

Oregon Bluegrass Association



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board

Held Tuesday October 14, 2014 at the Palmer residence

At the last meeting, President Chris Palmer called for a special meeting of the Officers & Board Members to be held at her residence on the second Tuesday of October.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Palmer at 6:34 PM. Ron Preston took the minutes. Chris and Chuck were thanked for hosting the meeting, and providing the pizza and refreshment.

Officers, Directors and Members attending:

Chris Palmer, Chuck Palmer, Tony McCormick, Ron Preston, John Hart, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, Chris Knight, Pat Connell, Linda Leavitt, and Stacy H Swanson.

Guest: Chris Palmer introduced Mason Smith. He advised that he would be happy to MC, and continue to host the annual Gospel Show at the Eastside Foursquare Church for the next couple years at a cost of \$400. The schedule is currently pending confirmation on the first act & the tweeners, but that Kathy Boyd's band has agreed to close the show. The Officers & Board Members are encouraged to attend.

Treasurer's Report:

John McCoy was unable to attend, but reported by email, that we currently have \$9,114.02 in the general account, and \$2,812 in the savings account for Chicks Kids. We have just received an additional \$300 from the sponsors of the Sacajawea Festival for Chicks Kids, which will be deposited this week. The PayPal account is currently at \$129.57.

Secretary's Report:

Ron asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes to the September meeting and if there were any changes. There being none;

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

Discussions: Chris advised that the Pickers Festival should be renamed "The Pickers Retreat" and that this year's event was a big success with about 75 attendees and net income of \$1,016. She provided the board with a complete breakdown of income & expenses, and the board agreed that we should plan to repeat the venue next year.

We also discussed changing the date of the annual meeting to Saturday April 4 from the standard 2nd Sunday of the month. Chris provided information on a new venue; "The Farmers Pantry" located in the Sellwood area of Portland, where by:

- A **motion** duly made by Pat Connell and seconded by Tony McCormick and by unanimous vote, the proposed venue and date change was approved for the Annual Meeting.

The event committee will continue to work out the details for this event, as well as organizing a traveling OBA road event to reach out to the chapters within the state.

Old Business:

Chick's Kids: Stacy advised that an instructor list would be helpful, and adding an interactive link on the web site would be a good out reach to the public. She also advised of sponsoring an annual concert with kids from all over. Instruments are still needed, travel guitars, open back banjos, and mandolins preferably. Tony presented her with a nice travel guitar that had been donated.

Web Committee: John Hart advised that the Event Calendar will be the focus for the next month, and that the committee will continue to work on enhancements to the site. They will also work on a notification spot for board meeting agendas and information for other interested parties.

Merchandise Committee: Inventory is currently in good shape. Ron advised that it would be good to have a couple extra banners, and small kits containing: hats, fun meters, stickers, koozies, and providing one to Liz Crain in southern OR. We currently have one for the Eastside shows that he is manning.

New Business:

Grants: Chris Palmer advised that Michelle Traver is temporarily busy with personal issues, and that perhaps Lori Gordon and Jed Mitchell would be willing to help out in her absence. More information will be provided at the next meeting on their assistance and the status of the RACC Grant that has been applied for.

Volunteer Discussion: Linda Leavitt advised that she working on a list for the Gospel Show, and Alberta Rose. Perhaps Chick's Kids can be added to the Alberta Rose event.

Express: Christine asked if everyone liked the new lighter paper used in the current issue. After unanimous agreement by the board, the new paper was approved for continued use. She also advised that we reach out to the folks in Bend to establish an OBA Chapter there.

Wintergrass: Tony advised that Chris Knight will organize the showcases, and that they will be limited to 6-10pm as before. If possible, it would be nice to reserve the corner suite, or something bigger. Also, volunteers need to provide their cell phone numbers to keep in better communication. The event committee will work on advertising flyers and avenues for their distribution.

By-law update: Chris advised that a review of the by-laws is being conducted to make it read gender neutral, and possibly clarify the wording within some of the articles. A proposal will be presented to the board sometime before the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Chris advised that our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday November 11, at Marlene's.