Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Special Meeting of the Board
Held Saturday July 27, 2013 in the OBA Corral in Stevenson, WA

At the end of the last meeting, President Colby Buswell called for a special meeting of the Officers & Board Members to be held at the *Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival*.
Meeting was called to order by Colby at 10am-ish.

Board Members and Directors attending:
Colby Buswell Ian Joel, Marlene Smith, Dave Hausner, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, Suzanne Chimenti, Michelle Traver, Tony McCormick

Meeting called to order by President Colby Buswell at 10am, & Christine took the minutes.

Intro: Andy Turner was thanked for serving breakfast.

Treasurer's Report:
Dave Hausner reported we have $7,036 in the account after paying for the recent shirt order. Outstanding bills include the July Express and the new OBA banner. String Summit had not yet been tallied, but there were some merch sales, especially fun meters and koozies.
Patty suggested we get rolling with using quick books to track sales and inventory and organize financially. John McCoy has volunteered to help with this.

Secretary's Report:
Ron was unable to attend, and will report next meeting.

Old Business:

Merchandise – Need to update the web page with new shirts.
We still need to establish the Committee. At this point it is Colby, Michelle, Patty and Christine. We need folks to step up. Linda will act as a liaison between the merch committee and volunteers, connecting the volunteers with whoever is going to be at the fests.

The merch committee will help keep track of inventory, staff sales at the booth, send out web orders.

There was discussion of where to keep the OBA merchandise, booth and suite supplies. It seems that renting space in a storage facility may be a better option than someone's house. Everything can be kept together and there can be several people with access to pick up merch and booth supplies when traveling to festivals. Patty was going to investigate storage rental facilities.

Web Upgrade – Michelle advised Wordpress has been installed. Database - needs the data loaded (Suzanne / Matt?) We are ready to start first phase upgrade. We are looking for an intern
Techchicks.org is a Portland organization training HS and community college students (young women) in tech oriented Jonas and may be a good resource for finding an intern.

New Business:

Board of directors and meeting structure: We need to evolve to a model of core directors who meet and report back to various committees. Committees meet separately and report back to the board. We are considering seeking outside consultation to help reorganize the board. Jed Mitchell (OBA member) has extensive experience in helping organize non-profits. Patty also has another friend who may be able to help.

Festival Presence – We plan on; Americana Festival at McMenamins Crystal Ballroom on August 18 (Alex Wideman, McMenamins Corporate Booker 503.804.7680) Pat Connell is working on this.
Sauvie Island Blackberry BG Festival at Bella Organic Farms ~ Sept 1-2 YES
Free Timberline Concert ~ Sept 2nd Ron has talked to John Tullis for this World forestry center Sept 8th
Looking for one or two bands to play from 11am to 1pm $400 for 4 hours
Should we have an OBA table? Tony said he may be able to do this.
Tygh Valley Bluegrass Jamboree ~ Sept 27-29 Signup.

Picker's Fest October 4-6 Pendarvis farm:
We don't need to bring our dishes- we will use the dishes at Pendarvis
Beer tent:
1) We need to get the OLCC permit and a town of Happy Valley permit
2) Colby will find out what we need to do for this, Suzanne volunteered to be the "on the ground" person for securing the permit. Colby will get her the info.

Bands:
How much do we want to budget for bands? Last year was $1200
Some bands declined payment last year, but we did budget for them ahead of time.
How many bands? Dance bands fri and sat (square and swing dance?), a few bands fri and sat.

Pricing and online ticketing for Picker's Fest
We discussed offering a discount for tickets purchased in advance online

Everyone talk up the Picker's Fest: word of mouth, Facebook, jams and Summer Festivals. Print up the tear sheets and hand them out everywhere!

Chicks Kids: Stacy is hoping to start a kids bluegrass festival
There is a donation jar in the OBA table stuff for Chicks kids that could be put out at every festival.
Chicks kids is researching a sound system to purchase.

The meeting adjourned at 11am.

Next meeting will be August 13, site to be determined.

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