Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Special Meeting of the Board
Held at The Caldera House, 6031 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR 97215

On January 3rd , 2013, President Colby Buswell called for a special meeting of the Officers & Board Members to be held at the above location on January 8th at 7:30 PM.

Officers, Directors and Members attending:

Colby Buswell, Pat Connell, Sarah Ells, Dave Hausner, Ian Joel, Cleve Friedman, Tony McCormick, John Prunty, Marlene Smith, Matt Snook, Patty Spencer, Michelle Traver, Mary Jo Turner, Christine Weinmeister

Meeting called to order & chaired by President Colby Buswell at 7:35 PM., Michelle Traver took the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Hausner reported that the currently available account balance is $4418, including payment for printing the most recent issue of Blue Grass Express. A discussion regarding the cost delta to print more Express issues with possibly with fewer pages for event distribution or sale. Colby reminded everyone to email him regarding anything of a financial nature.

Secretary's Report: Ron was unable to attend due to illness; Michelle took notes in his absence. The previous minutes from the December 11th special meeting had a change: (rather than "Tabor Grass event") it should read: KBOO FM event "Under a Boo Moon" on Feb 23…

> **RESOLVED:** After a motion duly made by Ian & Seconded by Michelle, and by unanimous vote of the directors, the amended minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Michelle advised that Ron has found the "Corporate Book" and is expecting to meet with Chip Russell to pick it up along with various other materials, including the early BGE issues. If anyone else has any corporate information, please advise Ron to arrange pickup.

Old Business:

Membership: Matt provided thumb drive with membership data to Michelle. After a brief discussion about how the database is used (beyond labels for the BGE) and whether the database can be accessed online, Matt, Tony and Michelle agreed to an off-line meeting; perhaps form a sub-committee. Mary Jo Turner volunteered to bring the database up-to-date. The plan is to draft and circulate a reminder letter before sending notices to members whose membership is about to expire.

Bluegrass Express**:** The current issue is ready for print; the next deadline for submissions is the end of March. Christine reminded everyone that authors and new ideas for stories are needed. There was interest in perhaps reusing past articles, for example Ian's article on replacing banjo heads. Members expressed interest in more or regular reports from other regions. Pat Connell reported that the location of the PO Box is changing, but the number will remain the same. Tony advised he would add the advertising Pay Pal tab on the web site, along with access tabs for the Salem and Roseburg Chapters.

Winter Grass Festival: Colby said he will try to reserve a double accommodation for the hospitality suite; He also reported that Lagunitas will help sponsor the suite again. Volunteers will be needed. Anna Snook is organizing showcases and a kid's jam for Saturday mid-afternoon.

> **RESOLVED:** After a motion duly made by Tony & Seconded by Pat, and by unanimous vote of the directors, Colby was directed to secure a double suite at the Bellevue Hyatt and budget $2,000 to $2,500 for expenses.

Murphy Method Workshop**:** Patty gave a report on the Banjo workshop with Murphy Henry this coming weekend. Registration is down from last year and at this point it doesn't look like Murphy will offer it again next year. Sarah provided promotion information to Bubba Guitar, but it hasn't posted yet. OBA sponsorship includes promotion and non-profit insurance for the venue.

Merchandising: Cleve reported on the OBA drink cozies and the hats. Cozies will have logo with musicians and will sell for $3 each or 2 for $5. A vote was taken whereby, Black cozies with Orange print, Dark Green cozies with Yellow print, Navy cozies with Yellow print, & Red cozies with Orange Print would be ordered. Hats have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive within the week; cozies should hopefully arrive before the Alberta Rose Festival in February.

New Business:

Archive Project: John Prunty reported that a student has been identified to assist with archiving and scanning back issues of the BGX, but he still needs the book of hardcopies from Chip. Tony provided him with the FTP password.

Publicist Position: Marlene has written job description that will be posted on the OBA website. It will be made available to the board members and published in the next issue of the Express.

Alberta Rose Festival: February 8,9,&10 still need folks to help out, contact Colby cost will be $65 for the weekend, but it is unclear whether volunteers would get in for free. There is concern over the lack of publicity for the event, and some suggested the OBA logo be added to the event publicity materials. Colby clarified that the Alberta Rose is the lead for the event and that he is working with them on these issues. Colby, Marlene and Michelle will work out the volunteers needs, schedules, and split for Elixir & Alberta by the time of the event.

Grants**:** Michelle outlined the possible grants and suggested we apply for the Oregon Arts Council Arts Recognition grant, since it is a smaller, "good way to get our feet in the door" grant, that could be used to update the website. She will meet with Tony and Matt to draft the grant narrative and submit the application after Colby reviews.

> **RESOLVED:** After a motion duly made by Colby & Seconded by Pat, and by unanimous vote of the directors, it was agreed that we pursue the Arts Recognition grant.

Old-Time Gathering**:** Sarah reported that the Sunday Cabaret is at the Mission Theatre on Sunday and that signup for performers is the day before (Saturday Jan 19). She noted that volunteer signups are online and that she had provided the OBA link, but that it had not yet posted on the Bubbaville site.

Eastside Gospel Show**:** Jan 26, Colby indicated that enough members would be attending and there did not appear to be a need for volunteers.

KBOO "Under the BOO Moon": Ian reminded everyone that the event is at St David of Wales Church on Saturday, February 23.

Local Jams & Parade float**:** No discussions.

General Information: Marlene reported that she had arranged for the next two meetings to be held at Caldera.

Meeting was adjourned by Colby at 9:10 PM.

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