Minutes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association
Special Meeting of the Board
Held Tuesday September 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 September.

Meeting was called to order by Colby at 7:38 PM, Ron Preston took the minutes. Marlene was thanked for hosting the meeting, and special guest Mason Smith was welcomed.

Officers, Directors and Members attending:
Colby Buswell via Skype, Patty Spencer, Ron Preston, Tony McCormick, Michelle Traver, Marlene Smith, Dave Hausner, Cleve Freedman, Ian Joel, Linda Leavitt, John McCoy, Suzanne Chimenti, and Pat Connell.

Treasurer's Report:
Dave Hausner reported we have $8,721.96 in the account, of which $1500 is earmarked for Chicks Kids. ($1000 is OAC grant money for the website upgrade). We also have around $500 in the Pay-Pal account. John McCoy submitted an example of his proposed reorganization of the chart of accounts, and the board agreed that he proceed with the proposed changes. He also advised that we should get setup with the WA state sales tax collection board. It was agreed by all that he proceed with getting the details and reporting back next meeting.

Secretary's Report:

After a **motion** duly made by Dave Hausner & seconded by Colby Buswell, and by unanimous vote, the amended minutes of the August special board meeting were approved.

Discussion Picker's Fest: Mason Smith (Eastside Bluegrass) generously donated $100 in cash to cover the breakfast fixings'. Michelle and Linda advised they will put together a "Breakfast Banner" and include a donation jar for the event, plus we will accept whatever pot luck goodies come our way. Colby advised that the OLCC & Happy Valley permits are obtained, and he will be happy to pickup the fixings and prepare the breakfast. Pendarvis's have made their kitchen wares available. Event tickets will remain as published, with kids under 12 free. Tony offered his 11'x14' tent, and possibly renting an additional 20'x20' tent for use in the beer garden and slow jam areas was discussed. The current band budget is estimated at $2000, and includes; Friday square dance @ 8 pm, and Saturday workshops @ 10am and shows starting @ 4pm.

Old Business:

Chicks Kids: A banner is still needed, as well as designing and printing flyers for handout at Merch. table. Colby said he would reach out to Mary Jo to get this done.

Membership – Suzanne advised that Matt still has not trained her or provided the database needing input in the Wordpress program. Patty & Ian said they would get together with Matt & get the information on a thumb-drive delivered to Suzanne ASAP. Tony said he would be happy to answer any questions and help her with the data input and update.

Merchandise – Response for the new lady's shirt design has been very positive. Tony still needs a photo to update the available shirts on web page. Marlene agreed to keep the OBA merchandise, booth and suite supplies in her garage until a better location can be found. Need to plan a committee meeting in the near future…

Express: John and Christine were unable to attend, however, they sent a notice that Claire Levine (an important part of the BG Express history herself) combed the archives and wrote a great article on the history of the OBA that will be featured in the coming fall issue. Michelle advised that she had received the surplus issues from Vria Mailing Service and a number of issues that were Returned to Sender. Others noted that the mailing service has been working well, but will need to be kept up to date with membership addresses as they change or become available.

New Business:

OBA Gospel Show: Mason Smith advised that the show scheduled for Jan. 25th @ Eastside currently has commitments from Brother's Keeper (A Seattle group), Fade'n by Nine, and hopefully The MaCrae Sisters. Kathy Boyd has agreed to design the advertising flyer.

Festival Presence – Eastside Bluegrass show Sept. 21, *Tygh Valley Bluegrass Jamboree* ~ Sept. 27-29 volunteer signup

Website Upgrade & Grants: Tony advised that there has been no response to our ad for an intern apprentice student from PCC or anywhere else.

> Ron made a ***MOTION*** seconded by Pat, and unanimously agreed to; that we proceed with the planned upgrades using a professional web designer funded by our own resources. Tony will proceed with getting bids for review at our next meeting.

Michelle advised that by making this decision, we are more likely to receive the $2000 RACC grant that she is planning to resubmit later this month. (*Post meeting update: an intern stepped forward following the meeting and will be interviewed on Sept 18.*)

The meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Next meeting will be Sunday October 6, at the conclusion of the Pickers Festival at the Pendarvis Farm.

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