



# Fair Family news



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## Family Album



Photo by Mike Lee

### *Autumnal Psychospiritual Rejuvenation* 13th Avenue —November 1992

We will run photos of the Fair and Fair site in the Family Album for the whole family to enjoy. Please send in the photos you love of your experience at the Fair. We can't return them, so make a print. We also can't promise any particular shot will be printed, so send in multiple choices of where you work, camp, and laugh at the Fair.

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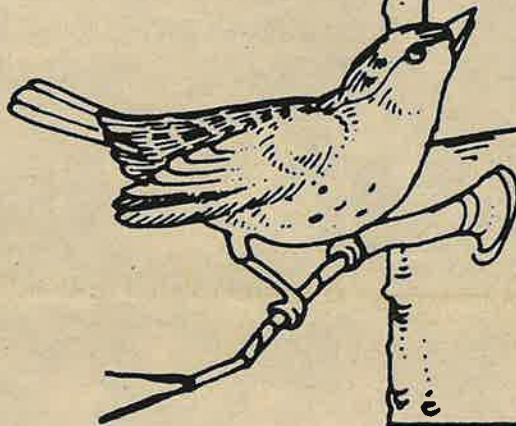


## CALENDAR

- Dec 19-20 ..... Yurt Raising
- January 1 ..... Fair Family News Jan. Deadline
- January 4 ..... Board of Directors Meeting, EWEB Building, Eugene, 7 p.m.
- January 13 ... Community Village Meeting, Whiteaker School, Eugene, 6 p.m. Facilitation Workshop, 7 p.m. General Meeting
- January ..... Educational Forum on Wetlands, 7:30, Studio One, Eugene. Call the office for exact date.

July 9, 10, 11...Something *Beautiful*

Calendar input-Carol Bull, 935-2768



One of my favorite Fair memories is the Sunday afternoon when the Fighting Instruments of Karma (Circus parade) marched naked—except for sashes and funny hats and some shoes.

Kali Kaliche,  
Beading Fairie



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### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The OCF newsletter, *Fair Family News*, is dedicated to the creation of an open forum for ideas and information related to, contributed by, and distributed to, the OCF family.

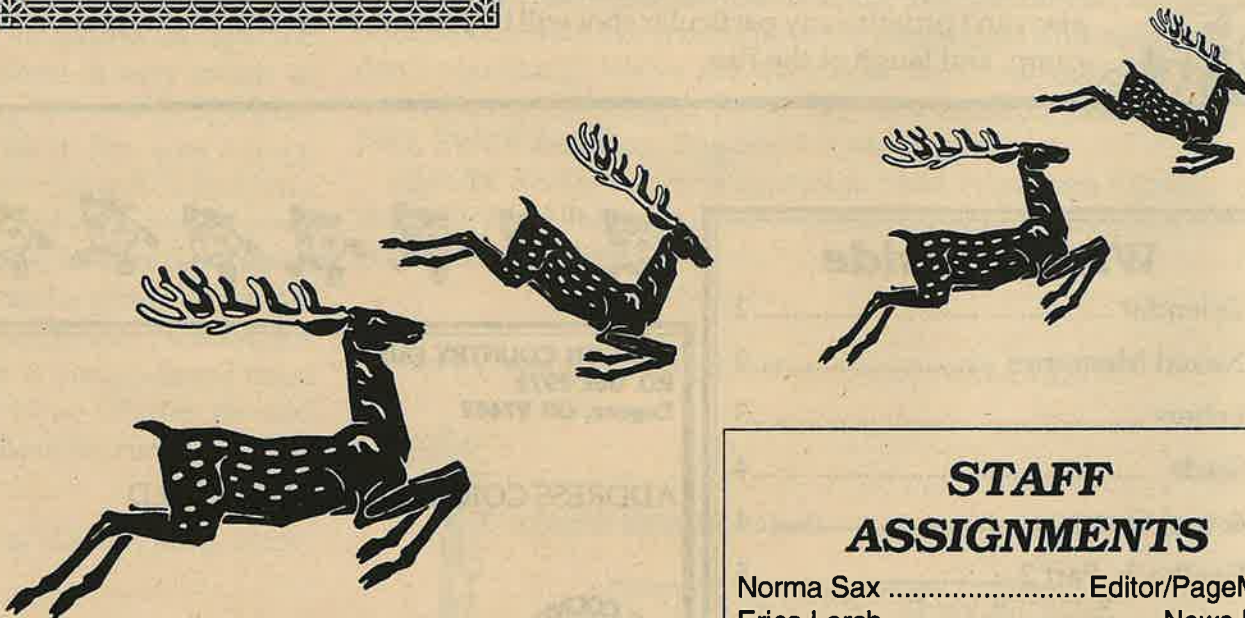
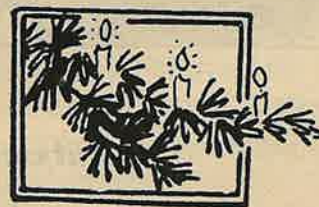
### EDITORIAL POLICY

The *Fair Family News* will provide space for a calendar of events, announcements, letters to the editor, and to and from the board; information from crews, booths and entertainers; committee reports; official information about the Fair; and room for any other Fair family contributions with the purpose of sharing information. In addition, the News will include an Issues Forum. This section will include letters of opinion from the Fair Family on specific topics named in advance. As space allows, Fair related contributions, such as art, short literary pieces, and humor, will be included.

All printed material will be edited for clarity and length. We will not print personal attacks or material that is libelous. It is the intent of the News to print all sides of debate when possible. The News will uphold the OCF Code of Conduct.

This statement will be printed at least twice a year.

January meeting of Long Range Planning Committee to be announced. Please call the Fair office for details.

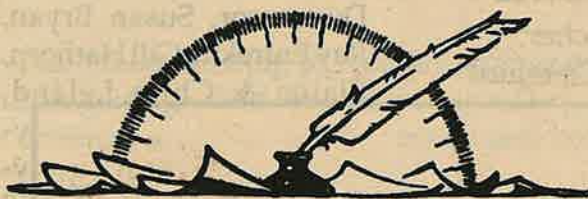


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## Letters

### Nighttime Security

Dear Editor:

The "Peach Sprouts" (my pick for a name) is a pleasure to read. Thanks for the work.

Please keep some focus on the important issue of both the day and nighttime crowds at the Fair. Last year the security in Shady Lane was dismal—river crossers tramping into our tents, items stolen in the night, no security to be found.

The nighttime population problem is something we can begin to deal with by eliminating "significant other" passes and keeping "strolling vendor" passes down to two per vendor. My booth voluntarily keeps the population at a minimum.

Also, a long article on just what has been going on in the parking lot: violence? booze dealing? vendors?

Thanks.

Kali Kaliche, Beading Fairie

### Measure 9 Still a Threat

Dear Fair Family

I am writing to point out that Ballot Measure 9 was narrowly defeated in the recent election. The threat of losing yet another freedom is very real.

While I agree with Kelly Campbell that we need a system to decide what type of political issues we'll support, I applaud the Board of Directors for understanding the urgent need and sending a contribution to the No on 9 campaign.

I thought Paxton's statement that "the measure will lose, so our contribution will be superfluous" was pathetic. In other words, we should let others pay to protect our freedom.

His further opinion that we might offend our neighbors in Veneta must have been meant as a joke since our yearly attempt to wake the forest has already made our views regarding freedom fairly common knowledge in the area.

I want to urge everyone to keep the discussion open.

Many of the Fair family live in rural areas where the danger of anti-gay action on a local level is high.

I support the further donation of \$19,000 to continue this fight, and fulfill the spirit introduced by Jack Makarchak. Perhaps the person who warned against "slap happy" has not been slapped enough.

There is no forum more appropriate for political action than the Oregon Country Fair. What hurts one of us, hurts all of us.

Barbara Bartel  
Coordinator

### Fair Control?

Dear Editor

I must protest the Board's decision to limit Significant Other Passes to 25% of crew size. For years our SOs have taken care of kids and camp, volunteered for sweeps, food, lantern and battery runs, and often accompanied and assisted the team. I look to their experience when I need to fill positions.

One of the Board members expressed an opinion that "equality is the goal when we talk about the benefits that OCF volunteers receive" and "however decisions are made, they will be made in the spirit of volunteerism and equality" (*Fair Family News*, 11/92).

What guidelines should be used for distribution of SOPs? Seniority? Rotation? Marital status? Who is a valid significant other? When only some team members can have their SOs, how can this reflect the "one class of membership" from our by-laws?

There is a clear consensus from "the Fair" (staff and guests) that population is too great ('92 Feedback Report). The Board is correct in viewing this as two separate issues:

1. Day attendance—"paid attendance is out of control," "effects on the land," "overcrowding feels dangerous," "deteriorates quality of life."

2. After Hours—"crowded, noisy, lots of hand stamped folks," "not safe."

No concrete steps have been taken to limit day guests. Reducing advertising and hoping fewer will show up is not effective. Advance sales, 3-day passes, and no sales after 5 p.m. have been suggested. Unfortunately, the motion for a policy (goal) of 16,000 per day cap failed for lack of a second!

The problem at night is not the number of passes but their transferability. The pass shuffle quickly circumvents the best of sweeps. Arbitrarily limiting SOPs per team does not address this at all. Some form of truly non-transferable pass (photo i.d., wrist band) or checks within the loop would truly limit crashers. Some say, "how drastic," yet WE (together) seem to fail the honor system. Let's design a fair, equal, workable agreement, not punitive control.  
Warren Walsh, Pre-Post Security

### Whittaker gives thanks

Dear Board Members,

Just a quick note to let you know how it turned out at the [Whiteaker School] Thanksgiving Dinner. We served over 400 people. The good news is it was 100 fewer than the year before. We had live entertainment, including clowns and musicians. Each person received a bag filled with new blue tarps, wool socks, candy, nuts, gloves, matches, candles, and toilet items: shaving razors, soap, cream, toothbrushes, comb, etc. However our largest purchase was a 16' X 32' army tent, which was presented to Patrick Dodd to be given to the camp at Armitage. It will be used as a kitchen, dry area for children and as a communal area. This was the first permanent gift we have been able to give. Our organizers wish to thank you for your gift!!

Alice Strong  
and all the Volunteers

*Editor's Note: The OCF donated \$1,000 to the Whiteaker Thanksgiving Dinner Project.*

### Pass, No Pass

Dear Editor:

Last month's issue of *Fair Family News* included a letter from Tom Noddy that prompts a response on at least one level—factual accuracy. "Asking some board members to give up some of their share of the limited number of passes" implies that being on the Board creates some privileged access to passes. Not true. Not for me, and not, to the best of my knowledge, any other current board member.

I work for my one t-shirt, Tom, and I have never received, or arranged for anyone else to receive, a camping pass, significant other pass, or a t-shirt they didn't work for.

The reality that the Fair family must face is that though we may wish it otherwise, there are limitations to the number of people (and vehicles) we can have on site.

We are limited by the Land, and its ability to recover from what we do to it every year; our own complex human infrastructure is hard-pressed preparing for the event. Providing facilities, and managing the care and safety of all those who join us become more difficult with each year's population growth.

We are also confronted by a host of federal, state, and local regulations (land use, sanitation, etc.); to ignore these limitations places the continued existence of the Fair in jeopardy.

The time has come to stop using passes (access to the party) as "coin of the realm"; to reward a favor, sweeten the deal, solve the problem or as political bargaining chips. Recognizing the obstacles and limitations to growth only means that we must become more creative in finding ways to grow and mature, to expand and enhance our event and our family. This creative dialogue will work much better if we hold the truth, and each other, in high regard.

Steve Wisnovsky,  
Board of Directors,  
Traffic



## Seeds...

Susan Bryant, VegManEC

The VegManECs would like to apologize for the absence of our column last month. We hope we were missed. And we wish to belatedly thank all volunteers who arrived for the second highway clean-up. There appeared to be the same amount of garbage this time, so it can't be all OCF influence. We had another great time, with the sun's cooperation.

The VegManECs have met each weekend in November and December. We've accomplished lots of erosion control, seeding, and raking, with animal tracking conducted on the side.

Raking the leaves off the pathway stimulates growth of grass for erosion control. Of course we all know what happens when you rake the first time: week after week after week.

New seeding has occurred in conjunction with raking. There are varying lengths of grass from these successive seedings. This seed comes from our own grasses in Miss Piggy. Poo Corner has a stable root growth which will protect Pike from losing ground. From the top of Shady Lane at Gritz La Ritz to the Junction received a seeding prior to the freeze this December 3-5. We hope for the best with its taking root.

Sandbagging is still going on at Pike to direct the flow of floodwater from the "Tom." The bridge was removed from its security tower off Strawberry Lane and sandbagging was adjusted to release Indian Creek.

Chicken wire will soon be encircling the maple trees along the Long Tom, thanks to the beavers that Bill's so kindly been tracking. Several trees have become dinner and home to those eager-to-return winter varmints. Booth 887 has lost a hardy 20 foot maple behind the booth. The beavers have also hauled our cut windfalls to their advantages.

There are currently 75 new big leaf maples in the nursery with 75 due to be included in the near future. Thanks for the tilling, Steve Wisnovsky.

Miss Piggy's Lot is a sight to behold with its frozen glaze sparkling in the moonlight. There's a pureness that radiates outward like the fairyland that we all know it was.

In awe, Susan.

## ...& Stems

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VegManEC Co-equal

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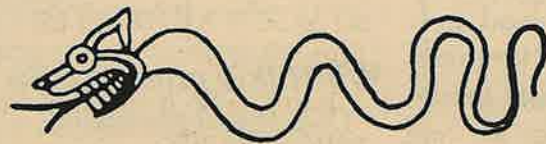


photo by Laurie Warden

Picnic Time for Fair Bears

## FEEDBACK, PART TWO

Compiled by Anne Henry

### BUSSES

please allow strollers and lap holdable wagons onto the bus from town

request for separate bus line to Fair AND to town for folks with small children - crazy wait!

### CAMPING: ON SITE, OFF SITE

need arrangement for late Wednesday night arrival/camping for California craftsperson

complaint re: no enforcement of rules re: larger campsites and add'l campsites near Pony Rides

wants to resolve problem with person camping behind their booth camping space

people not on Information Crew are camping in the Info. Crew area - problem is worse every yr.

campground listing in Peach Pit inaccurate - no Fairgoer camping at Fern Ridge Shores allowed

OCF needs to educate Fern Ridge Shores managers re: benefit of Fairgoer camping

locate other nearby campgrounds for Fairgoers

### CHILDCARE

unsafe bridge structure in play area. remove trap door that could injure kids (no adult access)

willing to help with children's day care issue - wants to volunteer

### COMMEMORATIVE SALES: POSTER, ETC.

OCF made a mistake with 1992 OCF poster - does not relate to OCF - snake is a nightmare vision

each booth should receive at least one poster with booth fee

sell OCF reuseable mug to minimize garbage and increase revenue

### COMMUNITY VILLAGE

schedule more (3-4) Narcotics Anonymous meeting a day IN A QUIETER SPACE for up to 50 folks

feels that Community Village is singled out for guidelines/rules enforcement

which rules are generated by Community Village Council and which by the OCF in general?

### CRAFT CONCERNS

booth person accused by OCF staff of drugs being sold out of his booth, no evidence = harassment!

disappointed at quality of many of the crafts, though some excellent examples

Saturday sales down from 1991 - admission price too high?

why do booth representatives have to be craftspeople? - disagrees with new guideline

lack of accessible toilets - wait is too long for those working in booths

more carts needed for loading and unloading of booths 2

very concerned about new strolling vendor rule of remaining in one spot for one sale ONLY

new strolling vendor rule makes it difficult to meet up with booth partner

new strolling vendor rule means that many sales will be lost

reconsider new strolling vendor rule - time limits on one location

needs special parking area for strolling vendors to restock

carts + storage space w/in the Fair

reasonable booth cost

### CRAFT INVENTORY

overheard staff conversation and laughter re: craftsperson's work = unsettling. Clean it up.

bust consistently—more staff monitoring—busting hair braiders is ineffective

stop the sale of furs in craft booths = environmentally wrong!

where was Schuemack Broom Co. booth w/hand carved brooms? very unique item to Fair

disagreed with action of Craft Committee to reject appeal of new craft booth person in booth

wants autonomy over craftspersons selling in booth allow one year experiment - OCF master craftspeople serve on jury

### ENERGY PARK

have organic soap and shampoo for sale at solar shower, or free samples liked electric car

### ENTERTAINMENT - AMBIANCE, MAIN STAGE, VAUDEVILLE - DRUMS

loves folk musicians and vaudeville acts

discontinue big name draws at Main Stage to lower attendance

excellent entertainment complaint re: no Blue Moon performers being paid with excess Fair money, pay the performers more 3

OCF needs to purchase piano for Shady Grove and store it

Ambiance music was best

ever - praises the coordinators amplify Community Village stage area

include Left Bank in Circus Parade route - missed in 1991 highlight Ecuador Incas on Main Stage next year

where is Baby Gramps? suggestion that OCF contact Rod Deal and the Ideals to play at the Fair

Alice Di Micele would like to play Main Stage - also keep her at Shady Grove for one show 2

enjoyed Pele Juju, Alice Di Micele, Sarah Felder (Circus) great fire dancers

support for Fire Dancer Robert Hart, who was not invited to perform at OCF due to complaints

choice of music groups at Main Stage was terrible - Samba Pacifica bad, suggest Irene Ferrera

get input from larger community re: bands

recommend drumming and loud music end at 10 P.M. for better neighbor relations

drumming is too loud - cannot hear entertainment at Vaudeville Stage under maple tree

limit #s of drummers and their hours

move drummers to remote location

Daredevil Palace stage - impossible to hear performers if 20 ft. away - electricity/microphone

don't start (pre) Midnight Show until sweep has passed Main Stage + public is out of earshot 2

Midnight Circus parade was excellent - giants and torches - have booths nearby turn off lights

Midnight Show a mob scene bring back Tibetan monk on Midnight Show

woven grass mats on seating area at Daredevil to reduce dust and erosion - reuseable each year

great Blue Moon Stage - difficult to appreciate entertainment with so many people on site

stop entertainment at 7 P.M. so public will leave

NO MOVIES - OCF is an alternative to the main culture and movies are everywhere else 2

create skateboard riding and viewing area for public.

### Peach Fuzz

Don Doolin, Security Coordinator



Parking Lots: continued...

Thanks to everyone for the feedback that's beginning to come in. One of the things that I'm hearing is that a lot of people were not aware of our concerns.

As our event gains popularity, more and more people come just to hang out and not necessarily to attend the Fair. Without staff out in the lots, problems such as excessive drug and alcohol usage, abu-

sive behavior, and illegal sales, have been escalating.

Staff and the Board are currently discussing ideas to address these problems, such as an Emergency Response Team, Security in the lots, sweeping the lots.

We need your thoughts and ideas about anything concerning your Safety and Security at the Fair. Please write the Fair Office, P.O. Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402 Attention: Security  
Thankyou





## On the Air



Sparks, Communications

Recently discovered post-Neanderthal cave paintings depicting the activities of *OCF Communications erectus* clearly show these volunteers uttering their guttural language into CB (Chicken Band) radio walkie-talkies. As these ridge-browed, knuckle-walking souls were equally dexterous with feet and hands, the radio was frequently used in either, giving rise to the popular expression "Mercy sakes alive, sumbody stepped on yuh, good buddy!"

What we know today is that these early attempts to communicate were always powered by disposable batteries of either the carbon-zinc or alkaline variety. The toxic effects of these materials are well known now and are thought to have contributed to the extinction of the species (CB radios that is, the primitive volunteers are still evolving nicely, thank you).

Yes, sadly, for many years throw-away batteries for the walkie-talkies were an unwelcome budget item for us. Every year the Fair spent \$250-\$300 on cases of dry cells to be used once and tossed out. Although rechargeable nickel-cadmium cells were available, the monumental task of charging and testing over 400 batteries made their use impractical.

We did set a policy of making the best use possible of the disposable cells, however. All "dead" batteries removed from radios were placed in a box, and as time permitted, tested under load. Truly dead or very weak cells were discarded properly, and still active cells with enough juice were set aside to be used late Sunday or for post-Fair use. Many times only one or two

cells in a radio would be totally gone, allowing us to "recycle" the other six or seven back into service.

When I state that the dead cells were disposed of properly, this means put into the rubbish headed for the landfill. The true implications of this have only come to light recently, as disposable dry-cell batteries have been found to be a toxic waste product. Alkaline cells contain the heavy metal mercury, and are thought to constitute a significant environmental hazard.

Our new Motorola Radius P-100 FM radios are each equipped with two rechargeable batteries, one for use and one to spare. Our three quick chargers can bring 18 batteries up to full charge in an

hour. The expected operational life of each battery is 1000 charges, or, at the Fair's rate of usage, until we are all able to evolve telepathic powers and no longer need the elec-

tronic apparatus to keep in touch! (I wonder what will happen to us of the OCF Signal Corps?)

[Last month we inadvertantly left one of Sparks' thoughts incomplete. Here it is in its entirety.]

(When you think about it, charging batteries to use inside the Fair by plugging the charger into an electrical outlet really amounts to utility supplied power, with 20% coming from nuclear sources, and with a 20% loss in efficiency due to the chemical process inside the battery.)

...the primitive volunteers are still evolving nicely, thank you.

## Recently un-Classified Material

Hey you! Isn't there Anything you normally start wanting (more info, communication, ride share, booth share, contact with Fair family friends and pre-Fair plans to be made) at the Fair but never

had the chance? Now is a great time to start generating some uses for this section!

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### Fuzzy the Peachhead



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-CHARTER

Hey Fuzzy, what's more important  
Fair family or fares?





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 1992

**Present:** Kelly Campbell, Dan Dillon, Bob Durnell, Martha Evans (alternate), Steve Gorham, Anne Henry, Jack Makarchak, Paxton Hoag, Jim Sahr (alternate), Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

**MINUTES**

**Motion:** Paxton moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 1992 Board of Directors meeting. Steve W. seconded.

Anne would like to add that anyone requesting a copy of the Feedback Report should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the office.

**Vote:** The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Margo) abstained.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Community Village General Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at Whiteaker School in Eugene at 7 P.M. The January 13th meeting will feature a facilitation workshop from 6 to 7 P.M.
2. Chris Leland, Security, said he was sad to see the Board voted to reduce the number of significant other passes instead of dealing with (admissions) population control.
3. Don Doolin, Security coordinator, said his crew is against the motion to limit SOPs to 25% of crew size.
4. Russell Poppe, Fair attorney, is working with Barbara Grigsby of the Red Cross to organize a fundraising effort for Somalia. If you would like to help, contact Russell.
5. Barney Sullivan said the yurt construction is coming along fine. The yurt raising is scheduled for December 19-20. Everyone is welcome to help out. Barney thanked everyone who's helped so far.
6. Several Board members objected to Tom Noddy's comments in the November newsletter regarding Board members and passes. Steve W. will write a letter to the editor in response.
7. Hey now, Jim Sahr has met with Sue Kesey regarding the Field Trip. The Grateful Dead has (have) not set its schedule for 1993, but will do so in the coming weeks. Jim and Sue will meet again soon. (It sure has been a long, strange trip, hasn't it?)
8. Ichabod, Communications Coordinator, said the Fair made \$650 from the pay phones during the Fair.

**REPORTS**

**GENERAL MANAGER**

Leslie Scott, General Manager, said there will be an information forum on Endowments, Thursday, December 10, 7:30 P.M., Studio One, Eugene.

She thanked Arna Shaw, Palmer Parker, and Chuck Gerard for their help in beginning to formulate a Fair process for emergency response. The sub-committee looking into food vouchers has started to meet. (What do you bet they meet in a restaurant?)

The Budget packets will be in the mail to coordinators in mid-December. Long Range Planning Committee has developed a survey for the membership as per the Board's request. The Community Relations Committee will meet soon to plan its activities for the year.

**CARETAKER**

Leslie won the Bill Verner look-alike contest and gave the pseudo Caretaker report. The site is sandbagged against the

oncoming floods. The water system was shut down over the weekend. Bill has moved the poor, orphaned refrigerators to a corral he's made. (Now they don't have to spend the holidays alone where Santa can't find them.)

Vegetarian beavers have been feasting on several of our trees; Bill's not sure how to deal with it. Suggestions? (Where are Ward and June when you need them?)

**TREASURER**

Hilary Anthony, our brand new Treasurer, said that Nance Sledge, our Treasurer emeritus, has been training Hilary to take over the position.

**AGENDA**

**CHECKSIGNERS**

**Motion:** Steve G. moved to remove from all OCF accounts all the current checksigners except Leslie Scott, and replace them with Hilary Anthony and Norma Sax. Anne seconded.

**Vote:** The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.  
(Oh, boy, Tahiti here I come.)

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Howard Leighty submitted a proposal to the Board for a grievance procedure. It will be printed in the January newsletter, inviting comment from the membership. The Board will vote on the proposal in February.

**EMERGENCY FUND PROCESS**

**Motion:** Steve G. moved to untable his motion of the last meeting that the Board will not spend money outside the Emergency Fund without that request going through the budget process. Daniel seconded (again).

**Public Discussion:** Chewie Burgess feels this would be too limiting for the Board unless the amount of the Emergency Fund is increased. Thom Chambliss sees the motion as superfluous and is worried about giving the Budget Committee too much responsibility. Palmer Parker said "if the Board needs to be policed, then police thyself." Andrew Harvey is concerned about the increasing amount of responsibility being put on the Budget Committee who may be expected to push things forward at a moment's notice. Leslie pointed out that anyone with a funding request who has a time restraint should contact her first.

**Board Discussion:** Jack said this is putting the cart before the horse, the Board can't refer funding requests to the Budget Committee before the BC has a process for dealing with them. Bob referred to locking barn doors after horses have left. (Any more of this and Mr. Ed may run for the Board.) Daniel said this motion is an attempt to encourage people to use the budget process before asking the Board for money. Bob said he feels very unclear as to why the Board is considering limiting itself after it's spent so much money outside the Budget process. Jim said it was very refreshing to hear the public's thoughts on the issue and agrees that the motion is too limiting. Kelly said there is no process now for the Budget Committee to deal with emergency fund requests and maybe there should be a motion directing the Budget Committee to develop one. Steve G. said there is a year-round budget process; this motion gives a sense of the Board not wanting to be inundated with funding requests. Jeanne said the Budget Committee has information the Board doesn't and may be better equipped to make these

recommendations. Kelly said this is a good example of how the Board should be thinking ahead, to avert emergencies.

*Vote: The motion failed, 4 in favor, 4 opposed (Bob, Paxton, Jack, Margo), 2 abstained (Anne, Kelly).*

### **BAN ALCOHOL**

*Motion: Bob moved to untable his previous motion that it would be the policy of the Oregon Country Fair that patrons may not enter with or imbibe alcohol during the Fair. The General Manager in consultation with appropriate staff and vendors shall propagate and promulgate such guidelines deemed necessary to regulate the use of alcohol by vendors, staff and workers. Steve W. seconded.*

*Public Discussion:* (Everyone drank a toast to the motion. No, that's not true.) Actually, Don Doolin was the first of many to say this policy would open a can of worms (hiccuping their way through the Eight). Don feels the biggest problem is in the parking lots. He would support a crackdown on alcohol use, but he's not sure how that would work. Palmer said if we pass a policy on alcohol use, we have to deal with other drugs such as cigarettes and coffee. Thom likes the concept and would like to see management work out the details. Chewie Burgess of Security said that crew doesn't have the person power to enforce a policy of search and confiscation. (Actually Chewie said "manpower," but the Secretary is not about to let him get away with that.) Ande Grahn said the problem should be identified before a solution is proposed in a motion. She feels we should use our money and energy on alcohol education. Hilary said we need to address the problem of young people drinking at the Fair.

*Board Discussion:* Bob said one way or another we have to deal with the issue of alcohol abuse at the Fair. This will take as much cooperation as possible from all staff, especially Security. Bob is interested in moving the attendance back to families and the people who come for the kinds of entertainment we offer besides Main Stage: vaudeville, folk, path entertainment, and for the alternatives we offer in Community Village and Energy Park. Bob feels this motion is a way to begin to say there is a certain kind of attendance we don't want and we want to make room for people we do want to come back to the Fair. Bob said we've moved toward a "Ft. Lauderdale" type crowd over the past five years, to the detriment of an attendance that is interested in what we have to offer at the Fair.

Margo says there has been a definite increase in alcohol related problems the past few years. This is a first step in dealing with the situation.

Bob withdrew his motion and Margo jumped right in with:

*Motion: Margo moved that an ad hoc committee be formed by the General Manager and representatives from Security, Traffic, and Admissions to propose a phased-in plan to curtail alcohol sales and problems resulting from alcohol abuse, to be presented to the Board at the March meeting. Steve W. seconded.*

*Public Discussion:* Chewie pointed out there is already a policy in place to deal with alcohol coming in to the Fair.

*Board Discussion:* Kelly is concerned that the motion implies the Board will set a ban-alcohol policy which she feels may not be necessary. Steve W. said we need to define the specific problems and work out solutions. Jeanne is very much in support of an ad hoc committee studying the issue and proposing an operational idea for dealing with it. She sees a huge enforcement problem attached to a no-alcohol policy. Jack said that people in the parking lots are family; we are lumping some behaviors together with a group of people. Jack feels we are in danger of creating a policy of hate toward a group of people who are our family. Paxton suggested coordinator be asked for ideas on how to deal the problems. Bob is disappointed there wasn't more discussion of this issue via the newsletter. He said other venues have a ban on alcohol without detriment to their shows.

*Vote: The motion failed, 6 for, 4 opposed (Daniel, Kelly, Steve G., Jack).*

### **VEGMANECS (DID I SPELL IT RIGHT, HEIDI?)**

*Motion: Jack moved that the Board formally grant autonomous crew status to the VegManEC crew. Bob seconded.*

*Background:* The VegManEC is a year-round volunteer crew that works on vegetation management and erosion control. (And they do a damn good job of it, too. Hey John, how many hours did that get me toward one of those way cool VegManEC t-shirts?)

*Background:* Erica Lerch, VegManEC, (such a busy girl - she's on the newsletter committee, too, you know) said this is a way to acknowledge the VegManECs as an official crew, with chores and accountability. Chewie said the majority of VegManECs are already on a crew and would not need a crew t-shirt. Ande is concerned about forming new crews from inside the Fair without considering the many people who would like to find a job at the Fair. Leslie sees this as a natural evolutionary step; VegManECs play a vital role during Main Camp. Thom doesn't see any reason why this needs to be a shirted crew; perhaps we need a statement of purpose from the crew. Thom suggested the Board go slowly in forming any new crew.

Heidi said the VegManECs would have to (and want to) go through the budget process, like any other crew.

*Board Discussion:* Kelly commended the VegManECs for their hard work but pointed out there is not process now to form crews. Since the VegManECs would be eligible for food vouchers and per diems if recognized as a crew, it would mean another big financial expenditure. Steve G. also appreciates the work of the VegManECs. He said he is willing to legitimize the V's but needs more information before considering equalization. Bob says the V's have been a great help, inequalities are wide spread because of tradition and we have, in the past, put crews on exactly this way.

Margo would like to take a systematic approach to crew status and is concerned that this crew may be created as the "caretaker's crew." She warned against building crews around the personalities holding particular positions.

*Vote: The motion failed, 4 for, 4 opposed (Steve G., Anne, Paxton, Margo), 2 abstained (Kelly, Daniel).*

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*Motion: Jack moved the Board give \$500 out of its Emergency Fund to Dollars for Scholars. Margo seconded.*

*Background:* We have been asked by the Fern Ridge Public Schools to contribute to the scholarship fund for Elmira High School. The School District will receive matching funds for any donations received.

*Public Discussion:* Both Leslie and Heidi encouraged the Board to make this donation. Thom said it's important to let the Fern Ridge community know this donation is not from the Endowment.

*Board Discussion:* Kelly is disturbed the Board is dispersing funds without a process for doing so. Jack said this might be a prod to get the Endowment going. Anne would like to see us supporting educational efforts.

*Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Kelly) opposed.*

### **NEXT MEETING:**

(Another year, folks; only seven more years to the end of the millennium. Man, we should have the party of the millennium, don't you think? We've got the place. Oh, I was telling you when the next meeting is. Sorry, I got sidetracked.) **January 4, 1993, EWEB Building, Eugene. 7 P.M.. See ya then.**

Agenda: Real property acquisition, Field Trip, Teen Passes, Shirted Crew Underage, Food Vouchers, Per Diem, Political/Social Contributions.

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