Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Oregon Bluegrass Association

Held at the Pendarvis Farm, 16581 SE Hagen Rd., Happy Valley, OR 97086

As directed by the Corporate By-Laws, the annual meeting of the current Members was held at the above location on April 13th, 2013

Meeting called to order & chaired by President Colby Buswell at 1:15 PM., Ron Preston took the minutes.

Colby opened the meeting with a welcome greeting to the 62 members and guests that were present, and offered a group Thank You to the Hosts, Scott and Sherry Pendarvis. He then reported that the OBA has $6000 available in its operating account, and the Chicks Kids program has $800 available. He advised that we are a nonprofit corporation, and that we have a form that allows an IRS deduction for any donations. He also advised that he will be leaving for Michigan soon, but will return by the end of the summer, and that he will be working closely with the Board and Vice President Patty Spencer on OBA activities during his absence.

Chicks Rose Kids Program: (Stacy Harnew, the organizer, was unable to attend) Mary Jo Turner provided a report on the programs they have been involved with; Alberta Rose Festival, Eastside Bluegrass Shows, an upcoming kids festival and a once a month jam with the Bluegrass Regulators. She provided a thank you to Ken Cartwright (Cartwright's Music) for donating 4 backpacker mandolins, and asked for the donation-loan of any instruments that anyone has lying around. Ken offered to setup any of the donated instruments. They plan to put on an annual program at Stacy's farm, and next year maybe enter a Rose Festival Parade Float.

Volunteers: Marlene Smith offered a thank you to all the folks that have been helping out with activities over the last year, but advised that more folks are needed to present a presence at all the events going on it the area. She advised all of the signup sheet here, and that you can signup on the website and the OBA Facebook page.

Roseburg Chapter: Liz Crain reported they hold regular jams on the 3rd Sunday of the month, year around at the Evergreen Grange. Their fund raising event featuring "The Spinney Brothers" was a benefit for the STATE OBA, with 120 attendees, all bills paid and $100 donated to their general fund.

Salem Chapter: Ken Cartwright advised of their new relationship with the folks at the Mission Mill in Salem. They will be hosting jams here on the 3rd Sunday of the month from June through September, and a Gospel Show on April 28th. They also plan monthly concerts featuring local bands.

BG Express: Christine Weinmeister advised that they have brought in $3,000 in advertising revenues for the latest April-June Issue, which contains 39 pages of advertising, state & local events, news, history, bands, and interesting articles. She went on to say "We are always looking for news, stories, and interesting stuff for filler spots in the issues, so submit whatever you have that fits the bill".

Grants: Michelle Traver advised that we have current received two grants this year; one from the Oregon Community Foundation for $500 to support the Bluegrass Express (it was previously dedicated for the River City Festival) and an Arts Recognition grant from the Oregon Arts Commission for $1,000 that will be used to upgrade our web site. We have also applied for a $2,000 grant to the Regional Arts and Cultural Counsel, to be used toward the web site redesign.

Website Upgrade: Tony McCormick advised that the web site upgrades involve moving to a more accessible database driven system. The first changes will convert the existing system to a "content management system" that will have a user friendly membership management feature, and be easier for folks to navigate. We are developing a wish list of features to eventually incorporate, that will provide a valuable cultural benefit for all.

Membership: Matt Snook advised that current paid-up membership stands at 330, and is up by about 30 members since the last year. This is the first significant increase in years. He also said he will be leaving his position as membership manager, but will provide whatever assistance the next volunteer may need. He said the system involves updating the database to the new online system, then seeing to the Express mailings, and outreach for renewals.

Colby advised everyone to take advantage of the cool merchandise available; shirts, hats, stickers, fun meters, drink cozies. He also pointed out that the association has an opening for a "Publicist" & a volunteer would be very helpful. He advised of a Hand Made Guitar Festival at the Marylhurst University Campus in West Linn, on April 27-28. We then announced the raffle winners of items generously provided by members and sponsors.

Meeting was adjourned by Colby at 2:15 PM.

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Annual Meeting of the Board
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As directed by the Corporate By-Laws, the annual meeting of the Officers and Board Members was held following the Members Meeting, at the above location on April 13th.

Officers, Directors and Guest Members attending:
Colby Buswell, Patty Spencer, Ron Preston, Tony McCormick, Marlene Smith, Ian Joel, Cleve Friedman, Matt Snook, Michelle Traver, Pat Connell, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, Sarah Ells, Mary Jo Turner, Linda Leavitt, Ken Cartwright, Liz Crain, and John McCoy

Meeting called to order & chaired by President Colby Buswell at 3:15 PM., Ron Preston took the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Colby reported that the currently available account balance is $6,000.

John McCoy was welcomed to the meeting as a an accounting assistant who will work with Dave Hausner on data input to the Quick-Books software, and reports.

Old Business:

Director Positions: Michelle made a **Motion** seconded by Tony that we not proceed with making a change to the current by-laws to allow for more than 15 directors. Cleve offered to put a flow chart together to help define the support and committee structure. (hopefully you all have had a chance to print & review the file he sent out on April 24th)

Membership: Matt advised that the member database can be accessed via the website with use of a password. He agreed to provide it to Marlene, Linda and Sarah for volunteer activities.
Bluegrass Express**:** John suggested that we form a committee for dealing with Express related issues. Pat Connell suggested splitting the calendar, one for local events-jams and another for everything else.

New Business:

Volunteers: Marlene and Linda advised that the committee is working on short term and long term volunteer lists for activities and events. She also suggested we designate a event coordinator to work with the volunteers.

Website Upgrade: Tony advised that the phase one upgrades, "Content Management System" are currently underway.

Board Members: Patty put forth a proposal, that we develop a sort of operating manual for the association that defines the role (job description) of each board position, and a "Personal Bio" of each person's attributes both musically and professionally. Ken Cartwright advised that he may have a document of job descriptions that was put together sometime in the past for prospective new folks. He will dig through his records and advise.

Grants**:** Michelle reported that we will have the Oregon Arts Commission Arts Recognition funds, $1000, very soon. She advised that we will apply to the Regional Arts and Culture Council Professional Develop -ment $2000 grant next week, and that we need to promote accessibility to the membership of the board meetings through the web site.

Meeting was adjourned by Colby at 3:15PM.

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