

Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association  
Special Meeting of the Board  
Held at 12215 SE 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. Milwaukie, OR

On October 5, 2012, President Colby Buswell called for a special meeting of the Officers & Board Members to be held at the above address on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

**Officers, Directors and Members attending:**

Patty Spencer, Cleve Friedman, Ian Joel, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, Pat Connell, Dave Hausner, Matt Snook, Tony McCormick, Ron Preston, Mary Jo Turner, Mason Smith, and Host Marlene Smith

Meeting called to order & chaired by Vice President Patty Spencer at 7:35 PM., Ron Preston took the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dave Hausner reported that the income generated from the OBA Pickers Festival totaled \$1,685 and after paying Pendarvis \$500, and adding to the previous balance of \$4,981.19, the current balance is approximately \$6,166.19. The up coming annual insurance premium is \$900, so the available balance is about \$5,266. Dave will check with the insurance rep. on any liability issues with special events, like "Murphy Method" and any corporate procedural audit liabilities.

**Secretary's Report:** Ron Preston reported that the previous minutes from the May, June and August special meetings had not yet been approved, where by;

**RESOLVED:** After a motion duly made by Pat & Seconded by Tony, and by unanimous vote, the minutes of the May, June & August meetings were approved.

A discussion then followed whereby Ron said he was willing to review all the meeting minutes back to the revision of the 2007 bylaws, and report on any approved bylaw changes and provide a written quick reference on notable agenda items for each year. He will continue as outlined in the By-Laws.

**Old Business:**

**Membership:** Matt advised that the general membership is still fluctuating around 300, and maybe a raffle would be helpful. Mary Jo suggested promoting an online drawing on our web site, and through KBOO radio.

**RESOLVED:** After a motion duly made by Ian & Seconded by Christine, and by unanimous vote, it was agreed to give away a one year free membership during the February 2013 DJ set on KBOO.

**Bluegrass Express:** Christine advised that it would be best to provide her with information on the various festivals at least 3 months before going to print. Also, the upcoming issue will be a "Special Memorial Issue dedicated to the life & achievements of Bill Martin". He passed away from cancer in early September. Pat advised that he now has a database of advertisements to publish in the Express, with a total of \$1,100 in payables. He will coordinate with Tony for online PayPal payments.

Merchandising: After a brief discussion, Cleve said he would check into the cost of purchasing hats and drink cozies with the logo similar to the oval case sticker for our next meeting. It was also pointed out that the new case & bumper stickers needed to be included on the merchandise web page. Tony agreed to take care of this directly.

**New Business:**

OBA Pickers Fest 2013: After discussion, it was agreed not to conflict with the Tygh Valley Festival, and talk with Pendarvis's about other dates, more money etc. Cleve said the Boy Scout Camp just over the hill may be a good alternative. The place at 15<sup>th</sup> & Knott Street was another option. Add to agenda ...

Promoter Position: Pat Connell suggested we create a "Promoter" position & find someone to develop a database for promoting OBA events, through state wide TV, radio, newspapers, in the FREE what's going on this week spots. A discussion then followed on how to find this person; post on web-site, email general membership, put on nomination list for the April general meeting. Add to agenda for further discussion.

Alberta Rose Festival: February 8,9,&10 still need folks to help out, contact Colby

Special Guest: Mason Smith of Eastside Bluegrass opened a discussion on the planned fundraising event at the "White Eagle Tavern" on November 10<sup>th</sup> and possibly providing a OBA Family Membership as a door prize or raffle.

**RESOLVED:** After a motion duly made by Ian & Seconded by Fred, and by unanimous vote it was agreed to provide Mason with a 1 year Family Membership door prize to patrons at this Saturday's Gospel show at his regular 160<sup>th</sup> Street location.

WinterGrass Festival: Fred Coats opened a general discussion about the benefits of having a room at the event to promote the OBA, sell merchandise, and showcase bands and other events.

**RESOLVED:** After a motion duly made by Fred & Seconded by Dave, and by unanimous vote it was agreed to budget \$1000 to secure room(s) at the Hyatt Regency for Feb. 28-March 3 in Bellevue, WA for the 2013 festival. <http://www.acousticsound.org/tickets.html>

Meeting was adjourned by Patty at 9:09 PM.