Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Special Meeting of the Board
Held at Michelle Traver's home in Portland, OR

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 above location on June 11th at 7:30 PM.

Board Members and Directors attending:
Colby Buswell by Skype, Ian Joel, Marlene Smith, Dave Hausner, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, Pat Connell, Cleve Friedman, Ron Preston, Sarah Ells, Suzanne Chimenti, and Host Michelle Traver.

Meeting called to order by President Colby Buswell at 7:50 PM., & co-chaired by Michelle. Ron Preston took the minutes.

Intro: Michelle was thanked for hosting the meeting. She also agreed to take over the post office pickups. Suzanne Chimenti volunteered to become the new membership director, and she was officially welcomed. She advised that she will be meeting with Matt Snook within the next week to review the current system and see first hand what needs to be done.

Treasurer's Report:
Dave Hausner reported that approximately $6,668.74 is currently in the OBA account, and an additional $1,702 is in the Paypal account. We have now received the $1,000 grant funds so we can now proceed with the 1st phase website upgrade. Upcoming bills are; IBMA $300, Insurance $90, KBOO radio $117, and support to Chick's Kids $500. He advised the roofing company Express Ad has been refunded.

Secretary's Report:

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

Ron provided a soft cloth ball to pass around for limiting cross talk and to allow the person who holds the ball to have the floor.

Old Business:

Merchandise – It was agreed that the volunteer and merchandise committees work together to plan for at least 5 volunteers to signup to work 2 hour shifts at upcoming events. It was agreed by all that Cleve proceed ASAP with a T-shirt production run, using the 2 approved logo's, 2 colors, and a $1000 budget. Sarah agreed to provide a current inventory list.

Grants – Michelle advised that the applied for Regional Arts Grant was denied. She suggested we use some of our current funds for some of the phase 2 website upgrades rather than waiting for another grant. She will advise of other grants to apply for at next meeting.

Membership Database – Suzanne will work with Matt on how to outreach to membership for donations above membership fee. The new system will allow members to check the status of their dues. She will have an update on how it's going at the next meeting.

Web Upgrade – We are ready to start first phase upgrade. A recommendation to the board for implementing the wish-list ideas, with a funding budget will be submitted in the near future.

New Business:

Bluegrass Express – Christine advised of the July 4th deadline. Ads are done, working on layout & ready for president's message.

Festival Presence – We plan on; Fiddlin Under the Stars Goldendale Festival, Ekone Park June 19-22, Stevenson's *Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival* July 25-28 YES. Northwest String Summit at Hornings Hideout in North Plains ~ July 18-21 Maybe, Americana Festival at McMenamins Crystal Ballroom on August 18 (Alex Wideman, McMenamins Corporate Booker 503.804.7680) YES, need to discuss Pub Stage with Chris Palmer, 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, *Tygh Valley Bluegrass Jamboree* ~ Sept 27-29 Signup.

Past Presidents: It was agreed that we post the current list of "Past presidents" on the web page. We will continue to work on the list of people for special recognition. Please send any updates or changes to Ron.

July special board meet is scheduled to be at Linda Leavitt's residence on the 9th.

Meeting was adjourned by Colby at 9:05 PM.

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