

Oregon Bluegrass Association

Minutes of May 13th, 2008 Meeting

In Attendance

**Chip Russell
Cleve Friedman
Colby Buswell
Lisa Remmer
Fred Coates
Dave Hausner
Larry Wilder
Holly Wyman**

Guests:

**Joan Coates
Tony McCormick**

Elections

The Board of Directors elected the following as new officers:

**President: Chip Russell
Vice President: Colby Buswell
Secretary: Larry Wilder**

Acceptance of Minutes from the Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Dave Hausner reported the OBA, as of May 13th, 2008 has a balance of \$3060.74. He also stated that over \$900 was earned at the Annual Member Meeting.

Old Business

>1st Annual Bluegrass and Old Time Pickers' Festival:

This OBA event will be August 15-16-17 at Horning's Hideout. There will be camping in the rough. No stage for performances; just jamming and a fun get-together.

Free T shirt for early ticket purchase was discussed. Lisa suggested that July 1st be the cutoff date.

Holly said that she would try to get shirts for about \$4.

Insurance is \$300 for the event.

Holly will be in charge of volunteers.

>OBA Board presence at bluegrass shows was discussed. Board members are encouraged to support regional events, work at the OBA table, publicize the OBA and enroll new members.

>*Bluegrass Express* Committee includes: Claire Levine, Chip Russell, Colby Buswell, Chris Palmer, Chris Knight, Kathy Boyd & Mark Gensman. Big thanks to these folks.

>Artichoke Music Festival will be June 28. Colby will take care of OBA presence along with the \$25 fee.

>Buttons and nametags were discussed. Fred said that Nikki Clevenger could produce tags. Fred Coates will be heading up this effort.

>Board agreed that, at the appropriate time, a modernized OBA logo is needed. Larry noted a gender neutral logo would be fitting.

New Business

>Fred proposed that past President Ken Cartwright be named Member at Large.” Dave will discuss the idea with Ken.

>Tony McCormick was named Member at Large and will coordinate our Web Team, working with Chip Russell, Colby Buswell, and Jon Ostrom. The OBA is indebted to you and all others involved in this endeavor.

>Matt Snook was nominated and elected as a Member at Large.

>Cleve, Colby and Holly will act as Merchandise Committee.

>OBA fundraiser at the Gresham Little Theatre was mentioned.

>Fred talked about a mentorship program wherein experienced bluegrassers volunteer time to help emerging bands and musicians in our acoustic community around the state. Larry said that he would help.

>Dogtoberfest, a fundraiser for the emergency animal hospital held at Lucky Lab Brew Pub, is set for this fall. Tony will work toward easing the OBA into being a part of this event.

>Larry suggested that the OBA sponsor bluegrass outreach in communities.

>Board asked Larry to research a partnered fundraiser involving the OBA and a worthy cause.

Adjournment

Chip closed the meeting at 9:13 PM.

Board reconvenes at 7:30 PM on June 10--at the home of Fred and Joan Coates.