the particular meeting **or action by written ballot in lieu of a meeting**, for which given, and shall specify with particularity the member's votes. **Proxy appointments** ~~Absentee ballots~~ must be submitted on forms approved by the Elections Committee. ~~and~~

may be submitted either in paper form or by email. Proxy appointment ~~Absentee ballots~~ shall be available for all matters for which binding membership votes or such advisory votes as the Board may designate from time to time are entitled to be cast. An proxy appointment ~~absentee ballot~~ is effective when received by the Membership Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes. An proxy appointment ~~absentee ballot~~ is revocable by the member, and is revoked if the member ~~casting the absentee ballot~~ making the proxy appointment: a) Attends the meeting for which it is given and votes in person, if the proxy is given for a membership meeting; or b) Signs and delivers to the Membership Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate ~~absentee~~ votes either a written statement that the ~~absentee ballot~~ proxy appointment is revoked, or a subsequent ~~absentee ballot~~ proxy appointment.

§9. Elections Committee. The Board shall appoint an Elections Committee and make other provisions to ensure fair and accurate ~~elections~~ balloting at Annual Elections, other actions by written ballot, ~~special~~ and ~~annual~~ membership meetings.

Article VII, Section 4:

4. **Vacancies.** Whenever the number of Directors shall for any reason be less than the number authorized, the vacancies may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors. The Board is authorized to fill the vacancy even if the number of remaining Directors is less than the number necessary for a quorum under other provisions of these Bylaws. Vacancies shall be filled at a meeting where prior notice of the matter has been given in the agenda. The term of office of any Director appointed under this section shall be until the next ~~Annual membership meeting~~ Election, at which time the seat shall be filled by a vote of the membership. ~~Vacancies occurring during an annual membership meeting before the balloting is closed shall be filled at that meeting.~~

Article VIII, Section 1:

1. **Annual Board Meeting.** An annual meeting of the Board shall be held at such time as shall be determined by the Recording Secretary within thirty days after the ~~Annual membership meeting~~ Election. The purpose of this meeting shall be to review the status of the OCF, to elect Officers, and to perform whatever acts appear reasonably necessary to further the interest of the OCF.

Article IX, Section 3(b):

b) The responsibilities of the Membership Secretary shall be as follows: to keep a roll of the members and submitted petitions; to select a date for and give notice of special meetings of the members as set forth in Article VI, Section 2; to act as a proxy for members electing to appoint a proxy in accordance with Article VI, Section 7; to certify the results of the Annual Election and any other action by written ballot, and to be a member of the Elections Committee.

Article IX, Section 4:

4. Treasurer. The responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be as follows: to keep accurate and complete records of the receipts and disbursements of the OCF; to make such records accessible to the members upon reasonable notice; to supervise and effectuate an annual budget; to supervise a

public accountant for the preparation and filing of corporate tax returns; ~~and~~ to prepare a financial report for the annual membership meeting, **and to certify the results of the Annual Election and any other action by written ballot**. The powers of the Treasurer shall be such as are consistent with the performance of the above enumerated duties.

Member Input:

Stephen D.: Years ago, physical in-person voting was the only method. Years after that, we started to do proxy vote to accept written ballots via mail or dropped off in person to comply with Oregon statute. Proxy ballots tell the membership Secretary how to vote on their behalf. That's how he and Heidi have been conducting the elections.

This motion reflects a fairly comprehensive change to Bylaws. This gets rid of requirement for proxy for anyone who doesn't cast vote in person. Last year, not a single vote was cast at the meeting. We are changing Bylaws to reflect current practice. Folks asked why we still have the proxy option: It's for the very small number of folks who have extenuating circumstances, such as a spoiled ballot, that make having the Secretary need to cast on their behalf.

It is important that we pass this so we can conduct our elections how we have been. Anyone who wants to show up to the annual meeting and cast a vote there will be able to do that.

Jon Pincus: Was confused about how this changes things, but Stephen D. just explained it.

Grumpy: Does this change to not having an annual meeting?

Steven: No.

Grumpy: Does this change deadline from October 30 to October 15?

Steven: Yes.

Board discussion:

Paxton: Was on Bylaws Committee when they wrote the proxy language. Happy we can move toward direct voting. This motion clarifies what we are doing and want to do and this will eventually lay groundwork for online balloting. Supports motion.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

(YouTube video: 1:02:44)

Change the voting participation requirement to count voting in any election vs. only the Annual Election as fulfilling the requirement (John Alexander, George Braddock, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Lisa Parker, Sue Theolass, and Teresa Vaughn)

• **#2 (originally #4) Arna moved and Paxton seconded to change the voting participation requirement to count voting in any election vs. only the annual election as fulfilling the requirement.**

(Note: Words in green and struck out are the original language. Words in red and italics are the newly proposed words.)

Whereas the Board wishes to ensure the ability for the greatest number of members possible to vote in an election;

and Whereas when Article V, Section 5(b)(ii) of the Bylaws was written, all member votes took place at the annual meeting of the membership;

and Whereas due to changes in the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act, we may now be required to conduct some special elections;

The Board resolves to count voting in any election as fulfilling the voting participation requirement, and to amend the Bylaws to effect the change as follows:

Article V, Section 5:

b) Suspension or termination. Membership may be suspended or terminated for failure to meet the conditions for membership as provided in Section 2(a) of this Article; or vote in at least one annual membership meeting or action by written ballot every three years; or
or
comply with these Bylaws or other rules, resolutions, and policies of the OCF; or for actions contrary to the interest of the OCF .

Member Input:

Stephen D.: Any election by written ballot or in person meeting would count. In the past, all elections were the annual election, including removal actions. Now we need a separate election for removal actions, per state law.

Firecat Tom and Aaron: Please read or paraphrase every motion before discussion and votes for audience clarity.

Hilary: Prefers it stay the way it is. Civic duty is from showing up at annual meeting. Would not support this.

Board Discussion:

Lisa Parker: Feels conflicted. Agrees that civic duty is important but is also aware that we have 5,000 registered members but only a little more than 1,000 vote in a good turnout year. Hoping this might improve voter turnout for annual elections. Supports it.

Stephen D.: We actually got closer to about 2,000 voters in last election.

Sandra: You have to register to vote more than 30 days ahead of the election or removal action. Do people have to re-register to vote in Annual Election?

Steven B.: To join organization, you have to submit 30 days before annual membership meeting. All ballots are sent to those who registered, but to stay on that list, you have to vote at least once every three years

John Alexander: We all want more people voting in elections. This motion would keep more ballots being sent out for each annual election, even though we want to encourage people to vote for Board members in annual meeting. Even though we'd prefer people to vote in annual elections, the net gain would be more ballots being sent out overall, which is our goal.

Stephen D.: To clarify the process — we create a purge list in August for those who are going to be dropped due to lack of participation. Secretary does attempt to reach out to those about to be dropped from voting rolls. They just have to meet the deadline to submit new membership form.

Jon Steinhart: Used to be in favor but now is feeling uncertain. Maybe we should change to five-year requirement instead.

AJ: Should we say **OCF** election or is that too picky?

Steven B.: "Annual membership meeting or action by written ballot" presumes OCF ballot. If you want to make a motion, please make it.

Stephen D.: Context is there, it's implied that it's OCF because of details at beginning of document. Change not necessary.

The motion passed: 10-1; Jon Steinhart opposed.

(YouTube video: 1:20:12)

Establish a minimum age for OCF membership (John Alexander, George Braddock, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Lisa Parker, Sue Theolass, and Teresa Vaughn)

• **#3 (originally #2) Lisa moved and Paxton seconded to establish a minimum age for OCF membership.**

(Note: Words in green and struck out are the original language. Words in red and italics are the newly proposed words.)

Whereas it is in the interest of the Oregon Country Fair (The Fair) to define the eligibility requirements for voting membership in its Bylaws;

and Whereas currently the age requirement is dependent on the age requirement to obtain a wristband, which is an operations matter outside the scope of the Bylaws,

The Board resolves to establish a minimum voting age of 16 years by the date of an election, and to amend the Bylaws to effect the change as follows:

Article V, Section 2(a):

a) Any individual is eligible for membership if the individual is registered with the OCF, **has attained the age of 16 years**, and has received either a wristband, other Fair camping pass, or verifiable worker day pass in one of the three previous Fairs, or is a verified Elder in accordance with OCF Elders policy.

Article V, Section 2(d): (new section)

d) **An individual must submit a registration form at least 30 days before a membership meeting or election to be eligible to vote at that meeting or election.**

Article V, Section 6(a):

Voting. All members who **have fulfilled the eligibility requirements of Article V, Section 2** ~~have been members for at least 30 days prior to the date of a membership meeting~~ shall be entitled to cast one vote on any issue brought before the membership.

Lisa: Currently voting age is tied to minimum wristband age requirement, which is problematic because wristband ages might need to change someday, which would effectively change voting age. Stephen D. has used precedent to set membership age as 14.

Member input:

Stephen D.: For background, the intent is to establish a minimum voting age in the Bylaws, which wasn't happening when it was tied to wristband age, which was outside Bylaws. It's also important that they apply for membership 30 days before annual meeting. Could read legal

opinion about this for clarity. "Eligibility requirement" does not change voting rights, but rather eligibility.

Board discussion:

AJ: Is there a precedent for reading our attorney's opinions at Board meetings? Objects to reading legal opinion in open meetings. Also, we don't have our attorney's consent.

Steven B.: If it's not about real estate or personnel, it might be acceptable, especially since the subject concerns membership, but not sure about precedent. Maybe there should be a Board vote about it.

Hilary: Does not believe there is a precedent for reading attorney's opinions in open meetings.

Steven B.: We will err on the side of the President's discomfort with reading legal opinion. Unless someone wants to make a motion to read it.

John Alexander moved to read the legal opinion out loud because member requested it.

Fine if it fails.

Steven B.: The motion would need to be to overrule the president's ruling not to read the motion.

Member Input:

Heather: Without the information, a whole bunch of people are going to talk about something they don't have all the information about. One issue is that there are three different things happening in this motion. Please at least separate them all out. Crux is that one of those three elements will be that a voting right of members will become no longer protected by section of Bylaws that currently protects them. When a person becomes a member, there is a 30-day waiting period until they can vote. Doesn't know how Secretary deals with that. That person can't vote for 30 days, so the part of the Bylaws that protects voters will be moved to a section that will make it unprotected. Person who put these protections in place did not intend for that to be protected, just what they could vote on, not when. Waiting period is a voting right.

Lawrence Taylor: Heather is right. He was author of this provision, Article 11, section 2. Hopes when discussion with Fair attorney is made, she will say it's not confidential. Hopes membership can hear that. Point of Article 11, section 2, was a concern that Board members might want to move to a so-called professional Board without elections, instead using selections. Voting rights set forth in Article 6a were the *things* you get to vote on. Problem is that Article 5, section 6a, was poorly drafted because it included 30-day registration requirement, that should have been in eligibility requirement. Idea that any Board would manipulate things like eligibility requirement to disenfranchise people is fanciful, but the idea that the Board could move to be a professional board was not fanciful, it was a real concern that they took care of. Calling something a voting right does not make it a voting right, it's more about WHAT you get to vote on. Unfortunately, membership can't hear attorney's opinion now, which should clarify this.

Jonathan Pincus: Originally wanted to say 30-day waiting period placement makes it sound like you have to register every time you want to vote. Hopefully that is not the case. After discussion, it's my understanding that despite the change in Oregon statutes regarding need for a

meeting, statute still requires certain topics, including those that abridges voting, must be voted on by membership. Nonconfidential topic such as this, particularly about what people get to vote on and how they vote, membership should have the right to hear anything that might be construed to abridge or alter voting ability. Understands AJ's concern about getting permission from attorney, so the vote should probably wait until August.

Michael "Coyote" Connelly: Currently 14-year-olds with a wristband, if you register, you can vote. If you change age to 16, people who got wristband at 14 or 15, they are losing a right that they had. What if we put in a clause to grandfather in those that already had that right?

Steven B.: Has been behind this for some time. Attended Bylaws Committee meetings in March. Recently worked with attorneys about the WOW Hall. This has become very convoluted. Voting age is not in question, it was not a protected voting right. Concerned that this explicitly violates Bylaws. Existing members have to wait 30 days until eligible to vote. This is something that should be put to membership because it will affect existing members' rights. Maybe just change age right now and not the rest. Or you can put the whole package to the membership to vote on. Has helped write many Bylaws for many organizations over the years. Pause so he can offer multiple fixes.

Grumpy: Not sure he agrees with Steven B. Transparency is important for membership but confidentiality seems to be more important to the Board. Agrees with LT, we should be able to read what the lawyer said. Otherwise, ask lawyer if we can share whenever we get legal opinions. Agrees with Jon Pincus, if everybody has to register before every election, that is problematic. Bylaws should have age for voting members and it should be 18, not 16.

AJ: Objection was to read verbatim the attorney's opinion. We can have open discussion about how we understand that opinion, but until we have explicit approval to share, thinks it's safest not to read it until we get permission to share. Sometimes attorneys change their minds when presented with further information.

Jon Steinhart moved and Lisa seconded to extend the meeting until 9:30.

The motion failed: 6-5; Arna, Sandra, George, AJ, Sue opposed.

John Alexander moved and Lisa seconded to overrule the President and read the legal opinion about the age requirement Bylaws change.

John Alexander: Not confidential topic. Time to have membership hear it.

Lisa Parker: As long as we don't reveal identity of lawyer, that would likely be their biggest concern.

John Steinhart: Opposes doing this because we are out of time to vote on it so we would have time to talk to attorney before next meeting.

Stephen Diercouff: Because there are so many questions, recommends the Board finds a way to remand this motion back to the Committee to come up with a different version.

Arna: Does not think this legal opinion is confidential and we should be able to read it, but we are too close to end of meeting to deal with this. This should be tabled to August.

Lisa withdrew her second.

**Jon Steinhart moved and Teresa seconded to table until August.
The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

Lisa moved and Jon Steinhart seconded to extend meeting for 15 minutes to do Meeting Evaluation.

Sandra: Remaining Old Business items be tabled?

Steven B.: All Old Business that wasn't specifically tabled to August, will be considered at the June-ly meeting.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

TABLED UNTIL JUNE-LY MEETING

- #4 Clarify the effective beginning of terms of newly elected Directors (John Alexander, George Braddock, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Lisa Parker, Sue Theolass, and Teresa Vaughn)
(*Note: Words in green and struck out are the original language. Words in red and italics are the newly proposed words.*)

(*Note: The committee recommends two options for this motion, and includes the first one in the motion itself, with a proposed amendment the Board may wish to consider when debating the motion.*)

Whereas the beginning and end of a Director's term of office needs to be clearly defined;

and Whereas the Board has a tradition of ceremonially installing new Directors at the annual Board meeting after the election;

and Whereas both the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act and our Bylaws are silent on the start of the effective term of office;

and Whereas the default effective date when both Statute and Bylaw are silent is at the time ballots are due at the election, which differs from tradition;

The Board resolves that the term of office of newlyelected Directors be effective upon ratification of the election results at the annual Board meeting, and to amend the Bylaws to effect the change as follows:

Article VII, Section 2(e):

e) **Term:** Each Director shall serve for three years or until their resignation or removal, whichever occurs first. These three-year terms shall be staggered, with one-third of total seats to be filled by a vote of the membership each year. **The term of office of newly elected Directors shall be effective upon ratification of the election results at the annual Board meeting.**

Article VII, Section 2(e):

e) **Term:** Each Director shall serve for three years or until their resignation or removal, whichever occurs first. These three-year terms shall be staggered, with one third of total seats to be filled by a vote of the membership each year. **The term of office of newly elected Directors shall be effective upon ratification of the election results at the annual Board meeting.**

TABLED UNTIL JUNE-LY MEETING

- #5 Change the petition signature requirement from a hard number to a percentage of members voting in the last election (John Alexander, George Braddock, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Lisa Parker, Sue Theolass, and Teresa Vaughn)

(Note: Words in green and struck out are the original language. Words in red and italics are the newly proposed words).

(Note: Some of the changes in this motion assume that Motion 1 passes. If it does not there is an alternate form of the motion below.)

Whereas the number of members of the Oregon Country Fair (The Fair) varies from time to time;

and whereas The Board needs to establish a minimum number of signatures on an advisory petition or removal petition;

and whereas The Board does not wish to revisit the petition signature requirement threshold as the voting membership number changes;

The Board resolves that valid petitions are required to have the verified signatures of 100 Members or 8 percent of those voting in the most recent Annual Election, whichever number is greater, and to amend the Bylaws as follows:

Article VI, Section 1:

1. Annual Membership Meetings: An annual meeting of the members shall be called by the Board of Directors at a date to be fixed by the Board, but in no case later than October 30. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to ~~elect the Board of Directors~~ present the members with a financial statement for the fiscal year then ending, and to consider any other business that the Directors may determine to be appropriate. Agendas for the annual meeting shall be set 55 days prior to the meeting. ~~Beginning in 2022, advisory resolutions may be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting upon the petition of 100 or more of the members, by presenting the petition to the Membership Secretary by July 31, or at such earlier time as the Board of Directors may designate. Petitions must include member signatures with the name also legibly printed and the member's Fair affiliation.~~

Article VI, Section 2:

2. Annual Elections. An annual election ("**Annual Election**") shall be called by the Board of Directors at a date to be fixed by the Board, but in no case sooner than one week after the Annual meeting nor later than October 30. The purpose of the election shall be to elect new Directors to the Board, to vote on Bylaw changes that require member **approval or** ratification, and to vote on advisory petitions.

Advisory resolutions may be placed on the Annual Election ballot upon the petition of 100 or more members or 8 percent of the number of members who voted in the most recent annual election, whichever number is greater, by presenting the petition to the Membership Secretary by July 31 or at such earlier time as the Board may designate. Petitions must include member signatures with the name also legibly printed and the member's Fair affiliation.

The **Annual Election** shall be conducted by **written** ballot **in lieu of a membership meeting as provided in the Act**, with ballots issued to all members via mail or other means as the Board may provide. The results of the election shall be certified by the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer within five days **of the deadline for the return of ballots.**

Article VI, Section 3:

3. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members may be called from time to time by the Board and shall be called by the Membership Secretary upon petition of 100 or more members **or 8 percent of the number of members who voted in the most recent annual election, whichever number is greater**, describing the purpose(s) for which the meeting is to be held.

New Business

(YouTube video: 2:04:34)

Update goal of being a Carbon Neutral Event by the year 2030 (Lisa Parker, Sandra Bauer, Sue Theolass, AJ Jackson, John Alexander and Teresa Vaughn)

Meeting Evaluation

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Last round for the good of the peach

Lawrence Taylor: Apologized to AJ for poor communication about attorney's advice. During announcements regarding Sunshine Database, Coordinators are struggling with database, so comments from Jon Steinhart about "taking misery festival elsewhere" lacks tact. They are expressing anguish, not just vitriol.

John Alexander: No disrespect but felt strongly that we should read legal opinion. Thanks to Craig for comments. Elections and Bylaws Committee and Stephen D. are doing so much hard work. Steven B., you have a tough job and you're doing it well!

Teresa: Thanks folks who spoke at the beginning, Kirsten and Hilary, regarding how we are all coming together to create an amazing event. We all care about voting rights.

Coyote: To the Board, I hope that you realize what a gift Steven Berkson is bringing to this process. Thirty-eight years ago, they asked me to be the first facilitator of Board meetings. Big job! Steven is gifted and is volunteering his skill.

Firecat Tom and Aaron: Board couldn't have a conversation in front of the public, but that's a problem. Maybe rules need to be changed so they can have a discussion.

Jon Steinhart: Thanks to members who showed up and shared opinions. Send emails to the Board so we are better informed before vote in August.

Grumpy: Steven B., you do a good job. Board needs to find a better way to make decisions, rather than fighting about procedure. Board has a hard time making any decisions because they just want to argue.

Paxton: Encourage people to come to June-ly meeting. Topic to discuss, Carbon Neutral motion, is very important.

Lisa: No disrespect to AJ seconding the motion to share attorney's opinion. Wanted to honor members requesting it. Thanks Steven B. and apologizes for contributing to chaos. Directors have to come to meetings, but members don't have to, so appreciates those that come and speak whether we agree or not.

Steven B.: Hopes in the future that training on rules and processes can be done so he doesn't have to wing it.

AJ: Thank everyone for coming. Thanks Board — we had a hard discussion. Thanks for coming. "Love liberates, it does not bind," from Maya Angelou. Let's love each other at Fair and through this process. Thanked Steven B. for his service.

Arna: Thanks everyone for attending. Got frustrated during this meeting but does not think we argue; rather we have robust discussions. That's OK. We leave feeling OK with each other, which is important.

Kevin: Thank everyone for coming and membership and Board members for speaking up.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, June 30, 4 to 6 pm at Alice's Fire Pit, In-Person only

