

Oregon Bluegrass Association



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Membership and Board

Held Sunday April 14, 2019 at the Mult. Arts Center, 7688 SW Capital Hwy, Portland

Chris Knight called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm, and gave all 43 folks a warm welcome. He then introduced the attending directors & corporate officers, and thanked them for their service. Since our treasurer, Patrick Seafeld was not feeling well & had to leave, he provided the financial report. He advised that we have around \$21,000 spread over 6 accounts, and are in good financial shape.

He then introduced Ron Preston, whom provided a brief update of accomplishments and activities for the last year, and advised of a monthly meeting review report that is available (See Below). He advised that the OBA Concert Series, and the Streaming Web Radio projects have been put on temporary hold until financial sponsorship can be arranged. He also provided an update from Liz Crane regarding the status of the Southern Oregon Chapter. They are doing well and sponsor a monthly jam in Southerland. They advised that due to low turnout, they will no longer hold a campout-concert at the Eagleview Campground. They are considering other activities, and will advise.

He then introduced Dave Hausner whom reported we have 202 members, including; 188 Individual members, 2 Advertisers, 12 Bands, plus 42 lifetime memberships (Individual, Advertiser, Band, and Organizational) Chris then provided Steve Reischman with a lifetime membership award for his ongoing support of the OBA since the beginning in 1982.

He then introduced Linda Leavitt whom advised the membership of all the folks involved with editing, organizing, writing, proof reading and making the OBA Express the wonderful news letter it is. She then introduced Mimi Dobler, whom is interested in becoming Volunteer Director, and then;

- A **motion** was duly made by Chris and seconded by Linda and by a unanimous vote of the membership & directors, Mimi was approved as our Volunteer Director.

Then Pat Connell was introduced and reported on the Express advertisement program for bands, events and sponsors. He advised that the ad support is now paying the costs of publishing the Express. He also advised that we are working on getting the web radio project running again by this June.

Chris then reported the Waller grant winners, Reed Stutz & Ellie Hakanson, to be presented checks of \$750 each for their musical studies and music projects.

Chris provided review of grants received, and our goals for the year. He advised of the \$1990 Cultural Arts Grant for this June's Gay Pride parade & OBA promotion booth. He advised of our Chick's Kids program, our sponsored jams, our support of the Multnomah Grange #71 concert series from October to May, this summer's festival support list (card list available), and our annual pickers retreat at ZigZag Mt. Farm this August 23-25 @ \$15per person per night. Items in the works; festival outreach volunteers, open quarterly director meetings, and the new BG Special Series.

Molly McCall volunteered to help Dave with membership welcoming and subscription expiration. We added 9 new and renewing members at the meeting. Thank you all for your support.

The meeting was then closed at 1:45, and the silent auction results were announced.

Minutes of the Annual Director's Meeting

Chris opened the meeting at 2pm, and asked if there were any items for discussion not already covered. There being none, he welcomed Mimi Dobler.

Ron asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the March 12th Special meeting, and then;

- A **motion** was duly made by Chris and seconded by Tony and by a unanimous vote, the minutes of the March meeting were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2:05. Chris advised the next Special Meeting will be held on May 14th his residence.

Calendar Year 2018-19 Review

The following is a review of the actions and resolutions taken by the Board of Directors since the last annual meeting held on April 15, 2018.

- Apr: At last year's Annual Meeting, Tony McCormick advised that we have \$18,000 spread over 5 accounts, and are in good financial condition. The members were advised that at the next annual meeting, a review of the OBA streaming radio station will be presented. The corporate bylaws were amended, section 7 under the chapter addition, to simply read "proceeds from the annual Gospel Show will go into the OBA general fund". Our first Waller grant winners, Jennifer Dynes & Jane Rombouts, were presented checks for their studies. Fred Coats asked the members to applaud the OBA directors and volunteers for a job well done.
- May: The OBA Concert Series presented the *Kathy Kallick Band* at the Alberta Street Theater. We currently have 200 general members & 50 band, commercial & lifetime members.
- June: The OBA Concert Series presented *New Blue* at Alberta Street. The board approved a motion to support the (*Portland Radio Project*) PRP 99.1 FM, with \$340 per year for live performances of local bluegrass bands, and OBA advertisement. OBA runs an information & merchandise booth at the PDX Pride event.
- July: Treasurer Patrick Seafeld advised the board that we have over spent our general operating funds, and need to cut spending. Current balance is only \$889. The OBA Concert Series is put on hold, pending sponsorship before any more productions. Jack & Judy Livingston provide the OBA a quality handmade Quilt to raffle, and will award the winner at next year's Gorgegrass Festival.
- Aug: We had good merch sales at String Summit and Gorgegrass, but plan to discontinue the OBA streaming radio programming this month until regular funding can be appropriated. We supported Strum Fest and managed to breakeven with the event. Held the Annual Pickers Retreat at Zigzag Mountain Farm
- Sept: The board approved two motions, One to include an additional final page in future Express issues, to be used for contributing business sponsors, at a cost of \$100 per yr for a 1/8 page ad, to be reviewed & approved by the Express Ad committee before printing. And secondly to extend the streaming radio station for 2 more quarters at a cost of \$500 each, and review the end of February 2019.
- Oct: The board approved a motion to raise general membership to \$30 per year, 3yr to \$75, & no change for Bands.

- Nov: John Hart resigns as webmaster but will continue to host the radio. Tony resigns as President, to takeover as webmaster, and Chris Knight agrees to takeover as President. The board agrees to support the Multnomah Grange #71 concert program. We applied for a grant from the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition for our PDX Pride program.
- Dec: The board approved a motion to suspend the OBA radio operation the end of the month.
- Jan: David Day collects sponsors to cover all expenses at the 2019 Sonny Hammond Gospel Show which brought in \$2,369. Pat Connell takes over Express Ad sales.
- Feb: We receive \$1,990 from the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition for our PDX Pride event in June. Had a great experience at Wintergrass, and recovered a little over half of our expenses.
- Mar: Approved 2 Steve Waller Grant applications, Reed Stutz & Ellie Hakanson at \$750 each. Approve the April 14th annual membership meeting venue at Multnomah Arts Center. Approved the August 23rd – 25th Annual Pickers retreat at ZigZag Mountain farm. We currently have 215 general members & 46 band, commercial & lifetime members.