

Oregon Bluegrass Association



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board

Held Tuesday September 9, 2014 at Marlene's residence

At the last meeting, new President Chris Palmer called for our monthly meeting of the Officers & Board Members to be held at Marlene's residence on the second Tuesday of September.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Palmer at 7:37 PM. Ron Preston took the minutes. Marlene was thanked for hosting the meeting.

Officers, Directors and Members attending:

Chris Palmer, Chuck Palmer, Ron Preston, Tony McCormick, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, Pat Connell, John McCoy, Linda Leavitt, John Hart, Marlene Smith, Ian Joel, and Cleve Freedman.

Treasurer's Report:

John McCoy reported that we currently have \$9,999.83 in the general account, and \$2,812.63 in the savings account for Chicks Kids. We also have \$231.43 in the Pay-Pal account, and have received \$240.95 net sales, plus \$1,300 so far in online ticket sales @ "Brown Paper" for the up coming Pickers Festival. He also advised that the PO Box rental has been renewed until Sept. 2015 @ \$128.

Secretary's Report:

Ron asked if everyone reviewed the minutes to the August meeting and if they had any changes to offer. There being none, it was Resolved by;

- A **motion** duly made by Pat Connell and seconded by Ron Preston and by a unanimous vote, the minutes of the August Special Board meeting were approved.

Discussions:

Chris advised that we have not found an insurance agent or carrier that can provide better or more cost effective coverage than we currently have. John advised that he will pay the current premium and continue with the coverage as it stands.

Old Business:

Chick's Kids: Chris advised that Stacy has been reimbursement for expenses from the savings account, and an additional donation of \$1000 (OR Community Grant, from Wheeler County) has been received. John McCoy advised it is included in the current balance.

Web Site Discussion: The committee will meet this weekend to discuss ways to improve the site, and report at the next meeting. Tony advised that the current software does not allow for a scrolling calendar. He also reminded the board that we still need to complete the second half of the web site upgrade which includes a \$2,000 cost to activate the additional features of the "A Member Management System". Maybe this can be done with a donation or Grant in the near future. Also, the 2 annual license keys have been paid, so there should not be any more problems with the "Event Calendar Pro" and "Community Calendar" software. The spam filter is checked daily for double calendar posts.

New Business:

Committees: Chris Palmer advised that volunteers are still needed for setup of other committees. She further advised that we can request volunteers at the sign-in table at the Pickers Fest.

Grant Discussion: Chris advised of a Regional Arts “RACC” Grant that we should apply for, (<http://www.racc.org/grants/overview-deadlines>) as the deadline is October 8th. She will discuss it with Michelle soon or this weekend. This may work for the web upgrade or Chicks Kids.

Express: Pat Connell advised that as band memberships that are paid up, we should include contact information in the Express & on the web, and a thank you acknowledgement sent by the Express Committee. It was also pointed out that band members should be listed on the current membership list. Ads are paid up currently as this is the slow part of the season. John Prunty advised the board of the need for software related to publishing the Express from Adobe; “Creative Suite Ver6” @ \$285 and “Creative Cloud” @ \$49.95 monthly. It was noted that a discount for non-profit companies may be available through “Tech Soup”.

Resolved:

- After a **motion** duly made by John McCoy and seconded by Pat Connell and by unanimous vote, It was agreed to proceed with acquiring the recommended software for the time saving features associated with publication of the quarterly Express issues.

Pickers Fest 2014: Chris advised that the festival committee has setup the schedule for workshops’ & the group jam, and that the event is being marketed as a jam not a concert. She also advised of Jim Imhoff’s plan to conduct a banjo toss, with an OBA hat as a prize. There was some apprehension about this by some attendees, but it was agreed to give it a try. Linda advised that the volunteer roster has been adjusted, but that there are enough to get the job done.

Next Month: Chris advised that we need to discuss having an instrument swap meet, and donation venues for Chick’s Kids. Also, discuss the Gospel Show & the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Chris advised that our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday October 14, at her residence.