Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Monthly Board Meeting
May 14, 2013
At 12215 SE 38th Ave. Milwaukie, OR

Board Members and Directors attending:
Colby Buswell by tel-com, Cleve Friedman, Ian Joel, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, John McCoy, Pat Connell, Cleve Friedman, Tony McCormick, Patty Spencer, Ron Preston, Chris Palmer, Sarah Ells, Michelle Traver, Linda Leavitt, Host Marlene Smith, and guest visitor; Jed Mitchell

Meeting called to order & chaired by Vice-President Patty Spencer at 7:42 PM., Ron Preston took the minutes.

Intro: The following folks were welcomed; John McCoy (Professional accounting specialist) who will be assisting Dave Hausner with the corporate books, Chris Palmer, accepted the "Publicist Position". (She has a background in event promotion "River City BG Festival" & advertising) and Jed Mitchell has a background in grant writing, and is considering helping Michelle.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Hausner was unable to attend, but Patty reported that $4,874 is in the OBA account. There was a discussion about a donation check for $500 made out to Stacy but intended for "Chicks Kids" that has not been cashed & is a year old. It was agreed by all, that Mary Jo obtain the check and contact the donor to get it reissued, or otherwise resolved.

Secretary's Report: After a motion duly made by Pat Connell & Seconded by Ian Joel, and by unanimous vote, the amended minutes of the annual general and board meetings were approved.

Old Business:

Merchandise – It was agreed that Sarah would take over for Colby (as "Stock Clerk") on the processing of web orders, payment, packaging and shipping. After a short discussion, it was agreed by all that Cleve & Michelle will get together on finalizing the upcoming T-shirt production run. (approved logo's and shirt styles).

Grants – Michelle advised that the applied for Regional Arts Grant should provide a response by the end of the month, and that she will follow up on the $1000 payment on the previous grant. She further advise that we must be clear regarding nondiscrimination for advertisements, music related activities. It was suggested that we create a business section in the Express for nonrelated "BG" contributing sponsors.

Membership Database – Tony advised that the "Membership Management Application Tool" has been purchased and installed on the web. Outreach to membership for donations above membership fee.

Web Upgrade – We are looking into finding web designer and a student intern to help with the upgrade design and implementing the wish-list ideas. Need the funding to proceed.

New Business:

Bluegrass Express – Christine opened a discussion about needs for the next issue needs. (July 4th deadline) Ideas: Introduction of the Board, Old Time BG article, Chick Rose promotion. Non-music related businesses are welcome to become business/member sponsors as explained in each issue.

Past Presidents & Special Folks: Ron has put together a list to get this started, and it should be ready for approval next meeting. Please send any updates or changes to him.

The 6th Annual OBA Bluegrass and Old-Time Pickers' Fest will be Oct. 4-6 at the Pendarvis Farm. Colby will continue with the organization and event scheduling.

Colby reminded the Board that OBA presence is needed at all the upcoming festivals. It was agreed that the volunteer and merchandise committees work together to attend the up coming events: 9th annual Bluegrass in the Forest, May 17, Steeplegrass, May 19, Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival June 7-9, Wenatchee River Bluegrass June 14-16, Fiddlin Under the Stars Goldendale Festival, Ekone Park June 19-22, Stevenson's *Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival* (Is a MUST) July 25-28.

Meeting was adjourned by Colby at 9:22 PM.

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