

Oregon Bluegrass Association



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board

Held Tuesday June 10, 2014 at Marlene's residence

At the last meeting, President Chris Palmer called for our monthly meeting of the Officers & Board Members to be held at Marlene's on the second Tuesday of June. She advised of a prior commitment and that Tony McCormick will chair the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Tony at 7:35 PM. Ron Preston took the minutes. Marlene was thanked for hosting the meeting, the goodies & the drinks.

Officers, Directors and Members attending:

Tony McCormick, Ron Preston, Christine Weinmeister, John Prunty, Pat Connell, Marlene Smith. A Quorum being present, we proceeded to conduct the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

John McCoy was unable to attend, but reported by email that we currently have \$11,952.14 in the account. Including the \$2,700 waiting for transfer into the savings account. Ron reported that the savings account is now setup and waiting for Chris Palmer's signature to receive the funds and become active. Pat advised that he is trying to recover advertising funds from the past due accounts.

Secretary's Report:

Ron provided a review of changes to the May minutes.

- After a **motion** duly made by Pat and seconded by Tony and by unanimous vote, the minutes of the May special board meeting were approved.

Discussions: Tony advised that we have not heard back from John Malloy on the hard costs and a complete business plan of his proposed concert series (provided at the May meeting), and therefore suggested we take no further action until this information is provided. All present agreed. He further advised that this Saturday he will meet with John Hart regarding his taking over as Web-Master. He will email the Board with the results.

Christine suggested a web-express outreach, and advised she would contact Della in Eugene to write a post for the OBA web page and an announcement for the Express detailing who Greg Linder is and what he has done to promote Bluegrass in the Northwest and directing OBA members and readers to Greg's donation page. We decided it would be best to keep any future donations anonymous.

- After a **motion** made by Pat, seconded by Ron and a unanimous vote, it was;
Resolved To proceed with the donation of \$100 to help with Greg Linder's recovery

Old Business:

Local Jams: Christine reported that Jim Miernyk has begun organizing and posting jams in the area, and providing information for the Express.

Merchandise: Ron reported that Chuck Palmer now has the merchandise including table & cover, and web orders are being taken care of. The new hats should be available when Palmers return.

New Business:

Committees: Pat suggested that the Board should focus on getting committees setup as *the* primary goal for 2014. Everyone agreed and further organizational discussions will be held at the next meeting. Linda Leavitt was unable to attend but provided the Board with a current list of volunteers for upcoming events. Its good to see such a great list of supporters, thanks Linda.

Express: Christine expressed interest in finding a web-content editor for the Express who would compile and edit supplemental Express content for the webpage. She would like to find and enlist committed volunteers for regular web content, including a blog. Also, we discussed adding the \$5 price label on the issues, and not mailing them out to new members individually as they sign up (postage @ \$2.50ea is too much), but make them available at events. All present agreed with these proposals.

Pickers Fest 2014: After review of the site inspection by Ron & Pat, and further discussion, it was agreed by all to proceed with a motion for the reservation of the Zigzag Farm on Mt Hood. We discussed the need to clarify if dogs are allowed or not, and restrictions if any, so we can share this information with the members. Maybe Chris Palmer can discuss this with Jim upon her return. Also the promoting of an open mike & band scramble event was discussed for adding in the promotion flyers and advertisements.

- After a **motion** by Christine, seconded by Tony and a unanimous vote, it was;
Resolved To proceed with the advertising and \$1600 budget proposed by Chris Palmer for the Zigzag Mountain Farm site for this year's festival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Marlene advised that she would be happy to host our next monthly meeting on Tuesday July 8.