Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Special Meeting of the Board
Held Tuesday November 12, 2013 at the residence of Marlene Smith

At the last meeting, President Colby Buswell called for a special meeting of the Officers & Board Members to be held at the residence of Marlene Smith the second week of November.

Meeting was called to order by Patty at 7:31 PM, Ron Preston took the minutes. Marlene was thanked for hosting the meeting, and special guests Kelly Farrell & Dave Whipple were welcomed.

Officers, Directors and Members attending:
Colby Buswell Tel-Com, Patty Spencer, Ron Preston, Chris Palmer, Michelle Traver, Marlene Smith, Ian Joel, Christine Weinmeister, John Prunty and Pat Connell.

Treasurer's Report:
Dave Hausner could not attend, but Colby reported that thou we had a $1500 loss from the Pickers Fest, we still have $9,279 in the account, $1500 is earmarked for Chicks Kids. We also have $521 in the Pay-Pal account. Pat advised that he has $1,800 in paid ads for the January Issue of the Express, and has provided YTD revenue of $5,776. John McCoy was unable to attend, but advised he still needs bank statements from April, June, September & October for QB input.

Secretary's Report:

> After a **motion** duly made by Pat Connell & seconded by Ian Joel, and by unanimous vote, the amended minutes of the October special board meeting were approved.

Web Upgrade Presentation: Michelle introduced our student intern Kelly Farrell & Dave Whipple, our web designer. They passed out layout copies of the new web pages, and discussed what they were working on, answered questions and advised that the home page will be ready by mid to late December. The board members indicated that they would prefer a January launch date. They still need photos/videos of past events, and advise that there will be an E-commerce functionality setup for membership edits. Everything so far can be viewed by going to (www.oregonbluegrass.org/wordpress). Board members were very pleased with the redesign overall. Contact Dave, Kelly, Tony or Michelle if you have any questions or additions. Michelle will provide an article for the next BG Express issue detailing the rollout of the new site.

Price Increase Discussion: Christine pointed out that our costs for mailing & publishing the BG Express have increased over the years, yet revenue from dues and advertising have not changed since the early 1990's. After a general discussion, is was;

> **RESOLVED:** By a motion duly made by Pat Connell & Seconded by Ian Joel, and by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, that annual membership dues increase to $25, $50 for Bands, 25% increase for all ads in the BG Express, and that a $5 price tag be printed on the cover of each issue.

Old Business:

Chicks Kids: There was a question about the handling of donations, and it was pointed out that, they would be added to the general fund under the account for Chicks Kids and dispersed or expensed as required by the group for events, instruments, travel, etc.

Membership – The board was advised that Matt has not trained Suzanne on the database input, but that a membership email (blast) could be done for the Gospel show Jan. 25th and Alberta Rose.

Merchandise – Chris Palmer advised that she would provide an inventory, and storage. Ron was given the cash box for possibly doing a table at the upcoming Eastside BG concert.

Express: John and Christine advised they still need filler articles for the January Issue

New Business:

Murphy Method: Marlene offered her home for conducting the January 10-14 program. Patty provided some flyers to pass around for preregistration advertisement.

OBA Gospel Show: Chris Palmer agreed to act as coordinator for the event with Mason Smith.

Alberta Rose & Wintergrass: Pat Connell will help coordinate needs for Alberta Rose, and Tony McCormick will coordinate needs for Wintergrass.

Volunteers: We will need folks for the Gospel show, Aberta Rose & Wintergrass

Express Ads: Pat advised that he will be sending out invoices under the new price structure early next month.

Pickers Fest 2014: Pendarvis require a $500 deposit for the event. There was a discussion about changing the venue to maybe early September at the Willamina rock quarry where the annual Wildwood Music Festival is held http://www.wildwoodmusicfest.com/info/mapscontact/ Michelle indicated that she would put folks in touch with the property owner. Ian & Marlene advised they would check into it further.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday December 10, at Marlene's

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