

Oregon Country Fair ELDERS COMMITTEE meeting minutes (DRAFT)

The meeting began at 7:11 p.m. on **March 24, 2011** at the Oregon Country Fair office.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson, Janet Tarver, Patricia Van Esso and Dee Wirak.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Don Doolin, Cindy Muntwyler and David Peasley

OTHERS PRESENT: Licia Shultz (FACILITATOR), Sue Moore, Patti Marx, Jain Elliott, Jerry Joffe, Jon Pincus, Reggie DeSoto, Mark Pankratz and David Hay

SCRIBE: Dee Wirak

Motion to approve the March 3, 2011 meeting's minutes was made by Alan, seconded by Chris. All approved.

APPLICATIONS- Someone must have used a very old form without the signature line. Applicants' signatures are needed on the form in order to be approved. An agreed upon procedure was recommended: the person would be called to verify that this was their application and asked for permission for the caller to sign on their behalf, and indicate on the form.

An additional 21 applications have been reviewed and were approved for elder status bringing our total to 574. Presently there are 4 remaining applications pending further review. Deadline for requesting elder status is April 1.

One case was brought forward for discussion and review. The elders committee agreed that this person's request be denied due to a lack of documented years of contribution to the fair. There was discussion about what "contribute to the fair" means, we are the body that decides; sometimes this must be done on a case by case basis as the fair was less bureaucratic in the early years. Our database of issued wristbands does not go back that far. For verifications, we rely on phone calls and persons to vouch for one another.

PASSES-The first step of the agreement with operations has been completed. Using the March 15 deadline, elder requests for camping passes for the 2011 fair have derived at these finite numbers: 419 elder passes, 314 companion passes, 209 vehicle stickers and 52 outtasite parking stickers.

Someone questioned whether the additional new applicants processed tonight create a potential problem with our numbers. The due dates conflict this year but we are hopeful to avoid problems.

Someone complained online about having received an unnecessary mailing as they will be working the fair. When elders respond to the Letter of Intent sent earlier, if they indicate then that they are working they will not be sent a pass request form.

COMPASSION-An email request from a deceased elder's family member was read. A family member from Brazil would like to come to this years fair for a final farewell. The

request for the pass would be supported by the committee, Chris will present the request to Charlie for a compassion pass (refer to Jon if a back up plan is necessary).

COORDINATORS REPORT-Dates to be aware of: April 2 from 12-4 at the Yurt there will be a fair wide camping crew meeting; Kay, Chris and Alan plan to attend. May 7: Spring Fling. May 29 is the next scheduled Coordinator's potluck. July 4 there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Event at the fair site. A pyrotechnacrat will be providing the fireworks, DO NOT bring your own! Stay overnight and plan to help cleanup in the morning. This event is not open to the public.

There are a number of duplicate names on the membership list, birthdates would help. The new website is being established: ocfcommons.oregoncountryfair.net

CAMPING-We have received three calls to request camping at elders; sites can be marked at the first work party on April 16.

TIMELINE/ARCHIVES- All of the minutes of the 1990's decade have been read and the timeline exhibit is in process.

If anyone has the Peach Pit from the following years: 1990, 1996 or 1998 please contact Jerry, he would love to see them and they will be returned. Posting the request on the OCF discuss list was recommended.

STILL LIVING ROOM-A letter was posted on the wonderful elders requesting workers for three hour shifts during the fair. Workers will host the entertainment, clean up, assist with traffic flow; the last worker stays til SWEEP. Janet requests funds to purchase up to 2 \$15 prepaid cell phones for workers if needed so contact can be made during the fair, agreed.

It was suggested that a project repair work party be organized for during the retreat. The storage barn is packed wall to wall. There will be help on hand to move the kiosk to Zen Acres. The banner needs to be replaced. Janet will bring 7 yards of material to the retreat where we will repair the signage and kiosk.

Janet needs the cloth canopy delivered for cleaning next week, Chris will arrange.

FARTS UPDATE-There are already 4 requests of the 5 needed for second shuttle operators. History of transitioning this service from elder to crew services discussed.

HORSE CREW-Horses have worked the fair since the very beginning. Reggie brought photos and a beautiful draping with the embroidered peach logo. The drapes will be on worn and displayed during the upcoming Veneta parade and Eugene celebration. The elders committee supports Reggie in his effort to have the Peach Pit cover display the horse and logo on this years cover. He will contact Amy Wolfsen (an FFN cover will be pursued as second choice).

RETREAT PLANNING-Meal planning-Saturday lunch is potluck, Sunday lunch is leftovers, Sunday breakfast will be eggs and something simple. Saturday dinner will be rice, vegies and chicken or fish. Hat was passed for food purchasing. Alan and Patricia

will shop for food, coordinating with Eric who will bring out and open up Alice's Friday night. He will also provide entertainment Saturday night.

Agenda discussion resulted in the following with tentative timeframes to adjust as needed (the agenda and time frames will be posted and visible, staying on topic and small group breakout discussions with reports back to the larger group are planned)

Saturday, April 9

10-10:30: Agenda review and protocol discussion

10:30-noon: Still Living Room and 2011 Fair Events (small breakout groups will be created for the afternoon)

12-1: lunch

1-2: breakout groups

2-3: breakout groups report

3-5: camping-present nuts and bolts, future

7 p.m. dinner

evening entertainment

Sunday, April 10

10-?: Newsletter and continued development. Project repair work session will follow.

1:00 Council meeting: Future growth, long term parking and land use issues.

Licia recapped the meeting, adjourning at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting following the retreat, will be 7 p.m., April 28 at the fair office.