Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Special Meeting of the Board
Held Tuesday August 13, 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 August.

Meeting was called to order by Colby at 7:40 PM, Ron Preston took the minutes. Marlene was thanked for hosting the meeting.

Board Members and Directors attending:
Colby Buswell via Skype, Ian Joel, Marlene Smith, Dave Hausner, Ron Preston, Tony McCormick, Pat Connell, and Cleve Freedman

Treasurer's Report:
Dave Hausner reported we have $8,830.19 in the account, and another $800 yet to be deposited from Chris Palmer.

> After a **motion** duly made by Tony McCormick & seconded by Pat Connell, and by unanimous vote, it was agreed to add Patty Spencer and John McCoy to the signature card of the OBA Bank account, and link the account to the Quick Book program.

Secretary's Report:

> After a **motion** duly made by Dave Hausner & seconded by Pat Connell, and by unanimous vote, the minutes of the July special board meeting were approved.

Ron advised the corporate book needs a few more items to be completed, and will hopefully be complete by next meeting. All agreed to post the past president list on the web under "Board of Diresctors".

Discussion: Pat advised that the board look into the costs associated with purchasing a tablet ($300-400) and wireless contract ($40/mo.), to use with the "Square Reader" when we operate an event table so we can better track inventory and membership sales. Tony advised he would research and advise by next meeting.
It was noted that the bulletin submitted by Patty Spencer last April, has now had most of the 15 points addressed, and we have made significant progress toward achieving this year's goals. Well done everyone.

Old Business:

Merchandise – Need to update the web page with new shirts. We still need to establish the Committe. At this point it is Colby, Cleve, Pat, Chris, Ron, 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. It will up to the committee to keep track of inventory, staff sales at the booth, send out web orders. We still need to find a place to keep the OBA merchandise, booth and suite supplies. Patty is going to investigate storage rental facilities.

Web Upgrade –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:

Festival Presence – Americana Festival at McMenamins Crystal Ballroom on August 18; Pat Connell is working on this. Sauvie Island Blackberry BG Festival at Bella Organic Farms (Ron) & Free Timberline Concert ~ Sept 2nd Ron has talked to John Tullis & will run the table with Cleve, World forestry center Breakfast Sept 8th is 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. Patty may be playing a set. *Tygh Valley Bluegrass Jamboree* ~ Sept 27-29 post flyer.

Picker's Fest October 4-6 Pendarvis farm:
Beer tent needs:

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:

Fade'n by Nine is available, after discussion, it was recommended we keep the budget at $1200, and try to get a few local bands. Dance bands fri and sat (square and swing dance) It was agreed that we grow the event and keep it affordable by using local talent rather than big name-big dollar bands.

Pricing and online ticketing for Picker's Fest still needs discussed. Need to decide to offer a discount for tickets purchased in advance online.

Everyone continue to 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: There is now Chicks kids donation jar with the merch. A banner is needed, & Mary Jo is the OBA coordinator. Need to also look at printing flyers for handout at Merch. table.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Next meeting will be September 10, at Marlene's

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