

5-26-16 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Heather Kent, Roger Lesiak, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, Patricia Van Esso and Dee Wirak (also note taker).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Cohn, Jain Elliott, Michael James Long,

OTHERS PRESENT: Robb Bokich, Jeff Wille, Georgia Bartlett, Patty Marx, Megan Clark, Chris Harrison, and Licia Shultz (meeting facilitator)

MINUTES-A late correction to the last month's minutes has been noted (John K. not Kay) also, Chris states that she does not need to be on the Elders Committee. Minutes approved.

GUEST ISSUE-Robb and his stepson Jeff have come to present their case to the Elders Committee. Robb's Pillow Furniture booth members related their experience in trying to hand down the booth to family crafter. Robb has serious health issues and one year his health was further compromised during fair when he was told that his booth would be closed if he-the booth rep-left for the hospital. Food booths are allowed to have a backup rep but crafter's need to be juried in. Jeff has worked in the booth for the past 6 years apprenticing and co-creating pillows, which he has done at their shop for the past 10 years. He has tried to get juried in three times but has been short a couple of points. They were told that someone would help them with the process but this has never happened or he was given the run around to dead end.

Robb has spoken at BoD meetings a couple of times and there has been a lot of verbal support and discussion of granting family members additional points to their jury score to facilitate generational succession of booth selling the same craft. There has been no follow through. There is no place to indicate family preference or reference on the application for crafters, no mechanism has been developed for awarding weight to family crafter applications.

Robb has also tried to file a grievance but was told that since no Fair policy has been violated this was not the proper channel. Now this year which would have been his 42nd fair, OCF response has been to hold back his booth registration packet, he's being shut out of the fair.

Diane and Robert agree to be ombudsmen, they will arrange to speak with Tom and then others as indicated.

A BoD policy to address generation succession of craft should be considered. A motion is indicated. Robb offers to assist in anyway.

FYI- Robb's Pillows made and donated, at the fair's request, a 20 foot long pillow for use in the dragon at Childcare.

LETTER-A letter was received from elder, Bicoastal Café booth rep, Peggi, informing us of her situation addressing health issues, temporary booth reps and dealing with the Fair's Food Committee. She was told by the Committee rep to get a lawyer-which she did and was then reprimanded for getting a lawyer, accused of negativity and is now put on a forced leave of absence. CeDaR is available to help with resolving conflict and we hope this would be a helpful resource.

MEETING PLACE- **June 23 meeting is at Kay's.** Potluck is 6 p.m. with meeting to start at 7 p.m. Jain and Bonita would like ride from Eugene.

In the fall, we will return to the Oregon Country Fair office due to handicap accessibility issues at the Grower's Market location. Peggy will put our meeting on the calendar at the fair office. (starting September 22, 2016) Meetings are not scheduled for July and August.

LINKS ON WEBSITE- Several expressed difficulty using the links at the Elders page of the Fair's website. ELDERWORDS were recently mailed. Elders can opt in to receive their newsletter via email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- There is a volunteer opening/pass position for driver with CDL with tanker endorsement.

GEEZER PLEEZER-Banner made by Chris and Licia was displayed-BEAUTIFUL-lights have been obtained and routes will be determined.

CAMPING-Peggy met with Phil from camping crew. Additional sites for Elder camping are secured for 10-11 tent sites in the bottom of Miss Piggy's, near the highway and horse corrals. It is far, flat, needs to be cleaned out. These are primitive sites, no water or electricity. Peggy will make a list of requirements for campers and send for our preview. Campers must check in at the Elder Central hospitality tent. The Geezer can access the South Woods area it and it is suggested that we add the site to our route. Gator assistance should be sought for loading/unloading.

NEXT ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING is June 23 at Kay's. Potluck is 6 p.m. with meeting to start at 7 p.m.

Meetings are not scheduled for July and August. September 22 Elders Committee meeting, 7 p.m. **at the OCF office.**

Fall retreat-Alice's is reserved for October 8-9