Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Special Meeting of the Board
Held Tuesday December 10, 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 December.
Meeting was called to order by Patty at 7:40 PM, Ron Preston took the minutes. Marlene was thanked for hosting the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report:
Dave Hausner could not attend, but Colby reported that we currently have $10,585 in the account, of which $2,200 is earmarked for Chicks Kids, and $500 remains for the web upgrade (from the grant). We also have $521 in the Pay-Pal account. John McCoy was unable to attend, but advised through Colby, that he is working with Dave and has nearly completed the 2013 QB input. He will be taking over as Treasurer in the near future.

Secretary's Report:

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

EOTHS Discussion: Tony McCormick advised of a meeting he had with Jedidiah Chavez, whom is the Rural Outreach Project Manager for the organization. Ethos Promotes musical education in Portland's public schools: music lessons, multicultural music presentations, Artist in Residence program, etc, that have statewide connections. They are interested in events with OBA bands and possably Chicks Kids Programs.

Web Page Discussion: Michelle advised the Board that the intern, Kelly Farrell has completed her work, and Dave has just a few things to finish up. She further advised that a "Flicker" account has been setup to accommodate the posting of pictures & videos. After a a few questions, it was;

> **RESOLVED:** By a motion duly made by Michelle Traver & Seconded by Pat Connell, and by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, that the $500 balance due to Dave Whipple for the web page redesign be paid without further delay.

Mission Statement: There was a brief discussion about changing the wording of the "Mission Statement" however, it was agreed by all to retain the wording as listed on the web site.

Annual Meeting: Per bylaws, to be held the 2nd Sunday in April on the 13th, thou it was discussed to change to the previous Sunday the 6th. We have a tentative unpaid reservation at the Pendarvis Farm.

Old Business:

Chicks Kids: Stacy needs to be advised of the current account balance.

Membership – The board was advised that Matt is working with Suzanne on the database input, and it is being kept up to date. A membership email (blast) can now be done for the Gospel show Jan. 25th and Alberta Rose, and any other event we choose.

Events: Taborgrass is asking for OBA help with some of their workshop-jam sessions. Interested folks are encouraged to attend.

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. Ron and Cleve agreed to run the booth.

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

Attendance: Patty and Colby reminded the board members of the importance of attending the meetings, and per the bylaws, if you miss 3 consecutive meetings without notification, you may be replaced.

Board Retreat: Pat offered his family's beach house in Gearhart, for the weekend of March 29th to have a brain storm event to settle the OBA's organizational issues. It was tentatively agreed to pending his family, and board member approval. Confirmation will be advised at the January meeting.

Express: Pat advised that he has $2,046 in paid ads for the January Issue of the Express, $838 of which are ads sponsored by the OBA. Michelle advised that Linda Levett is working on an article for the upcoming issue.

Pickers Fest 2014: There was a discussion about changing the venue to the 2nd weekend of September. The board members agreed to check into possible sites that will be available for this weekend, and submit ideas at the next meeting. Chris Palmer advised the Willamina rock quarry is unacceptable. It was then;

> **RESOLVED:** By a motion duly made by Pat Connell & Seconded by Ian Joel, and by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, that the Pickers Fest be held the 2nd weekend of September.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.
Next meeting will be Tuesday January 14, at Marlene's

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