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FAIR FAMILY CALENDAR

August

- 25 Deadline to submit Board candidate statements for publication in the FFN and Voters Pamphlet
- 28 Elders Meeting, 7 pm, OCF office

September

- 8 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, OCF site
- 8 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 9 Barter Fair Task Force, 6 pm, OCF office
- 10 Craft Committee meeting, 6 pm, OCF office
- 18 Deadline to submit membership form to be eligible to vote in 2014 election
- 21 Candidates Forum, 2 pm, OCF site, Hub Yurt
- 22 Barter Fair Task Force, 6 pm, OCF office
- 23 Fair Family News mailing work party, 6 pm, OCF office
- 25 Elder Committee meeting, 7 pm, OCF office

October

- 3 Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail
- 5 Highway Pickup, 10 am, meet at WareBarn, OCF site
- 6 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, 2621 August Street
- 6 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 18 Annual Meeting and election of Board of Directors, Whiteaker School, 6:30 pm

2014

OCF Elections Timeline

Aug. 24: Deadline to submit candidate statement. See OCF BOARD CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION INFO at oregoncountryfair.net for details

Sept. 18: Last day to register to vote in OCF 2013 elections. Membership form is available at <http://www.oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/memberform.pdf>

Oct. 3: Last day to request an absentee ballot for timely delivery. You may request one anytime as long as you can return in time for the meeting so that your vote will count

Email: elections@oregoncountryfair.org
Absentee ballots are not available from OCF office staff.

Oct. 18: Annual Meeting
Note: 2nd year at new location ~~ Whiteaker School, 21 N Grand St, Eugene, Oregon

The Candidate Forum schedule will be updated as soon as it is available.
Contact the Elections Committee at elections@oregoncountryfair.org

Happy Birthday to Our Fair Family Virgos

- Aaron Nine-Gelman ..Water Crew
- Anne Morris.....Chela Mela
- Anthony Stoppiello....Energy Park
- Barbara LeeLot Crew
- Bob Demaline.....Far Side
- Bud ChaseVaudeville
- Candace ReedTraffic
- Catherine ClarkPre-post Security
- Cathy Lindberg.....Fire
- Charles CorpLot Crew
- D. Keigh Smiley.....Traffic
- Dan CohnFair Family News
- Dan CorpLot Crew
- Daniel Dillon.....Blintz Booth
- Danielle Thomas.....Registration
- Dave CrockettBoothperson
- Denny GuehlerMain Stage (Retired)
- Diana GardenerCrafter
- Don St.Clair.....Crafter
- Erik Dedijer-Small.....Fire Crew
- Francine Six.....Crafter
- Gary Ausmus.....Traffic
- George UtterbackFire
- Greg Rikhoff.....Admissions
- J.A.R. Smith.....Construction
- James Ince.....Security
- Jani WrightInventory Crew
- Jason DodgeAmbiance Entertainment
- Jessica Rose TuckerRegistration
- Jim Richards.....Traffic
- John Burchell.....Ice Crew
- Josh GoldThe Lemonade Gourmet
- Kathryn Madden.....Fair Central
- Ken Ely.....Water Crew
- Keri StutesmanEntertainment
- Kristen MozuchCommunity Village
- LaRhetta GaleMain Camp Security
- Lynn WatsonRecycling
- Mary Doyon.....Fair Family News
- Melisa Largent.....Lot Crew
- Melissa EvansPre-Post Security
- Michael Hilton.....Elder
- Mike SwettLot Crew
- Nancy Bright.....Crafter
- Neil Friedman.....Crafter
- Phillip Guyette.....Camping Crew
- Raven Parker-Hartog..Pre-Post Security
- Reggie Soto.....Traffic
- Rivka GrossSecurity
- Rob FarquharSecurity
- Robert Ray.....Water
- Sallie Edmunds.....Back-up Manager
- Seraf MosesRegistration
- Sheridan Richardson..Lot Crew
- Starcloud Koepf.....Sauna
- Steve BoutonRecycling
- Steve Robertson.....Internal Security
- Susan Johnson.....Recycling
- Tesia DowCrafter
- Thomas Smith.....Lot Crew
- Tim Beyer.....Lot Crew
- Vicki Lynn Wootten....Security
- Victoria Stoppiello.....Energy Park
- Vince LaRoche.....Crafter
- Virginia Sands.....Security
- Willy Gibboney.....Crafter



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Candidate's Forum

The Oregon Country Fair Candidate's Forum is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Hub Yurt on the Fair site. It will be approximately the same format as last year. It is to be filmed and put on the Internet. People will be able to view it at oregoncountryfairforum.org.

Suggestions for questions to candidates can be sent to robertmjacobs@gmail.com or to Robert Jacobs, 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, OR 97401. Likewise, offers of volunteer help, for this or future years, can be sent to Robert Jacobs. We will schedule the candidates to start speaking at 2 pm Sept. 21.

Welcome One and All to Share Some Fair Fun

The OCF entry in the Eugene Celebration Parade will have the banner, walkers, musicians, bicyclers, a float, horses, and pooper scooper. The float is an 8-foot flatbed donated by crafter JJ Jaloff. Reggie DeSoto will turn his historic T-shirt collection into a skirt for the float. If everybody brought five OCF T-shirts and wore one, it would be a beautiful joint effort to cover the whole float in various OCF years. Let's put a smile on everyone's face!

We need all you guys and gals to come to the Fair office to decorate the float at 5:30 pm Friday, Aug. 22, the day before the parade. Fair Family members who want to participate in the parade should meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot by 9 am on Aug. 23, wearing their favorite Fair costume or T-shirt. The parade starts at 10 for folks who want to watch.

Please feel free to contact Reggie at 541-937-2687 with any and all questions.

Get on the FFN and/or Voting Membership List

Tell us your name; your email address to be notified of the online version of the newsletter; your crew or booth number; name of your leader or booth rep; name of person who can verify your participation.

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Or Email to: office@oregoncountryfair.org

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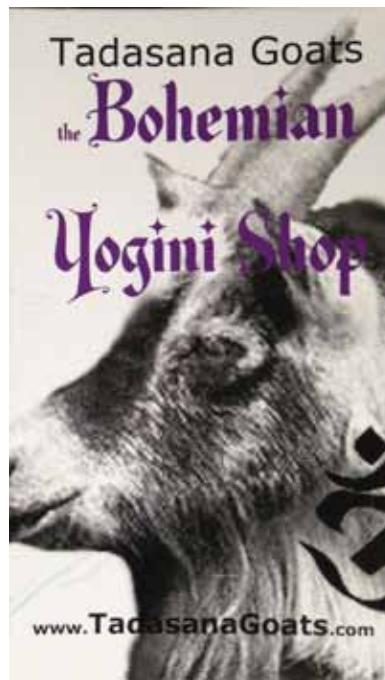
- Mary "Lighters" Doyon
- Michael "My Way" Ottenhausen
- Dan "Sunglasses" Cohn
- Cynde "One Shoe" Leathers
- norma "change" sax
- Niki "Hat" Harris
- Kim "Mind" Griggs
- Brad "Coffee Mug" Lerch
- Suzi "Patience" Prozanski

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FAMILY LETTERS



This newsletter is for the Oregon Country Fair Family and all material is volunteered from the membership.

Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.

Letters must be limited to 300 words. They will be edited for length and clarity. Please include name, Fair Affiliation and a method of communication (i.e. phone number or e-mail).

How Many Family Towed?



Dear FFN,

How many vehicles belonging to Fair staff were towed this year, and how much money was extracted from us as a result? If it was more than a handful, then I can't help suspecting that the OCF management is deliberately taking advantage of the volunteers who help make the Fair happen. My car was towed from the lot just west of the Troubleshooting desk, where I've parked overnight at many Fair events without incident over the past 15 years.

There's only one sign at the northeast corner of this lot stating that no overnight parking is allowed. I was directed into this lot on Thursday afternoon from the west side by Traffic crews, so I didn't see this sign. Why aren't there more

signs clearly delineating the "public only" daytime parking areas? Why would Traffic crews direct vehicles into such an area on the day before the Fair is even open to the public? Why would the people who distribute parking passes to volunteer staff not explain where overnight parking is allowed and prohibited?

Considering that each parking pass has a unique number assigned to an individual, with a name and phone number recorded in a log book, why is no effort made to contact an owner before towing a vehicle away? I would hope that maintaining good faith with Fair volunteers is more important than maximizing revenues.

Mike Nacrelli

Community Village

Find Mousie



Hello Fair Family News,

Mousie is missing! After my final show on Sunday at the Rabbit Hole, I tossed Mousie over the curtain as I do in each show. My friend Jim recovered him, but somewhere between that time and Monday morning when I came to pack up the

Rabbit Hole, Mousie went missing.

He is bright yellow and handmade. He has large furry ears and a red tongue (that's his full name, Mousie Tongue).

Missing also is a small suitcase with some jars of bubble juice and paper towels and this and that. I don't care anything about that, but I would dearly love to have Mousie back.

I wrote to the Fair's lost and found and sent them a picture of Mousie but then I thought maybe the Fair Family News would consider helping as well.

Please contact Tom Noddy: tom@bubblemagic.com.

Thanks,

Tom Noddy

Entertainment

Volunteer Opportunities

Hey FFN,

I'm longtime Fair family ... been working for Inventory/ Trades and Troubleshooting for more than 15 years. I enjoy keeping up on Fair all year and appreciate all the work you put in to Fair Family News while the rest of us are doing our non-Fair life.

I wrote to the Fair a few months ago and got an annoying auto reply saying thanks for the note and we will pass it on. Judging from the appeal in the most current issue of FFN, I am figuring my note died somewhere in the void. Every month you list a select few Fair members' birthdays. It is a sweet gesture but with a family of thousands it seems like a silly task. This month you asked more people to send you their birthday so you could also list them. I do not think there is any ill intent but it seems that we can use this space for something way more powerful.

Instead of sending the message that the Fair is a small party and we aren't all invited, why not use the space for listing what volunteer opportunities exist year round in the community? Or how about a needs list for Fair family experiencing difficulty? What about highlighting some amazing everyday work some of our folks do? There are probably LOTS of other ways we could use this space creatively. I'd love to see some positive change. How can I help?

Nina Fink

Inventory

Lost Knife

Hi there,

My sweet husband Eagle lost his knife at the Fair. It's a stainless-steel folding knife, with a cut-out design in the handle. In tiny handwritten letters on the handle he

carved something like "no harm." It would be so great if he could get it back. Thanks. Hope y'all had a super peachy Fair.

Yoli, Booth 345 (Sallies Alley)

yolieagle@BonesOfTheEarth.com

(Editor's Note: This poem was found among Wally Slocum's papers. While date and author are unknown, the sentiments are timeless.)

Main Camp Moments

(Midnight Sunday — first weekend)

*Maybe it's the madness we do it for
The compression of time
flowing together energies
toward another rebirth
The Fair.*

*The public final product,
so different from the life before the Fair —
as I write here in reflections of a thousand shades of green.*

*How can it be that after a day's work in the sun,
Resting in the shade to feed mosquito swarms,
these friends and lovers,
sisters and brothers are so high
that we leave no footprints.*

*What we are is an act of love
Yes, many minute moments of caring
that others may come and enjoy
The smiles on their faces,
the joy in the air,
the incense of acts of freedom,
all these combine in this Circus of Life —
The Fair.*

*How best to show and tell the coming generations —
Why anyone, why all of us here
tear away from the whirl of our commercial lives,
bookshelve those other realities
to come together here and be born again
into a special moment in time.*

*A pause for renewal
In the strength of our fast flashing glories —
The Fair.*

*We do not ask for thanks,
our pleasure, nay, our privilege is to serve
We only ask you care as we do
for what we all do in gentle stewardship
of lands and traditions across centuries —
The Fair.*

Fair Thee Well: Rita Murrel

Rita Hilde Murrel passed away peacefully at home from cancer on June 5, 2014. Rita was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 24, 1954 to Jerry J. Murrel and Elisabeth Helene Murrel (Gruenebaum). She received a B.S. in Food Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Since moving to Eugene, Rita ran a food booth at the Saturday Market, worked as a bookkeeper for Paul's Bicycle Way of Life, and served as a wonderful caregiver for several local families.

Rita was an early advocate of environmental causes, particularly recycling and natural foods. A member of the Fair family for many, many years, Rita was



instrumental in recycling efforts, most recently changing the use of plastic utensils to silverware.

Rita's generosity and kind heart were an inspiration to all who knew her. She lived as a free spirit with integrity and joy, and will be missed by many.

Rita was preceded in death by John Vizard, the love of her life, who passed six years earlier to the day. She is survived by her mother, Elisabeth Murrel of Eugene, and an aunt and cousins of Chicago.

Rita leaves behind many devoted friends, young and old alike, whose lives she touched so lovingly. A celebration of life for Rita is planned for later this summer.

Local Food Feeds Fair Crews

by Jesse Autuchovich, Purchasing – Pre-Fair Kitchen Crew

The Pre-Fair Kitchen Crew would like to take a moment to recognize the generous folks who made significant donations and help put together the delicious food that came out of Main Camp this year.

First, we need to recognize **Deck Family Farm**. This was our first year partnering with the Deck in an effort to bring the Family organic pasture-raised protein in a way we'd never done before. I enjoyed some great time on the farm visiting with Christine and John Deck, getting a feel for their general philosophies on community, farming techniques and sustainability. I was overjoyed to be able to cut a deal with them that allowed for 65 percent of the non-breakfast protein eaten at Main Camp this year to come from their farm. This was made possible, in large part, by a sizable donation they made to our organization in hopes of fostering a partnership for years to come. Their commitment to sustainable practices and educating the community on sustainable farming techniques is to be admired. I encourage everyone to take a look at what they're doing out there in Junction City at www.deckfamilyfarm.com.

And speaking of abundance, **Groundworks Organics** and **Sweet Leaf Organics**, also out of Junction City, came through again with a rainbow of amazing produce that kept the salad bar and sides flowing with delicious, local, organic food to keep the Family going. When combined with the incredible work Laurel and Tommy of our very own Garden Crew are doing on the site itself creating a ton of delicious fresh veggies, we were really able to take the food to the next level. We couldn't do it without you guys!

And let's not forget **Mountain Rose Herbs**. We're proud to partner with the NON-GMO Project verified business to bring herbs and spices to the food and keep those always creative and refreshing drinks on the line. Their significant donation kept our Drinks team busy making sure everyone stayed hydrated in fresh and flavorful ways.

To all our donors, your contributions were incredible, your impact profound, and we can't wait to do it again in 2015!

P.S. from OCF office: Donors, we're a 501(c)3 non-profit, so your contributions are tax-deductible. Please write to office@oregoncountryfair.org and norma will send you a receipt for your donation.



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The Dragon Rises Again

Kirk Schultz, Construction Crew Coordinator



Kudos and Kisses go to the Construction Crew for resurrecting the Fair Dragon in the entry plaza this year. Cap'n Kirk Schultz, Construction Crew Coordinator, noted: "It takes a village to build a village and there was a lot of crossing over amongst crews this year, which was wonderful!"

Cap'n Kirk sends a huge THANK YOU to the workers who helped complete the Big Construction projects this year:

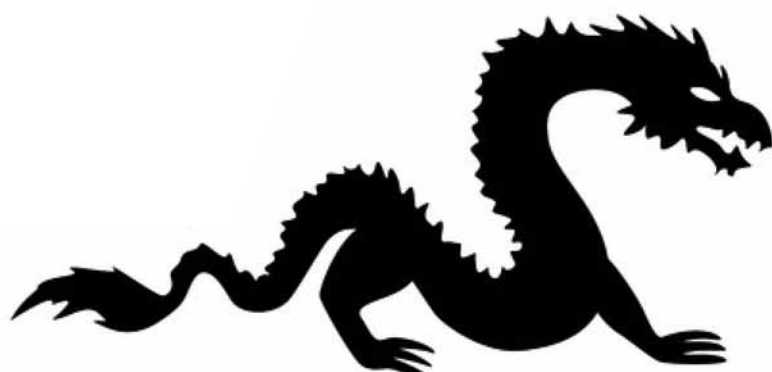
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Dragon Pre-Fire. Photo © 2014 Charlie Ruff

dall, Curtis, Jaquie, Brandt. Moe, Dan, Jason and Mellisa. The Seattle crew, The Switzerland Crew, Clan Valentino and the Mollala Crew. Selina, Tyler, Sallie and Rochelle. Little Kirk Rinaldi. PartyDown Partlow, Spirit Leatherwood, Nate, Brian, Coffee and Alishia. Heather Tucker, Dru Ross, Jar, Joe Newhall, the CLOG team and many more. All backed up by Louie, Ian, Kristi, Jeff, Durham and the whole Zenn Barn gang!

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New Dragon Open. Photo © 2014 David Geitgey Sierralupe



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
SUNDAY JUNE 29, 2014**

4:03 pm,
Alice's Fire Pit, Oregon Country Fair site

Board members present: Diane Albino (alternate), John 'Chewie' Burgess, Casey Marks Fife, Paxton Hoag, Jack Makarchek (president), Indigo Ronlov (vice-president), Kirk Shultz, Jon Silvermoon, Sue Theolass, Bear Wilner-Nugent. **Peach Gallery present:** Staff (norma, Robin, Shane), Officers (Hilary, Randy)

Agenda Review

Agenda Review, New Business, Announcements, Reports, Member Input, Secretary's Report, Consent Calendar, Treasurer's Report, Old Business, President's Peace

New Business

Jack: For New Business, I want to act on Shane's probation period ending and move this motion from New to Old Business.

Jon: I want to consider advocacy donations for ballot initiatives in August, co-sponsoring with the Bear

Jon: donation/sponsorship to the festival of Eugene, which is an alternative to the Eugene Celebration.

Casey: The GMO motion is tabled until the August meeting.

Paxton: LUMP committee appointment is tabled until the August meeting.

Announcements

Bear: Coordinators, please get your meal counts in no later than the end of the preceding meal.

norma: The Teddy Bear Picnic is on August 16th and volunteers are needed.

Paxton: I am passing pictures around of the mushroom filter that we built for doing the grey water experiment. It is fully colonized and functional. We are planning on installing it by the Screen House. Dennis Todd is working with a group of students that are testing the water every day. I am pleased at the amount of support I've gotten for the filter including George at the Sauna who's interested in being included in future projects.

Bear: Coordinators and Crew Leaders can pick up your 4th of July wristbands from QM starting now. If you don't have a packet of wristbands for your crew contact Patty Ro.

Chewie: Camping Crew is asking everyone to tag your tent before you pitch your tent. If you are putting a tent in a place for the first time, clear this with your coordinator who will work with Camping Crew's Mayhem who is located at Main Camp.

Hilary: There are 16 dance fusion dancers that during the Fair will be giving us a preview of the possibilities for the Dance Pavilion. They will be at Monkey Palace at 4:00 pm on Saturday with Mister Moo and Nomad Dance.

Staff Reports

Shane: Everything's coming along great. The Dragon is really shaping up. As I look around this group, I see several people that have been working tirelessly for quite some time. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for putting in such an effort.

norma: Thank you to all the volunteers who've done so much.

Robin: It has been great to watch the Fair come together from town side. Culture Jam is also coming together and is three weeks after the Fair.

Committee Reports

Michael: This is the LPFM second quarterly report. Robin mailed a copy to the board. The most important thing coming up is the antennae permit. Thom Lanfear is working to determine if this permit is needed.

norma: The Jill Heiman Vision Fund— when you get your food vouchers, put one in the JHVF box and you can then have all the cheese

cake you want and know that you did good.

Kirk: Speaking to both CLOG and Path Planning— Path Planning hasn't had a meeting in the last few days towards the Craft Lot. This year's Bubble is coming together in new and colorful ways. We will be sharing a number of informational pieces in the Bubble area so everyone can see next year's Craft Lot plan. There will also be a Community Center kiosk to show ideas and planning. A Dance Pavilion survey to determine what kinds of dance activities can be filled out in this area as well.

Hilary: For the Flow Arts area this year there is a large area for acroyoga, staff, and poi. We've engaged with a group called Toy Box who brings a whole bunch of toys to practice circus arts. There is a small schedule that is in the Peach Pit. The 'Yes You Canopy' in Chela Mela is what Flow Arts is in the Bubble.

Justin: The only thing not mentioned was the Steward-Ship, which is a great opportunity to espouse the stewardship that we are doing onsite.

Chewie: I want to add something relevant to the stewardship. I saw a male scarlet tanager the other day and I've never seen one on the property.

Hilary: This year is giving us a good test run for the Crafts Lot, like, rental tents, set-up, pulling equipment together, and engaging with people that have not been on the site before. So, thank you Charlie for having the foresight to spread this over a couple of years. We are really going to have a solid foundation for next year.

Kirk: As we are building all the new spaces, don't forget to enjoy watching the building in our space. The CLOG effort has begun to bring fruit.

Member Input

Chewie: Tag before you pitch! The cleared space is for the 1600 people that are moving from the Crafts Lot. Tents without a tag will be taken down.

Jen-Lin: For the Camping Crew, I want to thank everyone that helped clear the South

Woods. There have been a number of work parties that helped immensely. From the Elections Committee, now is a good time to determine if you are going to run for the Board in October. Candidate statements are due in August, but now is when you have prime networking time. More information will be coming at: <http://oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/Committees/CommitteeHome.php>

Casey: How might one register as a member and be able to vote in the election?

Chewie: There are registration forms at QuarterMaster now, at Registration when you get your passes, and at the Information booths during the Fair.

Jen-Lin: There are also registration forms: <http://oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/memberform.pdf>

Brad: As crew moves into their campsites, please look up before you pitch your tent. Tree and Site crews have done an amazing job, of clearing the hazards from all the public spaces. That does not exempt us from all the acreage in the area where we camp. If you find a branch that is hazardous, go to QM and get it in the Tree book and report exactly where you are.

Kirk: Thank you to all the crews out working. It has made pre-Fair an amazing experience. Kitchen and QuarterMaster do not get noticed, but does a lot of work pre-Fair. Also a biased shout out to my own Construction crew that has created things we've never created before.

Paxton: I want to thank Tim Holtz for the 70 LED lights he's making for Recycling. These lights will go in the Recycling kiosk areas to identify them. This came as a challenge that I threw out to the LED Fairies list last year. These lights use dead batteries and get the last little juice out of them.

Sleeve: This has been a long and difficult problem and now it's solved.

Mouse: I want to share my joy and amazement for the energy around this place. The Fair itself is cosmic thing, but watching the fair before hand makes me feel good. At the Old Timers picnic last night, I watched the beehive of energy coming out of the kitchen. It's really cool.

Chewie: I wanted to thank every single person who has worked for months before Main Camp opened. I also want to re-emphasize what Brad said on the 'look up' and there are trees still in the canopy.

Dean: I'd like to give a big thanks to Shane and crew for the new pedestrian path in off Suttle Road to allow our thousands of people from the neighborhood camps to come in.

Robin: In honor of Culture Jam and our effort to steward the land, we will be giving out Culture Jam water bottles to all of the kids and staff members. These bottles have original art on it— no more plastic bottles at CJ!

Secretary's Report

Randy: As we all hit 'full tilt boogie' and go headlong into our three-day event, don't forget to wrap some kindness into your boogie.

Treasurers' Report

Hilary: Money is flying out this time of the year. We are on that the roller coaster ride. There are many people we need to thank for keep our finances grounded and continue to implement the budget. Many of us have worked other events, so we know that what

we do is really special. Our sharing, creating for the future, and handing it off to our youth is very special. We are so lucky to be a part of this.

Jon: Is it true that for the Craft Jury fees, we budgeted \$1000 for income and it really is \$2822.38?

Hilary: Yes

Old Business

Jack moved and Chewie seconded that Shane has fulfilled his probation period and the letter Charlie wrote will suffice for PNP sign off.

Brad: I'm happy that we're endorsing the PNP as part of the process.

Bear: I second what Brad said, and I'm glad we are doing this today. It makes me very happy.

Jon: I have an opposing viewpoint concerning whether the Board or GM should be making the end of probation decision because the Board retains hiring and firing authority.

Indigo: I want to acknowledge what Shane has been doing. I've witnessed the way you interact with people and it is so generous and kind.

Motion passed: 10-0

Bear moved and Jon seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the June 2nd Board meeting.

Motion passed: 10-0

Jack moved and Paxton seconded to have Michael William Miller coordinate and execute the candidate's forum on September 20th at the Hub Yurt. The money for this event will come from the Change Line item.

Robert: This is the day we picked and have it set with Michael.

Sue: I am a crafter and I make my livelihood on Saturday and I really wish that this were another day.

Bear: I believe that it was a faux pas to not consult the crafters.

Kirk: I would like a friendly amend to have this on September 21st.

Jack: I am fine with the friendly amendment for Sunday at 2:00, assuming that Rich Locus and Michael Miller can make it.

Bear: There are other venues for the Candidate's Forum.

Jack: I will work with Robert to get Rich and Michael, who are the videographer and sound engineer, to see if we can coordinate on a different day if possible. I will accept the friendly amendment for Sunday the 4th. We can resolve this at August board meeting. The Candidate's Forum cannot continue to be an ad hoc affair. We are trying to move to a solid date. This was at great imposition to those pulling it off, namely Rich and Michael.

Hilary: This came about so that people could see it online. I would remind people there are three venues for candidates to get out their view: via video, at the member meeting and at the Candidate Forum.

JonP: We can get this approved at August meeting.

Robert: There was a bunch of discussion and this was the best date that we could find a month ago.

Jack: The meeting is set to be on Saturday, we'll see if we can move to Sunday, but foremost is to make it happen.

Spirit: Saturday Market and the Oregon Country Fair are interconnected. We are all volunteers, so please keep this in mind. This is a good friendly amendment.

Jon: I am in support of this and any expenses will come out of Change Line item. I would like to have friendly amendment for a budget for the Candidate's Forum at the August Board meeting.

Jack: We can create a new budget line if we need to.

Jon: The Candidate's Forum is different than the general meeting in that it focuses on the candidates and the issues they see the Fair facing. If we wait until the General Meeting a good deal of the membership has already voted.

Indigo: I like that our family has the opportunity to present the candidate's view. Debating questions that are operational is not the same as those that are policy in nature. There is no date that will be good for everyone. Those that cannot make the forum can see the video.

Chewie: The people that are putting the Candidate's Forum have worked very hard to put this together on this date. It may not be feasible to change the date this year. The amendment for the 21st is based on what the volunteers can do. I respect the volunteers for all they've done.

Bear: What is the current motion?

Jack: The motion is as I was initially read – **"Jack moved and Paxton seconded to have Michael William Miller coordinate and execute the candidates forum on September 20th at the Hub Yurt. The money for this event will come from the Change Line item."** We will move to the 21st if the coordination by the audio/visual can be accomplished.

Kirk: I appreciate the ability to recognize the Saturday Market dates and times.

Motion passed: 10-0

President's Peace:

Jack: It's been a long pre-Fair and rather than be specific about the effort, I want to give a deep felt thanks from me personally. Whoever and whatever we've done and contributed, it's taken a toll on people's lives and family lives. I'm not sure how you extend a true appreciation for everyone's contribution, but I want to extend an extreme thanks to all those families. We are going to have a new fresh appearance that came about under the extreme circumstances. All those people have been really important for us to pull this off.

Draft Agenda for August 4 Board Meeting:

Approve Board meeting minutes from June 29, 2014

Consider advocacy donations for ballot initiatives in August, (Jon and Bear co-sponsoring)

Donation/sponsorship to the Festival of Eugene, an alternative to the Eugene Celebration (Jon)

All catered volunteer functions of OCF to provide meals with only 100% free GMO foods (Casey)

Appoint Tom Barr to LUMP Committee (Paxton)

Consent Calendar items:

Oregon Supported Living Program (OSLP) for \$1000 (Chewie)

Friends of Civic Stadium (Sue)

Eugene Sunday Streets for \$500

For September:

Youth Empowerment Symposium

Girl Circus for \$1500

Civil Liberties Defense Center (\$500)



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2014**

Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta St,
Eugene OR

Bells at 7pm

Directors present: Jack Makarchek (president), Indigo Ronlov (vice-president), Kirk Shultz, Sue Theolass, Paxton Hoag, Lucy Kingsley, Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence 'LT' Taylor, Bear Wilner-Nugent, Casey Marks-Fife (alternate voting in place of Chewie). Directors absent: Diane Albino (alternate), John 'Chewie' Burgess. Staff and officers present: Charles Ruff, norma sax, Shane Harvey, Steve Gorham (co-treasurer). Facilitator: Martha Evans. Minutes: Bill Ganser (sub for recording secretary Randy Turney). Peach Gallery: 16 Fair Family and 5 guests were present.

Agenda Review

During the Treasurer's Report a request will be made to add a new bank account (norma).

Jon asked for the Festival of Eugene donation request for \$1000 to be moved onto the consent calendar because there is a non-profit sponsor now. The board agreed and the request was moved.

The appointment of Tom Barr to LUMP was tabled to September (Paxton).

New Business

Automatic delivery of absentee ballot to members (Kirk): It is so moved that qualified membership will automatically receive an absentee ballot for the annual election. The Board of Directors directs the election committee to research ways to accomplish this. Recommendations to do so will be brought to the Board of Directors by the March 2015 board meeting with intent to implement by the 2015 election cycle.

Pre-post fair crews receive support equity with event crews (Kirk): It is so moved that the Budget and Financial Planning committees shall address current policy regarding time required to be eligible for pass and support items. They shall work with management to identify possible inequities and their remedies between the high time commitment pre-fair crews and lower time commitment event crews. Recommendations for possible adjustments shall be available for discussion at the 2014 Board of Directors retreat and for discussion and voting at the November 2014 board meeting.

Establish working SOP status (Kirk): It is so moved that the Board of Directors directs management to identify crews that indicate they rely on working SOs to complete some of their jobs. Recommendations for acknowledging this category of volunteer effort and for providing some support for them shall be available for discussion at the 2014 board of Directors retreat and for possible discussion and voting during the November 2014 board meeting.

Adjustments to Coordinator expense policy (Kirk): It is so moved that the Budget and Financial Planning committees shall review the current Coordinator expense policy and make recommendations to the Board of Di-

rectors to provide better equity between larger and smaller crews. Recommendations are to be available for discussion at the 2014 Board of Directors retreat and for discussion and voting at the November board meeting.

Contribution to the Community Center fund (Bear).

Donate to the Youth Empowerment Symposium (Sue).

Approve the radio station task force structure (Paxton).

Approve the radio station task force work plan (Paxton).

Direct the Food Committee to give preference to organic food booths and develop a system to verify them (Paxton).

Announcements

Kirk Renaldi from construction crew has passed away. Suzy Scroggins from refer crew and Jill Heiman Vision Fund Committee has passed away. (norma)

Pictures of the parking lots at 3pm Saturday are being passed around. (Steve)

Recycling Crew's Robert Painter's July 22 scan shows he is free of cancer. (Lawrence)

We should share love for our lost friend Kirk Renaldi who I camped with and worked with on the construction crew. (Kirk)

Staff Reports

Charlie: Well I am not sure where to start with this month's BOD report it has truly been a whirlwind of activity for the last couple of months and even though the Fair only ended three weeks back it seems like a sweet memory from long ago. Yesterday was the first day of Culture Jam and we still have not had any real let up in activity since things ramped up in early March. As soon as CJ is over we will turn the site around in a few short days and get it all ready for the Teddy Bear picnic. As soon as we can put the picnic away we have the Celebration parade followed by the Beaver Open. Somewhere after Labor Day we can start to put the site activities slowly to rest and then perhaps recover a little ourselves and move on to the long range planning issues that await. First I think I should go back a bit and start over.

Considering the winter & spring we endured, I can only say that from my perspective we had a wonderful Fair event for 2014. Our attendance was good, the weather was good and our celebration was awesome! The bubble we blew was great fun and a really useful exercise as we prepare to complete the path expansion in Crafts Lot next year. The rebuilds of the Main Camp Kitchen, Morningwood Odditorium, the security tower and of course the fabulous Dragon were all inspired and led to far more functional and visually appealing spaces. I am truly amazed at how much work, both new and perennial, was accomplished by our incredible volunteers!

Our exact ticket sales for this year were as follows; Friday: 15,651; Saturday: 17,678; Sunday: 11,906, for a three-day total of 45,235 paying daytime visitors. That is very close to last year's total attendance of 45,801 and above the budget projections we set each fall. I believe that had the early Sunday morning threat of rain and thundershowers, and the actual amount of rain that fell in Eugene been a little less severe, we would have probably been 1,000 people higher on Sunday. As it turned out that early sprinkle at the site and the following cloud cover made for a truly pleasant last day of Fair. The most amazing thing of all to me is that for the first time ever we sold out of three-day tickets about two hours before they would have gone off sale

anyway. We had 4,900 three-day ticket holders attend the Fair this year our biggest single year leap in quite some time. This will drive us to have a conversation at our joint Budget & Long Range Financial Planning Committee meeting in September about where we want the numbers to be for three-day tickets over the coming years. I expect that even though this was a very expensive year, with considerable investments in infrastructure (which should serve us for many years), crews, storm recovery and repair, The Crafts Lot Bubble and almost all other areas of the Fair, when all is said and done that we will end up at least slightly in the black for 2014 and that is a very good thing.

Now that Culture Jam is underway and as August unfolds, we will start to get back to much of the other business of the Fair as a staff. Norma, Hilary and I are pushing to complete the list of materials for our accountants at Jones & Roth to get our annual review wrapped up. Thom Lanfear and I expect to have a package together for the BOD updating where we are at in our SUP process and are still plan to get that in motion at the county level this fall, pending BOD approval. I know that Tony will be turning back to the multiple website projects that are underway and should be able to give a report back on those in greater detail at the September BOD meeting.

There is also quite a bit of work to be done at the committee level following the Fair this year and I will be meeting with the Food, Craft, Community Center, and Path Planning committees within the next few weeks. As you well know there are some large issues facing each of these committees over the coming months. We will be diving into the issues that came up around Craft Inventory, Craft Committee and several booths shortly before the Fair started with some urgency. The Food Committee also has quite a bit of post-Fair work to dive into. The Community Center committee will be facilitating the rescheduled design charrette on Saturday September 27th from 11:00 am through 4:00 pm at the LCC Longhouse. This will be a very important meeting for this project and is your best chance to participate in shaping the future of this important project so please make time to join us if you are interested.

The BUM team has already met to debrief this year's Fair and capture as much as possible while things are still reasonably fresh and make sure that items requiring timely follow up are being taken care of. We also laid the groundwork for our team retreat which will take place in September. It is my goal to have our reporting together somewhat earlier this year for the BOD so there is more time for you to process all of this info well before the 2014 BOD retreat.

Although there has not been much time to reflect, I want reiterate what an amazing thing the Fair was this year, while we are still not far removed from its healing and psycho-spiritually rejuvenating effects. There are not words to say how deeply touched and grateful I am for all of you and so many other things this year. I need to say thanks to all the volunteers who make this possible, any other organization in the world would be astounded by how much you care about and how much you give to make this all happen. To the crews and the coordinators who never cease to amaze me with their willingness and capacity to help create and build some-

thing so precious together, in an era where many find it more satisfying to tear things down and find flaws. An extra special thanks goes out to all of the pre-Fair crews like Site, Tree, VegManEc, Construction & several others who went above and beyond what would be considered above and beyond. Also a special thanks to the CLOG group, most of whom wear several hats at Fair already, their willingness to take on so much more and do it so well is inspirational to me. To all the booths who provide us with so much more than a product to buy or simple nourishment but where there is artistry, authenticity and connection in each individual element of their wares. To Whitebird who provides something so critical to our collective wellbeing but as only they could, in this most challenging of settings. To the entertainers who captivate us and give us some of the most visible and touching reminders of the magic that is constantly being created all around us at the Fair. To our teens and youth who remind us that we aren't doing this so much for us but so that their and future generations can experience what we have all come to consider essential about Fair and be positively transformed by it. To the Elders who persevere and continue to participate, many of whom who still find ways to give and volunteer informally, even as getting to and around the site grows more challenging for some. To all those willing to serve on committees, which can seem like a lot of process and not much action but which is fact really critical to our organizational capacity and visioning. To all of the BUMs on the management team without whom I could not function and for the incredible service they do on behalf of this family and organization, most of which goes unseen and unheralded. To the officers of the BOD who are entrusted with some of the most critical and detailed tasks of this organization and who do them so very well. To all of you willing to run for and serve on the BOD and be in the hot seat of leadership in such a strong minded collective as ours and to our BOD President who is always there to keep things in perspective. Finally, my deep love respect to the staff I am fortunate enough to work with on a year round basis, you all know what a gift it is to be able to work on behalf of the Fair but I doubt most will ever know how fortunate the Fair is that you are doing what you do, day in and day out, all year long.

What an amazing thing we are collectively, especially when we can join together and become so much greater than the sum of our parts. When we keep the greater good at the center of our hearts, even while knowing there are things that we might do better, we are pretty darn good at throwing the best Fair ever each July, in our magical woodland home and this one will always be particularly special to me. Jon asked for a report on the status of the website project; Charlie said we will be back to work on it and needs to talk with Tony about it.

Shane: The site is recovering and is in use now for Culture Jam and will be used soon for the picnic. The fire danger is still high. There are still concerns about weakened tree branches from last winter's storm and as they take up moisture this fall there will probably be more that fall. There were recently a couple of branches that fell near photo ID.

Shane mentioned, during his first post-

fair attendance, how he got to work with the quartermaster crew and how they make a great effort to finish; it's noted with thanks. He also thanked the camping crew, including Chewie, Marlene, Phillip, John K, and the others for their great efforts at establishing camping areas and getting campers settled.

norma: Thank you everyone for a great effort and a wonderful Fair. Now it's the aftermath and time to pay bills and that seems endless right now. The balance sheet is not updated as promised but will be delivered soon. The picnic is coming soon, August 16, and the performers will be the Sugar Beets and the Casey band. Our chickens are in a row but the volunteer list is too small so please sign up so the chickens will get cooked in time. The search is still underway for an ideal place for our monthly meetings; anybody is welcome to help; Indigo said there are possibilities brewing. The September 8 meeting is on site at Alice's fire pit. The October meeting will be here again. Jon asked norma about the cost for this room. norma said we pay \$55.

Committee Reports

Elders Committee: Peggy reported there is no report because the Elders have been partying and it takes a while to recover.

Path Planning Committee: Kirk said the next meeting is on August 17 on site after the picnic and there will be some walking around and discussion.

Vision Action Committee: Joseph said the committee needs additional members — it is important to do the work of making our vision and goals present in our efforts.

Election Committee: Bill reported the dates and deadlines for the 2014 Board of Directors election. August 25 is the deadline for candidate statements — you can find the application on the family website. September 18 is the last day to register as a member of the OCF in order to vote. October 3 is the last day to request an absentee ballot with enough time for mail delivery and return. An absentee ballot can be requested anytime before the election but will require pick-up and drop-off in person. The office staff do not provide absentee ballots — send email to elections@oregoncountryfair.org to request an absentee ballot. October 18 is the annual meeting and election at Whiteaker School in Eugene. The candidate forum schedule is not available yet. Paxton noted that Membership Advisory Questions for the ballot would also be due by August 25.

Community Center Committee: Charlie said there is a design charette meeting on September 27 at the LCC Longhouse from 11-4pm.

CLOG: Charlie said the CLOG meetings will resume soon and the group will get back to looking at the rest of the Crafts Lot work; thanks to Kirk, Hilary, Sallie, Tony, Justin and others.

Member Input

Jen-Lin said the Youth Empowerment Symposium wants to express thanks for the donation they received last year and letters were passed out to the board members.

Jill (Lot crew) said she is interested in working on an pre-Fair child care center and would like to know how to go about it. Charlie asked her to check in at the office soon. The current pre-Fair child care is evolving and has been organized by the crews working pre-Fair. A general pre-Fair child care facility is a good topic for discussion. Jon P said they do a great job up an Alice's now.

Indigo said we have had a sequence of four opening ceremonies (water, earth, air, fire) and she said the fire ceremony this year was a big

undertaking and a special thanks goes to the 50 or 60 people who helped with the ceremony and with tending the fire.

Martha said that Culture Jam is very united and cohesive this year and all those involved are appreciated. It is so wonderful and so many Fair family deserve thanks for all they do to help it take place. Lucy agreed and then demonstrated some special (rap) skills. Lawrence reminded the Board about board member invitations to open mic night. Indigo said that Altered Space, throughout the Fair event weekend, collects donations for Culture Jam and this year about \$830 was raised for Culture Jam scholarships.

Kirk said one of the great things to watch is the unfolding of the Fair in the last two weeks and said it is something to behold. No matter how much each of us do, its only a small part of the total; all of the great pre-Fair energy is so deeply appreciated.

Bill said the new pre-post / external security lot and space received a ton of accolades from all who spent time there and that all the thanks goes to pre-Fair construction for the great design and well-planned functional arrangements and all the work. Spirit agreed.

Paxton said he plans to show a video this year at the picnic called Magical Trio that was made a few years ago. It is a Tarot Card story of the Fair during the 40th anniversary.

Indigo said during the months before a budget was authorized for the work at Dragon Plaza she wanted time for the vision to develop but energy and creativity and love and passion came together during pre-Fair for the creation of our new Dragon. It is a wonderful new art addition to the site and the effort and skill involved in the creation was amazing. They were listening to the Dragon!

Sue shared that the momentary dismay and concern about this year's Sunday morning rain and the memory of 2009 was totally dispelled when everyone heard the Fighting Instruments of Karma coming down the path from Main Stage playing with such great energy. Thank you to the band!

Jon thanked everyone who helped set up the new dog control area including John K and construction and he expressed his appreciation for the service animal rest area that was used often.

Paxton said he wanted to thank Jennifer James-Long for the loan of two cameras and said we have some good Go Pro sequences from Monday morning showing parking lot traffic flow and from the decommissioning of the Daredevil Stage. The videos are posted on You Tube.

Spirit said the new photo ID booth in phenomenal and thanked construction for their work.

Consent Calendar

The donation requests on the consent calendar are 1) Eugene Sunday Streets, \$500, Bear; 2) Friends of Civic Stadium, \$500, Sue; 3) Oregon Supported Living Program, \$1000, Chewie; and 4) Festival of Eugene, \$1000, Jon. One new request is from the Civil Liberties Defense Center; no board member offered to sponsor the request.

Member input: Dennis Hebert spoke on behalf of the Civic Stadium request. A wide outreach is underway in an effort to keep the stadium and property in use as a public sporting facility. The vision has shifted from a ballpark to a multiuse facility with a field for soccer and other field sports. The organization has produced illustrations and bro-

chures and is in the process of trying to raise \$3 million by December in order to meet a city imposed requirement for city purchase. Steve asked about the current escrow amount (There is currently about \$200,000 in an escrow account) and he suggested the OCF funds should be added to that account. Jon P said our donation should be used for promotional materials. Rivka suggested using a 'kickstarter' account (they are planning that right now) and said in comparison to the business options that the public space is much more important for our kids and athletes and community. Discussion shifted to other requests. Joseph acknowledged Jon Silvermoon and Krysta, the organizer for the Festival of Eugene, for their work and ideas when the announcement came about canceling the Eugene Celebration. Krysta said she had a number of Health and Wellness vendors applications settled and all those who planned to participate in the celebration were supportive of an alternative solution. While this will be a free event, it will take about \$21,000 to cover the expenses and fundraising is underway. The event will be staffed by volunteers and the artists are performing for free. Eugene Neighborhood Inc is the non-profit sponsoring the event.

The Board voted; the consent calendar passed 10-0.

Treasurer's Report and Budget

norma asked for a Board motion to establish a money market account for our 2014 revenues at Columbia Bank's local branch with norma sax, Hilary Anthony, Charles Ruff and Jack Makarchek as signers on the account. **Bear so moved and Indigo seconded.** Jon asked if this was a locally owned bank. norma said they are a regional bank. Charlie said we have accounts within safe limits at all the locally owned banking facilities and need to start using banking facilities with regional ownership. **The motion passed 10-0.**

Steve provided the Treasurer's report for 2014 attendance. The ticket sales for the three days were 15,685 on Friday, 17,700 on Saturday and 11,830 on Sunday for a total of 45,215. The budget was 41,500 so we exceeded the revenue projection. The attendance is close to last year. Jon asked about issues of insufficient funds checks from our vendors. norma said that most booth fees were collected before the event when booth reps were facing the choice of paying or departing.

Old Business

Indigo moved, Sue seconded, to approve the minutes from the July (June 29) board meeting. The motion passed 8-0. (Lucy and LT abstained because they were absent from that meeting.)

Jon moved, Bear seconded, the OCF make advocacy donations from the budget Change Line as follows: \$3225 to Yes on Measure 92 in support of GMO labeling; \$3000 to New Approach Oregon in support of Measure 91 for legalization of marijuana; \$500 to Vote Equal Rights Amendment for Women Committee in support of Measure 89 to amend the Oregon Constitution; and \$500 to Oregon Safe Roads in support of Measure 88 to uphold legislative action providing 4-year drivers licenses for those who cannot prove a legal presence in the United States. Bear indicated these donations will exhaust the budget for the Change Line.

Member Input: Joseph said it is good to

see the OCF flex its muscle within its legal capability as a non-profit. Steve asked about the \$500 donation for drivers licenses. Bear explained it is for directing the state to issue drivers licenses to undocumented residents of Oregon. Jon P questioned the wisdom of using all the funds in the Change Line.

Board Discussion: Bear said he and Jon agree on using our organization's limited capability to the fullest for support for these progressive ballot initiatives. Oregon has a very progressive suite of ballot measures this year and this support at this time is important to help get out the vote and it would be a mistake to hold back because the organizers really need the seed money at this time; with this donation we will have provided \$5000 in support of marijuana legalization as compared to \$10,000 provided to Colorado last year. Jon said we can wait to see this year's balance sheet results and then can add back to the Change Line if it is needed. Paxton asked about funding for the Candidate's Forum which has been funded from the Change Line in the past. LT said that no matter our position on immigration issues when people have a valid driver's license there is less incentive to avoid legal obligations and more incentive to obey the traffic laws which is good for all. Kirk said there were two marijuana measures recently but only one is on this motion. Bear said only one has made it onto the ballot. Lucy said she supports all these measures but objects strongly to using all the funds in the Change Line and will oppose this motion. Jack said in past years the Change Line funds have been used and have not been used in a consistent fashion but the intention has been for political use and if there are other needs the board budget can be explored for alternative sources. Jon said he appreciated that he and Bear are on common ground on this motion.

The motion passed 9-1 (Lucy opposed).

Casey moved, Jon seconded, it is so moved the OCF adopt the following 3 year program in an effort to eliminate GMO foods being served at catered volunteer functions of the Fair including, but not limited to, pre-fair, event hospitality, post-fair and Culture Jam by the year 2017. Casey said the information that was sent to the board also indicates that in 2015 we would target meats, in 2016 we target eggs and dairy, and in 2017 we target everything else on the list and that reasonable locally sourced, produced ethically, manufactured, cultivated products may be substituted situationally as mandated by kitchen coordinatorship.

Member input: Michael said this is a good motion with a lot of work and thought; the Fair will be directed to walk its talk. Crystalyn (Kitchen Cabinet) said this is great on paper but will be very difficult to implement; the kitchen budget will double, bacon cost will rise by about \$7500 if it is available; the certifications by USDA and the GMO Free Project are different and which will apply; what do we do if we cannot get the products; this means a significant addition to the workload and potential problems for the food buyer for the Fair. Steve said he is opposed due to the increased cost and also to the point about walking our talk; this does not fit for fair family with differing views; rather than looking for political correctness we should avoid being arbitrary. Joseph agreed this might not be the best idea and, for catered events the vendor list might be trouble; the motion should not be a mandate and should not be strict. Rivka said this would add to the OCF list of jump-throughs and will cause trouble for other preferences such as local sourcing; small

locals will probably not be able to certify; do we need to mandate or do we trust that our volunteers try? Charlie said he loves the spirit of this but we need clear standards and some thought about tracking and enforcement; with information we will need some steps to follow toward implementation and management. Peggy said she agrees with the idea but is concerned about making it work because labeling is not even required yet. Bill said that it is not clear what GMO means in this motion because, at this time, pigs are not genetically modified, only plants, and the intention should be clear if it is about only directly modified organisms or also about the subsidiary foods.

Crystalyn added the information that pre-fair kitchen has taken huge steps and this year the produce was 99% organic except when there were shortages; almost all eggs and milk were organic; there was no organic cheese available so non-organic was used; and the kitchen shifted from non-organic meat to 65% of the non-bacon protein (chicken, pork) coming from 100% grass fed local (within 10 miles) sources.

Jen-Lin said that small producers are not able to certify GMO free due to the costs even though they are certified organic so they would be considered GMO by default. If food is organic, is it non-GMO?

Board discussion: Sue said she loves this idea but knows the nightmare based on her work at Growers Market and the problems with getting information about the products from all the different sources; Monsanto wants to own the planet and is rigging the system against local, organic, sustainable producers. This is a really steep climb and this seems impractical. Indigo said this is really important; there are a lot of questions like whether we need a mandate versus a suggestion; the very fact that Monsanto is forcing the issue, organizations like ours going public and how we do it is really important; our statement is as important as giving to ballot measures; localism needs to be clarified; the motion could say we strive to use organic fair trade non-GMO locally sourced foods; we can make a declaration like this if we amend the motion.

Kirk said this is consistent with the 7th generation motion and is an effort to get there but it is complex so we should table and reconsider some generalization and target and if we need some teeth we could move to a task force to develop some dense and chewy type of standards.

Paxton said he would like to table this motion so he could read it carefully but really likes the goal and timeline; this could also apply to the catered board meals at board executive sessions and other meal functions.

Jon thanked Crystalyn for her percentage reports on organics this year and said it is very helpful for the board to see this information every year and the information is important and appreciated; regarding the motion we should remember that we moved to redevelop the Crafts Lot this year and it did not happen; we establish goals if we can't get there we adjust; if the motion is watered down we do not progress as well as evidenced by the diversity goal which does not have any specific benchmarks; we need something measureable; it could be good to table to December so we can see if Oregon will pass the GMO initiative and start labeling so we will have a clearer way to im-

plement this motion; we will also have time for Fair Family feedback.

Bear said he is not in favor of the motion for the reasons stated by Crystalyn in her letter; we do need aspirational goals regarding food buying choices; this motion is not so much policy as it is concrete guidance and this won't help with the kitchen budget struggle which was turned around last year.

Jack said the expression "genetically modified organism" helps us understand the effect on the notion of organic, local sourcing and sustainability; emerging nations are taking on our appetites and people are choosing a diet that the planet cannot sustain. It's a food crisis. People would rather use the GMO food sources than make the harder choices for a sustainable planet and environment. The marketing is changing our diets to support the profits of big agriculture. The effects of GMO are not yet clear on humans but there is impact on the lower levels of life on the planet. This is a worthy cause for the wellbeing of all beings and is basic and important; whether we vote tonight or not I will take a position for sustainability.

LT said our example is important and this issue cannot be overstated; the message we send is really important and this is bigger than questions of how to shape our budget; we should craft a motion and policy we can agree on and follow; we should not vote no on a GMO motion and we should table.

Casey said thanks for the discussion; lots has been said; I will entertain friendly amendments or verbiage changes but all the rights for potential substitution and reasonable choices remain with coordinators and crews;

I did not present this because it is popular or easy; how long did it take for knowledge to overcome the use of cigarettes; how long will it take for knowledge about GMO affects to become known?

As Jon said, this puts in writing for our organization and it has teeth, fuzzy and soft language leaves out; I am not suggesting a bump of kitchen budget by 20k; but by a few thousand for meats the first year along with some cutting back; volunteers get a little less

because we as collective have decided that we will not support GMO products.

One person should not be charged with controlling the safety of our food and we need a task force, I have no qualm about tabling to December but regardless, it doesn't change what we are trying to say;

In the verbiage we have a plan that empowers our volunteers to make choices and decisions and as an organization we can lead and then we can even accelerate the rate we do these things.

Like Charlie Ruff has said, when we can put the greater good over our individual good, we are doing what we were sent here to do; I would like to vote on this and so will read the motion again, we can take the bull by the horns and do more for ourselves; the garden crew pumps out produce and the garden can grow; costs are rising on meat and on many other basic food forms, our food costs will continue to rise.

I want a vote now and will read the motion again and if it fails I'll bring the motion back again in November for another vote in December.

Casey restated the motion: **It is so moved that the OCF adopt a the following three year program in an effort to eliminate genetically modified organism foods from being served at catered volunteer functions of (he amended the language from "the Fair" to read "Main Camp kitchen") Main Camp kitchen including, but not limited to, pre-fair kitchen, event hospitality, post-fair kitchen and culture jam by the year 2017 with the caveat that reasonable locally sourced, produced, ethically manufactured, cultivated, fair traded products may be substituted situationally as mandated by kitchen coordinatorship. Martha asked if the second (Jon) accepted the amendment. Jon said he did not accept it. Indigo seconded the amended motion.**

Member input on the amended motion: Jon P suggests the motion be tabled for development. Joseph said to tabling and rewrite. Norma said this is a huge conversation and needs some experience and implementation ideas. **Bear moved, LT seconded, to table this motion to December. The motion passed 7-3 (Casey, Indigo and Jack opposed).**

President's Peace

Everybody pays attention to what's happening in the world today and in the midst of that awareness we have this wonderful celebration, a courageous and powerful thing. Those that are suffering also celebrate and know it is important to do so just like it is important to us. Our celebratory vision is an expression of love and joy and we gather and we create our celebration. I think we need to address that, exactly, any place we can to help the planet and its beings towards peace and coexistence. We add to what we do with our vision, and we create lightness, but it's pretty daunting out there. I last heard there are 42 conflicts in the world; there is a huge amount of suffering over people not being able to get along together. We need to reaffirm and show how we get along and how we strive to reach consensus. It's a most difficult challenge and in our next 50 years as we grow and become more diverse, keeping that consensus will allow us to continue to come together and celebrate.

Bells at 9:50pm

Business Agenda for September

Consent Calendar donation requests: 1) Civil Liberties Defense Center, \$500, no sponsor; 2) Youth Empowerment Symposium (awaiting the application), Sue

Approve the August 2014 minutes

Automatic delivery of absentee ballot to members (Kirk)

Pre-post fair crews receive support equity with event crews (Kirk)

Establish working SOP status (Kirk)

Adjustments to Coordinator expense policy (Kirk)

Contribution to the Community Center fund (Bear).

Approve the radio station task force structure (Paxton).

Approve the radio station task force work plan (Paxton).

Direct the Food Committee to give preference to organic food booths and develop a system to verify (Paxton).



Uh-oh! Unattributed image from the internet!