

Oregon Bluegrass Association



**Oregon Bluegrass Association
Minutes of Annual Member Meeting
Held at the Kennedy School McMenamins, NE Portland
April 20, 2008**

Attendees:

Josh Cole - President

Jon Ostrom - V.P.

Chip Russell - Secretary

Cleve Friedman

Chris Standridge

Colby Buswell

Mason Smith

Lisa Remmer

Holly Wyman (Eventually :))

The members who graciously gave their attendance, time, and shared their views

Minglin' and munchin' on free eats began at Noon...Meeting was called to order at 12:45p by President Josh Cole

Welcome from the OBA President

- Thanks for a another great year and your attendance and turn out at our events
- Our goal was to raise revenue to create funds for more events and, in turn, more member benefits

Introduction of Treasurer, Dave Hausner, for Annual Financial Report

- Dave went over expenditures and revenue
- We had a YTD gross of 14194.25. Our YTD expenses were 13,047.49 for a total profit of 1,146.76.

Introduction of Board Member, Cleve Friedman, for promotion of our biggest event of the year, our 1st Annual Picker's Fest

- Cleve pointed out brochures on table outlining event at Horning's Hideout, August 15-17th
- Bluegrassers and Old Time players welcome...

- No stage, no shows, no schedules to keep, just camp at beautiful Horning's Hideout and Jam without much sleep...
- Our biggest event of the year, so tell all your friends and family that play instruments or enjoy listenin' to jammin' while camping

Introduction of Board Member, Colby Buswell, for overview of 2008 goals

- More OBA presence...getting our name out there...tables at festivals and shows, sponsorship, hosting more events...including hopeful table presence at...
 1. Fiddlin' Around the Stars, Goldendale, 5/27-6/1
 2. Amboy Bluegrass Festival, 6/19-22
 3. Troutdale Bite and Bluegrass, 7/12
 4. Northwest String Summit, Horning's Hideout, 7/18-20
 5. Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival, Stevenson, 7/24-28
 6. Pickathon, Happy Valley, 8/1-3
 7. OBA PICKER'S FEST, Horning's Hideout, 8/15-17
 8. Moo Grass, Tillamook, 8/29-31

That's our festival list, we'll be at smaller/local shows too and we're open to more
- NEW, more interactive website to include...
 1. Streaming playlist of member bands, w/ photos-bios and links to sites. In turn, a link to our site will be on theirs.
 2. Viewers will have the ability to join online...after the excitement of a show or just after seeing the quality of our new site.
 3. PDF library or past (eventually entire) Bluegrass Express issues
 4. Member login security w/ option of paperless access to current Bluegrass Express issues for download...cutting printing costs and being eco-friendly at the same time
 5. Eventually an online store
 6. In sum, a website that snaps...creating a WOW, I want to join sensation AND that generates OBA income/revenue just by being there...creating more opportunity for shows, events, and member benefits!
- New Merchandise...stuff you'll want to buy and/or give to others!
- MEMBERSHIP GROWTH...none of the above is possible without it...tell your friends, spread the word, the OBA is headed toward a banner year and can use your help! Each place sitting had an extra issue of the Bluegrass Express and a bumper sticker for members to give to their friend "most likely to join" and we encourage all of our membership to spread the word!

Josh opened the floor to the members, which brought forth some great suggestions and ideas... all of which will be topics at our next Board Meeting, 5/13/2008

- OBA nametags...brought up both at the meeting and since on our new Yahoo group...this will be a topic at the next Board Meeting and we are all in agreement on nametags...we'll make it happen.
- Printing the minutes to each OBA meeting in the Bluegrass Express and posting them on the OBA website. Posting them on the website is easy, there is a cost to printing them in the Bluegrass Express...as it is now, between articles and advertising, we are maxed out...we are

looking at expanding the Express next issue, which would make it easier for the minutes to fit in the Bluegrass Express

- Amendment changes should be voted on at the Annual Meeting. We acknowledged this and voted on a couple at the meeting...

1. Amendment to Article II Section 2

"All past presidents of the OBA Board of Directors will be made honorary lifetime members of the OBA, with all of the rights and benefits inherent with that

membership"

2. Amendment to Article III Section 4

"The Board of Directors shall consist of six - fifteen (6-15) Directors"

We will not make any future amendment changes without the vote of the members at our Annual Meeting.

- Chapters and appointing a Chapter Coordinator of the board. We tried to make Chapters work this year and got little response until the very end of the year. We hear you, though, and now feel that we have at least three different areas (Roseburg, Central/Bend, and Salem) interested and that this can be a great move with the right person in the role. This will be a prime topic at the next Board Meeting.
- Location rotation of the monthly Board Meetings...with most of the Board living in Portland, all but one, Portland was easiest...we will discuss this at the next meeting as we now have Board Members from different areas of the state.
- Have our own Oregon Bluegrass Association Yahoo listserv/discussion group...Jon jumped on this in less than a day...JOIN NOW at... <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/oregonbluegrass/>

Josh then introduced Secretary, Chip Russell...

- Voting took place on two amendments of two separate bylaws
- Chip presented awards to departing Board Members President Josh Cole, Vice President Jon Ostrom, and Member at Large Mason Smith
- Previously acting Board Members Cleve Friedman and Colby Buswell were voted in by the membership
- Josh and Chip then asked for those interested in serving the Board to please stand up...

1. Fred Coates

2. Charles Davis

3. Larry Wilder

were all voted onto the Oregon Bluegrass Association Board.

- This year's board consists of...in alphabetical order...

1. Colby Buswell

2. Fred Coates

3. Charles Davis

4. Cleve Friedman

5. Chris Standridge

6. Lisa Remmer

7. Chip Russell – Secretary

8. Chris Standridge
 9. Larry Wilder
 10. Holly Wyman – Volunteer Coordinator
- Positions will be voted on by the Board at the next Board Meeting, 5/13 at the Lucky Lab in Portland, 7:30pm, for the President and Vice President positions and any subsequent/potential positions
 - A photo was taken sans Holly Wymen, Volunteer Coordinator, who was running late due to a Chickweed band performance, no better excuse out there.

And finally, the raffling of the Mandolin and other prizes...

- Chris Standridge's donated twin-point Carver mandolin was won by Randy Oman
 - The free setup also donated by Chris was won by Gretchen Amann
 - Gretchen also won the generously donated New Seasons gift basket
 - 3 sets of CDs were won by April Parker, Dave Ricks, and Rich Powell
- Please forgive any misspellings...

Jamming and mingling commenced as the official business adjourned.