

ENERGY PARK MEETING

Sunday, September 7 at Energy Park

Facilitator: Blake

Scribe: Gaelen

Present in Park: Sue, Sherman, Raina, Georgiana, Thomas, Robert, Jude, Blake

Present on Zoom: Alan, Ila, Ryan T, Juliette, Jaley, Jade, Kory, Lelia, Nathan, Ron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Dave Kenniston for his generous donation.

Oregon Country Fair Annual Meeting

October 11 6:30pm

at Unitarian Universalist Church 1685 W 13th Ave Eugene

And streaming on YouTube, see oregoncountryfair.net

Reports on 2025 Fair and Meet w/ candidates for Board of Directors

Candidates Forum on September 28 at 4pm on Zoom and stream on YouTube

Find at oregoncountryfair.net

October 18 - Ballots for Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors due
This year most of us will be receiving our ballots by email.

Lelia and Nathan got married! Congratulations!

Thomas and April got married! Congratulations!

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

Add Alex to the list of Zoom attendees.

Approved as amended.

CARTS PURCHASE

During the fair our yellow cart disappeared and never came back. After the fair our two remaining carts, the blue one and the pink one also disappeared. All three carts were found in Cart Central's inventory a few weeks later and they will store them for us over the winter and return them next spring. In 2023 we lost the green cart and it never has been returned. As a result of these happenings, Blake has ordered three carts, similar to the ones we thought we lost. The cost is \$200 each.

It might also be a good idea to put air tags on our carts so we can track them down when these things happen.

Gaelen moved that we spend up to \$700 on new carts and air tags. Sue seconded. The motion passed.

Next Spring we will have a painting party for our new carts. If you have some leftover house paints, especially brightly colored paint, we would be happy to use them to paint our new carts next year.

ADDITIONAL CAMPING PASS FOR THIRD SOLAR TECH

This year we brought in a third solar tech on a trial basis. Sue said that this worked well, Thank You to Andrew for your good work.

Jude moved that we add a camping pass for another Solar Bozo. Sue seconded. The motion passed.

2026 Meeting Dates

Gaelen suggested the following dates for our 2026 meetings:
All will be on Sundays at 1pm -
February 15, April 12, May 17, June 14

EVALUATIONS

Teens

Jade thought that it went well. She found that the responsibility of being there for the teens at every shift change is really a lot. And she sees that it will be even more if we bring in Fair Teen Crew Teens next year, which we weren't able to do this year. Jade would like a Co-coordinator next year. Thank you for your good work Jade!

Showers

Sue said thank you to everyone who worked shifts. And thanks to the crew who upgraded the waiting area. It worked well and she looks forward to tweaking it a bit next year.

Technically, the showers ran flawlessly in a year when we probably sold more showers than we ever have.

Operationally, things went well with just a few little problems. She reminds us not to allow people to leave the waiting area with their numbers. And if there is a big problem go look for Sue in her camping area, she just might be there. Overall things ran smoothly for there being such a heavy load. The showers were constantly busy from Thursday until Monday.

Sue came up with a five minute shower song. People had fun with it and it looked like it did speed things up a bit. We need to look at our cold shower deal next year, we sold more showers than ever, but Sue suspects people were actually taking lukewarm showers.

Showers made just over \$6000 this year.

Jude said that she would like to see very clear job descriptions of the jobs in every area. In showers that would include both the money takers in the front and the number takers in the back.

Georgiana said that, at Ryan's request, she is planning on redoing the diagram of how the showers work. We are considering moving the placement of that diagram out to the front of the Park.

Camp Host

Sherman said that it went well, it felt like her most relaxed year in that role. Sherman is open to hearing feedback.

Jude would like to see a review of all of the people who camp in our area, not just the Energy Park folk.

When asked about how it went without Michael there prefair, Sherman said that while she misses Michael she has been getting some good help doing what needs to be done in the weeks leading up to the fair. This includes clearing the camping paths, hanging signs and monitoring early campers. This year she got good help with all of this. She would especially like to thank Jeremy and Ryan for their help.

Sherman also wanted to thank everyone who gets their camping pass from us and camps elsewhere. This really helps to make our camping situation possible. Thanks!

Path Troll

Jaley said that she had a good, solid crew to work with this year. Kudos to everyone who worked there. It was fun.

She felt good about her position this year, she got a better grasp of it and ironed out some problems she had been having with certain fair campers wanting to get through the gate on a regular basis. By talking with them she thinks things will be easier for our path trolls next year.

SCRIBE: (a note from Kory)

I greatly appreciate everyone that has lent their efforts to document our meetings in my absence. I try to attend all the meetings, but usually can't make 'em all. In the absence of any feedback from EP folks, I'll continue to take minutes the same way that I have been. Let me know if you want/need things to be different.

Stage

(a note from Kory)

KESEY STAGE:

I think that we had another year of great music and entertainment on the stage. It was great to have Alan and Ila back this year, their experience and presence at the stage and in the green room is invaluable to things going smoothly throughout the weekend. Thanks to all of the people that helped set up the stage and everyone that

did soundboard and tech shifts. I heard lots of praise from Fairgoers about the quality of the acts, sound, and vibes in Energy Park. There were a lot of curveballs thrown our way this year in terms of performer logistics and I'm grateful to Gaelen, Blake, Layne, Thomas, and Adam for their contributions to troubleshoot and problem solve on-the-fly. The stage coordinating is a complex dance that I'm still trying to wrap my head around. Each year has been a big learning experience. Despite all of the hurdles that manifested during the weekend, I'm proud that everything appeared A-OK on the public-facing side of things, which is super important. My hope is that next year we can dial in the logistics involved with shuttling performers and gear to/from the Kesey Stage (Solar Bozo Ryan mentioned that Entertainment Camp provides this kind of service? but I was unable to connect the dots this year during Fair). It might be worth considering EP procuring a drum kit that can be backlined for the entire weekend. Thomas and I also spoke about potentially eliminating one performance slot each day to allow more transition time between acts with the hope that performers don't have to cut their set short and that the Kesey crew doesn't need to frantically switch over every 45 minutes. Gary Ramalo also mentioned having a Starlink setup, which we could consider using to livestream the sets on our stage....

Thomas said that overall things went smoothly. If anyone has any feedback, please let him know.

Sue said yay for the Thursday night talent show, it was really fun. Kory said there were a few problems coordinating it with the Thursday night sweep, we might rethink the timing next year. And he wasn't sure how many new people got trained on the soundboard, but maybe we can publicize it better next year. Alan said that Isaac helped a lot with the training and also working on the soundboard.

We agreed to request 10 more VIP day passes from the Budget Committee to assist us with scheduling acts next year.

Ila said that she does need a cocordinator to help with the Green Room. She would like to have some opportunities to get out and see the Fair, but there is just so much needed backstage. The merch table went smoothly this year, there were no complaints and performers said they were very happy about it. We shared our teens with the showers and that worked very well. DeeDee really helped a lot.

General Coordinator

Blake said it went great. Everything went smoothly and he thought it was a great fair. It was superamazing how Layne carried the job so that Blake could enjoy the fair. Blake thought Energy Park ran well, there were no real emergencies.

Operations

Layne sent the following email -

I thought the fair went quite smooth this year. I'm looking forward to doing operations again next year and I'm having a great time working with everyone :D

Construction

Thomas said that construction was light this year. We bought a Yeti and it was just the right size. There was just a little bit of power left in it at the end of the fair. The Yeti also helped power the stage a little, along with the solar power the Energy Park Electric Company provided. Everything went well. Thomas is looking for a shadow that he can train to take over being Construction Coordinator.

Cell Phone Charging

Lelia said it went really well. We started charging for charging (instead of requesting donations) and there were no issues. Some problems they encountered did require a refund with an apology. Next year we need to get some additional cords.

Ron said that he does have some small changes for next year.

Cell Phone Charging made just over \$1500 this year.

Thank you to Ron and Lelia!

Staff Registration

Everyone from the waiting list got in, and then some. Thank you Larry!

Booth Registration

Michaela does great work, as does Andrea. Thank you both for the excellent work.

And Andrea was a great MC for the Talent Show on Thursday.

Information Booth

Cindy was unable to do this job this year due to personal obligations so Jude and Gaelen filled in.

Jude said that it went well. She enjoyed decorating the booth with help from Ruth from the Electric Company. Thank you to Ruth for her help with the Info Booth and the Grey Water System. It would be helpful to have a description of how the Info Booth job works.

Georgiana suggested that we make a sign for the Info Booth directing people to the nearest bathrooms.

Secretary-Treasurer

Gaelen said thank you to Michaela and Larry for their work and their patience with the Sunshine Database. It worked better this year, though

there were still a few problems. Gaelen did learn some new things and hopes it will work even better next year.

Budgetwise, it all worked out. Thank you to Thomas for his financial patience regarding the battery, that helped. We are looking good going forward.

Public Relations

Gaelen said that we got a longer, better article in the Peach Pit this year. Thank you to Anna for her help with this.

Clean-Up

Thank you to Alan for his good work coordinating Clean-Up this year. Robert thought that adding the order of operations in the Sign-Up Book worked well. Georgiana is planning to update it again next year and is looking for feedback on this.

Additional Notes -

Thank you to Laura Sky for getting the camping bracelets together. Thank you to Nathan and Lelia for doing the tent tags.

Lelia likes Jeremy's suggestion to move the date of this evaluation meeting to the date of the Teddy Bear's Picnic next year.