

# Oregon Bluegrass Association



## **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board**

Held Tuesday August 12, 2014 at the Palmer residence

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

The meeting was called to order by Chris Palmer at 7:38 PM. Ron Preston took the minutes. Chris and Chuck were thanked for hosting the meeting.

### **Officers, Directors and Members attending:**

Chris Palmer, Chuck Palmer, Jim Miernyk, Ron Preston, John Prunty, Marlene Smith, Ian Joel, Pat Connell, Linda Leavitt, and Cleve Freedman.

**Guest:** Chris Palmer advised that Mason Smith was unable to attend, as scheduled, but that he would like to continue to host the annual Gospel Show at the Eastside Foursquare Church venue for the next couple years. After brief discussion, it was agreed that we continue with Mason, but keep an eye out for another venue for the future.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

John McCoy was unable to attend, but reported by email, that we currently have \$9,653.14 in the general account, and \$3,200.01 in the savings account for Chicks Kids. We also have \$168.09 in the Pay-Pal account, and have received \$317 so far in online ticket sales for the up coming Pickers Festival.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Ron asked if everyone reviewed the minutes to the July meeting and had any changes to offer. There being none;

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

### **Discussions:**

Chris advised that so far we have not found an insurance agent or carrier that can provide better or more cost effective coverage than we currently have.

### **Old Business:**

**Chick's Kids:** Chris advised that Stacy is preparing an expense list for reimbursement from the account.

**Jams:** Jim Miernyk advised he is getting settled in with posting jams held throughout the state.

**Merchandise Discussion:** 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 & one for Eastside shows.

## **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.

**Volunteer Discussion:** Linda Leavitt advised that she and a couple volunteers will be at the High & Dry Festival, and that we have plenty of folks going to Tygh Valley.

**Express:** Christine was unable to attend, but advised by email that she needs article submissions (instructional & stories) for the Sept. 5 deadline. Ad copy deadline is Sept 15. John suggested that the “Express” be better publicized on our web Home Page, and that he would see that the \$5 tag gets printed on the top of the front page. He also followed up on Chris’s suggestion of having Vrla provide a bid on printing and provide a sample copy to review quality. It would really streamline the printing & mailing if it was all done in one place.

**Open Positions:** Chris advised that we need to find a paid web technician to call for help with problems. (Currently an expired plug-in subscription that has locked the calendar) We also need a Publicizing Coordinator to replace Chris Palmer.

**Pickers Fest 2014:** Chris advised that the festival committee has met a couple times and worked out many of the required logistics. The committee is working on making a map available, setup of a workshop schedule & group jam, and organizing a check-in volunteer roster. We plan to rent 50-75 chairs, and there will be some (4) electric hookup for RV’s.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Chris advised they may be out of town, but our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday September 9, at Marlene’s.