

# Oregon Bluegrass Association



Minutes of the Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting  
Held at the Velo Cult Bike Shop & Tavern, 1969 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97210

As directed by the Corporate By-Laws, the annual meeting of the current Members was held at the above location on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, a week earlier than normal so as not to conflict with other events.

Meeting called to order & chaired by President Colby Buswell at 1:05 PM., Ron Preston took the minutes.

Colby opened the meeting with a welcome greeting to the 56 members and guests that were present, and offered a group "Thank You" to the Hosts at the bike shop. He then reported that the OBA has \$11,000 available in its operating account, including \$2,700 that is available to the Chicks Kids program. He then introduced Liz Crain of the Roseburg chapter of the OBA. She advised that the chapter continues to grow, and currently has an operating account of just over \$2,500. She then thanked the board for their support, and invited the attendees to come and visit their sponsored programs and/or monthly jams.

Colby then advised that he has moved to Michigan, and will step down from his position as President and Chairman of the Board. He further advised that Vice President Patty Spencer, and Treasurer Dave Hausner will also be stepping down from their corporate and Director positions, and that Marlene Smith, and Matt Snook will also be stepping down as directors.

New Director and Officer Nominations: Colby introduced Chris Palmer to be President & Chairman, Tony McCormick to be Vice President & Director, Ron Preston to be Secretary & Director, John McCoy to be Treasurer & Director, Chuck Palmer to be Membership Coordinator & Director, Christine Weinmeister to be Editor of the BG Express & Director, John Prunty to be Layout and Design Artist for the BG Express & Director, Linda Leavitt to be Volunteer Coordinator & Director, Michelle Traver to be Development Coordinator & Director, and Pat Connell to be Advertising Coordinator & Director. He then called for a vote, whereby the nominees were unanimously approved and confirmed for a two year term.

Presentation: Chris Palmer and Tony McCormick offered a thank you to all the folks that have been helping out with activities and work on the Bluegrass Express over the last year, and presented the outgoing directors some special thank you gifts. They advised everyone that the primary objective of this organization is to have FUN. They also advised that more folks are needed to present a presence at the events going on in the area, and that a signup sheet is available here, or you can signup on the website or the OBA Facebook page.

BG Express: Christine Weinmeister advised that they continue to receive new advertising revenues thanks to the efforts of Pat Connell. The latest April-June Issue, will contain 39 pages of advertising, state & local events, news, book reviews, BG theory, supporting bands, and interesting articles. She went on to say "We are always looking for news, stories, and talented folks that can help with graphics (Photo Shop), writers, and special calendar help". She then singled out Claire Levine for her continuing supply of interesting articles, short stories, and interviews, and on behalf of the OBA presented her with a special gift certificate.

Volunteers: Linda Leavitt advised that she will be forming a committee to provide event support and assistance to merchandise sales. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to contact her, or one of the signup sheets. She advised that she will be teaching a “Learn to Jam” class at the upcoming Tabor Grass event. “Don’t be afraid to have fun”, volunteer...

Membership: Chuck Palmer advised that current paid-up membership stands at 360, and is up by about 30 members since the last year. He asked to advise him of any updates to your email or mailing address, or if you have any questions. If you are not receiving your Express issues, be sure to let him know.

Jams: OBA jams Sunday’s at Lola’s Room and Biddy McGraw’s, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month Portland Audubon Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month Roseburg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Oct.-May) Salem.

Ron Preston advised the group of the OBA sponsored Eastside Concert Series out on SE 162<sup>nd</sup> & SE Alder St. as a good place to go for a 3 hour concert with 1-2 hours of jamming before the show.

Tony advised that the website has been upgraded, and it would helpful if someone with “Word Press” experience could help out. Also, if anyone has comments or ideas on additional content for the website, let him know. If anyone has an idea for a good place to hold the annual Pickers Festival, or next years’ annual meeting, let someone on the Board know.

Colby advised everyone to take advantage of the cool merchandise available; shirts, hats, stickers, fun meters, drink cozies. We then announced the raffle winners of items generously provided by members and sponsors.

Meeting was adjourned by Colby at 2:15 PM.