

Oregon Bluegrass Association



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board
Held Tuesday March 11, 2014 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 March. Meeting was called to order by Patty at 7:50 PM, Ron Preston took the minutes. Marlene was thanked for hosting the meeting.

Officers, Directors and Members attending:

Colby Buswell Tel-Com, Patty Spencer, Ron Preston, Cleve Friedman, John McCoy, Tony McCormick, John Prunty, Christine Weinmeister, Marlene Smith, Ian Joel, and Pat Connell.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Hausner could not attend, but Colby reported that we currently have \$10,498.73 in the account, of which \$2,200 is earmarked for Chicks Kids. We also have \$1,398.73 in the Pay-Pal account. John McCoy advised that the account has been transferred, but needs to setup online access, and pickup the checks.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was in favor of keeping the new header on the minutes, so this will be the new standard hence forth.

After a **motion** duly made by Colby and seconded by Christine, and by unanimous vote, the amended minutes of the February special board meeting were approved.

Wintergrass Discussion: The OBA Suite was a big hit again this year, thou we ran out of beer. We received \$765 in sales, including 3 memberships. Although we incurred a loss (\$2,000 in hotel costs) the High Promotion value of the Showcases made it a worth while endeavor (Big thanks to Clayton). We went through 15 cases of donated beer @ 47 cents/ea. Plus an additional 4 cases. BIG Need to better organize the "Event Stuff" coffee makers, water-cooler, light rope, walkie-talkies, etc. Also, need a better organized volunteer schedule, and maybe offer a perk (hat, meal, or something).

After a **motion** duly made by John and seconded by Tony, and by unanimous vote, it was agreed to provide a \$75 cleanup fee to Clair Levine.

Annual Meeting Discussion: After a discussion about chairs, Marlene agreed to see to the delivery.

After a **motion** duly made by Pat and seconded by Colby, and by unanimous vote, it was agreed to budget \$150 for the chair rental.

John McCoy advised of contacting Beacock Music about possibly donating guitar, mandolin & banjo strings as door prizes in return for a free ¼ page add in the next Express. Marlene offered some Martin Guitar key chains, and Ian advised he would contact Portland Music about some donations as well.

Old Business:

Jams: Pat advised that the new band showcase & jam at “Lola’s Room” at McMenamins is under way, opening at 5 pm. Clair wrote a nice article for the Express. A Reach-out by KBOO radio was suggested. Rick Powell will be hosting a jam on the 1st Sunday of every month at the Portland Autobahn Society.

New Business:

Express: Christine advised that the new Issue of the Express is expected to go to print April first. All articles and fillers (500 words) need to be received by the 15th. She advised that Clair Levine deserves a big thank you for all her articles, stories, and interviews. An add exchange with the WABGA was also discussed.

Retreat: Some of the topics to be addressed at Pat’s beach house retreat are committee setups for; Merchandise, The web site, Events (jams, Stevenson, Tygh Valley, High & Dry, Pickers Fest)

Pickers Fest 2014: There was a discussion about finalizing the Stub State Park site, pending Chris Palmer’s advise, so that the information can be included in the upcoming issue of the Express. There are 28 available camp spots costing \$8, and can accommodate 3 tents. Marlene will take reservations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Next meeting will be the Annual Membership Meeting April 6, at the Cult Bike Shop & Tavern