

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Pending approval at Oct. 24, 2019 Meeting

September 26, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Jain Elliott, Robert Jacobs, Heather Kent, Kay Kintzley, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson and Ann Rogers

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Lesiak, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Patricia Van Esso, Dee Wirak

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Berkson, Leroy Cully, Kehn “mambo” Gibson, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), Annemarie Hirsch, Chris Howe (Harrison), Patty Marx, Jon Pincus, Jan Royalty, Jerry Shultz, Licia Shultz (facilitator)

LOCATION: Grower’s Market

MEETING TIME: 7 p.m.

Intros, announcements, agenda items

Announcements

- Conflict Resolution Retreat at Alice’s: Sat. Oct. 5th, 9 am – 5 pm and Sun. Oct. 6th, 9 am – Noon
- Arbitration Training at Alice’s. RSVP needed: Sun. Oct. 6th 1 pm – 4 pm
- Candidate Forum, Whirled Pies, 8th & Charnelton, Eugene: Sun. Oct. 6th, 5 – 8 pm
- Annual Meeting, Whiteaker Elementary School, 21 N. Grand, Eugene: Sat. Oct. 19th, 6:30 pm
- Elders Committee Meeting, Grower’s Market: Thurs. Oct. 24, 7 pm
- Elder’s Retreat, Alice’s. Time TBA: Sat./Sun. Oct. 26/27

Approval of June Meeting Minutes Katie C. made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Alan seconded. The motion was passed 10-0.

Agenda Items

- Budget Report
- SLR Storage
- Hospitality Subcommittee Report
- Elders Budget Report
- New Elders Applications
- 2019 Elder Camp Report
- Email Protocols for Ecocf and Wonderful OCF Elders groups
- October Elder Retreat Planning

BUDGET REPORT – Katie C.

Our year-end report is not finalized. Expenses for Geezer Pleaser costs have not yet been reported by Quartermaster. Our total budget allowance is \$3,500. Any unspent money does not roll over.

The question was asked if we could discuss the budget at our October retreat. Katie isn’t certain when our next budget report is due. Steven mentioned a due date of Oct. 14. Katie will double check. If budget is due prior to the retreat, she’ll make a unilateral decision. If we have more time, it can be put on the retreat agenda. (Per email from Katie C. on 9/27/19, the budget is due on 10/14/19). The group also agreed to put Capital Projects on the retreat agenda.

STILL LIVING ROOM STORAGE – Eric N.

Jerry still has a trailer load of SLR materials at their place, and everything else is stored in the outbuilding in Elmira. Terry Baxter picked up the timelines and stored at the OCF office. The timeline posters require climate control.

Eric thinks it may be possible to unload the items from Jerry's trailer into the Elmira storage space. He has a message out to the owners to get permission to return to their place. The owners are frequent travelers, so he is guessing they are currently out of town.

Eric suggested we write a grant to the fair to obtain funds to build our own storage. Jerry doesn't know if the fair is even thinking about finding replacement storage lost to the damaged storage barn. Another option is to make a capital appropriation request to build storage on fair site, specifically Doug's Green.

Another idea would be to take an old RV trailer frame and build a deck on it. It would measure 8x8x20. SLR items could be stored on the trailer deck and covered with tarps. It could be moved using the gaiter. Ann stated that Archeology uses an old boat trailer with tarp to store their booth materials.

Another possibility is to outright buy a storage trailer.

Eric is most in favor of coming up with our own storage so that we have full control. There was general agreement from the committee.

Licia reminded us that we are not the only group at OCF that needs storage. It's a fair-wide issue.

50th ANNIVERSARY MEET & GREET/EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The 2019 Meet and Greet was a huge success owing to a big turn-out, great music and plenty of food. Licia and Kay announced they are retiring from serving on Events SC. They are willing to train new volunteers. Licia suggested we solicit for new coordinators on the listserv.

There are 4 events the subcommittee is responsible for: food and beverage for spring and fall retreats, the December holiday party and the Thursday night Fair Meet and Greet. While the budget covers food and beverage expenses, the coordinators front money to buy everything, and get reimbursed later. The subcommittee also arranges the entertainment.

Kay suggested that if nobody comes forward, we could manage these events as a group, going potluck and everyone contributing something. Music could be an open mic format.

Jain reminded everyone that we usually pass the hat at committee meetings for each event, and since the next retreat is only 2 days after the October committee meeting, we should pass the hat around now. Jain also interjected that since the 4th Thursday in November and December are holidays, she has made arrangements for the committee to meet at Growers on Thursday Nov. 21 (1 week before Thanksgiving), and she is working on where to hold the December holiday party.

ELDERS BUDGET REPORT Part II - **Scribe's note –A discussion of expenses incurred for events segued into a further discussion of the budget.*

Expenses incurred for hospitality are generally fronted by either the volunteers organizing it, along with money collected from passing the hat at committee meetings and retreats. Expenses are reimbursed through the Fair. Katie mentioned we have an Elder's Committee account at Banner Bank. That account holds a balance of \$569.00 (total after hat pass at this meeting). Michael James, Patricia and Katie are signers.

In the meantime, the hat was passed to collect money for hospitality at the upcoming retreat, and the total collected was \$159. Someone suggested that if every Elder chipped in \$2 annually, we'd have a lot of expenses covered via contributions.

Here is a copy of the 2019 budget:

2019 Budget
 Total budget \$3,500

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| Office/Administration | 1,500.00 |
| Spent | (1,294.34) |
| | <hr/> 205.66 |
| Still Living Room | 1,200.00 |
| Spent | (1,203.52) |
| | <hr/> (3.52) |
| Events | 300.00 |
| Spent | (257.69) |
| | <hr/> 42.31 |
| Geezer Pleaser | 500.00 |
| Spent | (19.98) |
| | <hr/> 480.02 |
| Budget Balance | 724.47 |

Katie said the Geezer Pleaser numbers are not final. She is waiting for Quartermaster to provide the numbers. Post-meeting, Katie provided further information about OCF budgets. The fiscal year runs 10/1 – 9/30. The budget committee approves a figure that is meant for each of the next two years. The Budget Committee makes their recommendations to the board as to what each crew should be allotted. The board generally accepts the BC’s recommendations at the late January board meeting. Generally, in February or March, the budgets are passed out to coordinators at a coordinator meeting.

ELDERS APPLICATIONS REPORT

Patty reported they have received 18 new Elder applications and 4 are ready for the Elder Committee to give final approval.

The current Elder Applications crew includes Patty, Jan, mambo, Annmarie and Peggy

Katie made a motion to approve the first 4 Elder Applications. The motion was seconded by Alan. The motion was approved 10-0.

2019 ELDERS CAMPING REPORT

Annemarie reported that most people were happy with the Elder camp setup. Others agreed that the camp setup went smoothly. Annemarie suggested that it may be a good idea to have a Tinkerbelle at Elder Camp so that we have a convenient way to handle emergencies. Mambo stated that given our age demographic and the amount of time it takes for emergency responders to arrive at the scene, response time could be inadequate for dealing with life/death situations. Having quick access to a Tinkerbelle would speed up response time. Chris recommended that if we do get a tinkerbelle we limit our availability, otherwise we’ll be at the beck and call of the system.

Scribe’s notes: An email exchange on 10/01/19 between Annemarie and Paxton clarified the Tinkerbelle situation for Elders Camp. Elder Camp hosts would like to have a tinkerbelle to be used during Geezer Pleezer operation hours for Geezer Pleezer Business. Tinkerbelle could be used for emergencies, but that can also be handled by the Hub gate tinker

bell most likely. Per email reply from Paxton: "I talked with Ichabod about getting a Tinkerbell at Elder Central. He told me it was impossible as all the telephone wire pairs are being used. It would take a bigger wire to be strung or a second one from the Ware barn. I am also not sure if there is even room on the telephone switch." Annemarie responded that she's not attached to the tinkerbelle idea, to which Paxton replied that he thinks it is a good idea and he will continue to work on it.

Annemarie reported that there were approximately 127 campers at main Elder Camp, and approximately 15-22 at the Elder Camp Annex.

Annemarie said she is willing to coordinate camping in 2020. One change she will make for 2020 is to simplify the food and clean-up scene. There will not be a propane stove. There will be coffee, tea, water and sandwiches, fruit, sweets and snack foods, funded by donations. She also reported that the camp produced "an amazing amount of garbage", so next year will request that food and snack donations are in recyclable or reusable containers.

Chris asked about Elder status in conjunction with a Farside camping pass. The word is that as an Elder, if you've been receiving your camping pass through Farside, you may continue to do so. The issue is with Farside vehicle passes. Vehicle passes are passed out to camp crew coordinators in Farside. The coordinator manages the allocation of vehicle passes. If a Farside camping pass holder is an Elder, the receipt of a vehicle pass is up to the camping crew coordinator. Reports of Elders being "kicked out" of Farside were not due to loss of a Farside camping pass; they were due to inability to obtain a vehicle pass.

EMAIL PROTOCOLS FOR Ecocf AND WonderfulOCFelders GROUPS

mambo asked about the protocol for excluding someone from the two Elder listservs.

Alan explained that the committee listserv (Ecocf) is a closed list and consists of Elder committee members and other Elders involved with assisting the committee, as well as regular meeting attendees. One opinion was offered that the group should be limited to committee members only.

The WonderfulOCFelders listserv is an open list. Any elder as well as anyone interested in the Elder group may join.

The consensus among committee members is that if someone wishes to consider removing someone from a list, it is to be brought before the committee for discussion before any action is taken.

There was a discussion about the negative impacts of inflammatory emails, particularly making accusations against another individual or group. Ann talked about using more clarifying statements, focusing on the issue, not the person or people. James Michael Long told the group of a time many years back when a supervisor completely lit into him for something that he did wrong, and after the scolding, James Michael told the supervisor, "I see, you are upset with what I did, but you are not angry with me." There was discussion about the perception of seeing someone as a liar. We need to remember that others have points of view that clash with our own perception of reality. While we see it one way, someone else may have a totally different perspective. We should be careful not to jump to conclusions. Not everyone shares the same version of "the truth".

OCTOBER 26/27 ELDER RETREAT PLANNING

Licia requested that we put together an agenda for the retreat. These are the agenda items that were agreed upon:

- Elder budget discussion. The budget needs to be submitted by Oct. 14, so this will essentially be a review of what was submitted to the Budget Committee
- Capital Expenditures

- SLR Storage – now and future
- Soliciting donations from Elders to support Elder hospitality, Elder services, projects
- Events Subcommittee
- Discussion – What is the role of Elders in relationship to the Fair at large? What are we giving now and how can we continue to contribute? What is the impact of Elders on the Fair? How do we bring experience and wisdom to the younger generations?
- Discussion – How are Elders misrepresented at Fair? What are the talking points for handling misperceptions of Elders?
- Thank you's. Let's remember of all the people from the past year to whom we'd like to express our gratitude for volunteering for Elder related functions. We'll write Thank You notes, sign, and send to recipients.

It was mentioned that Peggy Isaac has volunteered to coordinate hospitality (food and beverages) for the Oct. retreat.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, October 24th, 7 p.m. at Growers

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED:

- June 2019 meeting minutes approved 10:0
- 4 Elder applications approved 10:0

TO DO LIST:

- Eric trying to reach owners of Elmira property who are donating space for SLR storage, to see if they can bring Jerry's trailer over to unload more SLR items into the storage area.
- Katie C. to submit Elder budget by Oct. 14 deadline
- *Scribe's note – Jain indicated via email that we can decide at the retreat who will contact the WOW hall to schedule the holiday party once we determine the group's favorite dates.*
- EVERYBODY – Prepare to discuss agenda items at next retreat

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.