

Oregon Bluegrass Association



Oregon Bluegrass Association Minutes of Board Meeting January 9, 2011

Attendees:

Chip Russell – President
Colby Buswell – V.P.
Dave Hausner – Treasurer
Tony McCormick – Webmaster
Chuck Holloway – at large
Ian Joel – at large
Matt Snook – at large
Patty Spencer – at large

Meeting was called to order at 2:12pm in the OBA Suite at RiverCity Music Festival 2011 by Colby Buswell.

Old Business

OBA Suite at RiverCity 2011

- Discussion of our Suite's Success. Attendance and enthusiasm was constant from 2:30pm on Friday, January 7th all the way through to around 7pm on Sunday. People were talking out on the festival floor and beyond. Facebook and Yahoo buzz was also positive.
- Matt did a great job coordinating the band showcases. We talked of spreading out the showcases next time to allow for more jamming in between especially on Saturday.
- We will work on an article for the express and a blog on the website and facebook about the Suite. Colby to write... Cleve to provide photos.
- The possibility of a Suite at Wintergrass was mentioned and explored. Dave will check our financial status (should be fine). Matt is drafting a letter to query Mark and Patrice about the potential of hooking their favorite Oregon non-profit up.

OBA Gospel Show

- Saturday, January 29th at 7pm, at the Central Bible Church, 8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland, OR 97220
- All is set in motion and Mason has it all under control. \$300 goes to the Church for sound and space. Bands are lined up. Just need food and sundries for the green room and to know which board members will be there beside Colby ;-)
- Chip will go to KBOO on Saturday to ensure mention of our Gospel Show.
- Matt will get expresses with Gospel Show ad out this week as well.
- Mason has been mentioning it at Eastside shows.
- Colby will create an event on Facebook.

Bluegrass Express Committee

- Same struggles for the committee: We need someone to replace Colby and Chris for both pre-production (organizing layout for the designer) and advertising. We have a copy editor and rarely have problems acquiring folks to write for us.

- We did collect about 10 folks' information that are interested in volunteering. Patty will pursue how far that interest may extend.
- Matt will be mailing the Expresses this week to those that didn't pick them up at RiverCity.
- Dave will pay both Jana (designer) and Buel's (printer) this week.
- The Express will officially go quarterly...next issue will go out in February before Wintergrass, followed by one in March for April/May/June, then one in May for June/July/August..etc.

New Business

Annual Meeting in April

- Someone proffered the idea to have it at Pendarvis Farm (2010 Picker's Fest location). Seems like a great idea and could save us money while allowing us to do more.
- Colby already sent an email to Scott and Sherry of Pendarvis farms to see what April looks like for their schedule and inquired about costs.
- There're two formats I'm tossin' 'round in my head 1) Just the meeting in the afternoon with open jamming of all levels afterward or 2) The afternoon meeting with a stay and jam offering that would possibly include a squaredance or a coupla band showcases. We'd have both barns for jamming and the fire pit. We'd probably pot luck it and byob with the OBA providing coffee, tea and limited refreshments outside of the dishes we bring. Staying overnight is usually not a problem. Stay and Jam option would move our meeting date to a Saturday, which is probably something we should consider anyway. I think it was always Sunday at McMenamins for ease of booking reasons. Probably aim for the 15th or 22nd of April.
- Board member open positions: Presidency is open, Chip stepping to member at large (Dave and others suggested Colby – he is interested). Secretary is open and needs to be someone that can make every meeting (that the rest of us actually make ;)) and play a more active, organized role. Volunteer Coordinator has been open for some time and could use a motivated/energetic individual.

Website

- A motion was put forth to split the homepage in order to showcase more Jams on a daily rotating, calendar basis. The left side will be devoted to the jams that help encourage bluegrass education and community and keep the genre alive and well in Oregon. Tony will work on this...
- A blog will also be written and partnered with Cleve's photos. Colby and Tony will work on this...

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm in order to pursue more jamming, beer and festival mirth