

OBA Board Meeting

February 14

Meeting called to order by President Colby Buswell at 7:46. Well deserved appreciation was accorded the Board's gracious host, Marlene Smith.

Attending: Ian Joel, Marlene Smith, Liz Crain, Matt Snook, Christine Weinmeister, John Prunty, Sarah Ells, Mary Jo Turner, Pat Connell, Tony McCormick, Patty Spencer, Dave Hausner and guest: Kathy Boyd.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave stated that our balance is \$3015—not including approximately \$1200 in checks received in the mail.

Web Report:

Tony went over some tech ideas on the OBA website. Colby said that Wintergrass presence needs to be added on the site. Calendar postings, festival dates and band listings were discussed.

Old Business:

The Gospel Show was discussed. Discussion ensued whether stage management is needed. Tony suggested that OBA events have a deputy who knows how every aspect of the show is to work.

Wintergrass: Colby said that 12 cases of beer from Lagunitas has been donated. He said that help is needed for transportation. OBA suite will be on the third floor. Patty said that the Fun Meters will be on sale.

New Business:

Kathy Boyd has contacted the Oregon Festivals and Events Association and the Oregon Fairs Association with aim of helping member bands getting booked at their events. Kathy outlined how the fairs and events associations see acts at showcases and hospitality rooms.

Matt Snook said that the OBA could function as overseer of the suite and booth. Member bands could participate in the hospitality rooms with short shows, thereby being represented at the Fairs Convention. Bluegrass music and groups could have a wider scope; bands would learn how to market themselves in a professional milieu; remote counties are represented and need entertainment that is reasonably priced. Christine suggested that Kathy compose an *Express* article to be in the fall issue.

Board consensus was positive. John moved that the OBA becomes a member of the OFA; Tony seconded. Motion passed.

Ian suggested that the OBA have a regular publicist. Kathy noted that www.americantowns.com will forward press releases to all local papers. Discussion ensued how bands publicize events.

Tony spoke with Ethos and their rural outreach project for music in the schools. Mary Jo will coordinate this idea with Stacy, who has taken over the Chick Rose Foundation for educating kids in bluegrass. Stacy will attend the next Board meeting. Colby suggested we build a committee to support Stacy and the program.

Express: Christine mentioned some of the features for the spring issue and that the deadline is March 7.

I apologize for having to leave. Had a 9 PM phone call. Did not realize we'd be so late. Sorry. Please add on and edit as needed. Thanks. Larry

Meeting adjourned at PM.