

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Draft 2 – Pending approval

February 27, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson, Ann Rogers and Patricia Van Esso

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jain Elliott, Heather Kent, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy

OTHERS PRESENT: Georgia Bartlett, Darlene Colburn, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), Chris Howe, Peggy Isaacs, Patty Marx, Jon Pincus, Jan Royalty and Licia Shultz (facilitator)

LOCATION: Grower’s Market MEETING TIME: 7 p.m.

Announcements

- At the June EC meeting held at Kay’s home, we are adding a new “Give Away” activity. Attendees are encouraged to bring Fair clothing and related items that they are no longer using for exchange or barter with fellow elders (a clothing swap).
- Diane made a clarification about a statement made at the Jan. EC meeting that the bylaws are ambiguous in terms of voting age. Diane said the bylaws state anyone receiving a work wristband/camping pass is eligible to vote.

The Eligibility for membership in the bylaws is stated as follows:

(a) Any individual who subscribes to the purposes and basic policies of the Fair, abides by the terms and conditions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and any amendments thereto, and acts in accordance with the decisions made by the Board of Directors, is eligible for membership if the individual is registered with the Fair and (1) has either received a wristband, other Fair camping pass or verifiable worker day pass in one of the two previous years, or (2) is a verified elder. To remain a member, an individual must vote in at least one annual membership vote every three years.

Per Diane, the bylaws are currently under review to determine if a minimum age should be a requirement.

- A special general membership meeting for the WOW Hall is scheduled for 03/29/2020 at 3 p.m. The issue of the hall not meeting revenue projection will be discussed.

Agenda Items

Listserv

Safety Coordinator Meeting Report

Meet and Greet at 2020 Fair

Newsletter

Elders Application Report

Pre-Fair Meals

March Retreat Agenda

APPROVE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Katie made a motion to approve the January 2020 meeting minutes. Kay seconded. **APPROVED 9-0**

LISTSERV

A question about moving the listserv from Yahoo to Google came up a couple of months ago. Yahoo has stripped out archiving, including attachments such as documents and photos. Google has a more robust platform. Alan is willing to provide support to anyone willing to take on moving the listserv from Yahoo to Google but does not have time to fully take this on. There was a concern that using Google as the listserv would require anyone wishing to access it to join Google, but apparently this is not the case, excepting the designated admin. After some discussion, it was decided that for Elder requirements, the amount of work required to make the change is not worth the effort. The final decision is to stay with Yahoo.

SAFETY COORDINATOR MEETING REPORT - Ann Rogers

Ann reported that BUMS, Coordinators, Shane, Crystaline and Wally were at this meeting. Safety concerns were brought up and good/best practices were discussed. The primary discussion was around how to handle "an event". Ann said that there are systems in place that are headed by security. There's a Safety Management Book used by Security, Operations and BUMS. We are also partnered with local law enforcement.

Chris mentioned that security and safety protocols haven't really filtered down to crew members. James Michael commented that Elders aren't notified about other committee meetings. Alan expressed the importance of Elders being included in these types of meetings and suggested we could appoint a representative to insure we are notified about meetings. Diane volunteered to initiate a conversation about Elders being invited to participate when she is at the Fair office on Monday.

2020 FAIR MEET & GREET

A concern was expressed that since there is no longer a hospitality subcommittee to lead the charge for the Meet and Greet, that we as a group make plans to assure the event happens. It was decided to discuss at the March retreat.

NEWSLETTER / ELDERS FB PAGE – Peggy Isaacs

The plan is to produce an Elders Newsletter that will get mailed with the pass request forms in April. Peggy contacted Wally and he has already provided a communication to Elders that will be included in the newsletter. Peggy needs contributions of articles no later than the March retreat. Peggy's email is avoiceinoregon@yahoo.com. Information that should be included in the newsletter is Elder camping, myth busting and volunteer opportunities. Carolyn is working with Annemarie on the Volunteer list. Peggy asked everyone to please submit no later than the March retreat, so she has time to put the newsletter together.

Peggy asked about posting dates for meetings and the retreat on our new Facebook page ELDERS OF THE OREGON COUNTRY FAIR. The committee was in favor of Peggy posting the information. Peggy also encouraged everyone to post on the page.

ELDER APPLICATIONS REPORT – Patty

In the past month, 61 new applications were received and vetted. 2 others were denied.

Katy made a motion to approve the 61 vetted applications. Katie seconded. **The motion was approved 9 – 0.**

With the new applicants approved, there are now 1,445 Elders.

PRE-FAIR MEALS – Jon P.

Jon accepted the responsibility for handling pre-fair Elder work party meals. Volunteers for Elder Camp setup and Still Living Room setup are eligible.

Eric will report to Jon for SLR and Annemarie will report to Jon for Elder Camp. The meal counts need to be turned in before the previous meal. In other words, if volunteers want lunch, then Jon needs to report to the kitchen before breakfast. He just needs a head count. Jon's email is jpincus24@gmail.com or you can call him (contact Jon for his #).

MARCH RETREAT AGENDA – Licia

Licia suggested we make the retreat more fun by limited our work sessions to the morning (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.), the take a lunch break and enjoy fun activities afterwards, followed by dinner. If work is not completed during the Saturday morning session, we can finish up on Sunday morning. Nancy McBee volunteered to host and Peggy will co-host. The hosts will provide lunch, and everyone is requested to bring a potluck dish for dinner.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at Growers.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.