

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at 4/22/21 Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2021

LOCATION: Online (GoToMeeting)

MEETING TIME: 7: 00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Jain Elliott, Robert Jacobs, Michael James Long, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, Ann Rogers-Bennett

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Heather Kent, Kay Kintzley, Patricia Van Esso

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Austin, Darlene Colburn, Paul Compton, Peggy Day, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), Ken “mambo” Gibson, Nancy Hafner, Percy Hilo, Annemarie Hirsch, Chris Howe, Peggy Isaacs, Palmer Parker, Mark Pankratz, Tamara Reed, Licia Schultz (facilitator), Jenny Wilson

AGENDA:

- Announcements
- Approve January minutes
- New Elder applications for approval – Jenny
- Requests to join ECOCF listserv – Alan
- New Elders Website – Annemarie
- Virtual Fair – Peggy I.
- SLR site – mambo
- Elders of the Oregon Country Fair Facebook Page – Peggy I.
- October Retreat – Ann
- Miscellaneous - Popcorn style

Announcements:

Katie C. Submitted her letter of resignation to the board. She is on the committee for this evening. She stated that it was time to let other Elders step in, and that she intends to continue volunteering with Elders. Thank you, Katie, for your service to Elders!

Katie - A general letter rather than the Letter of Intent went out to all Elders to keep them apprised of the current information about a 2021 Fair and to offer ways to stay involved in the meantime.

Katie – We have a little over \$500 dollars in our Elder bank account. Katie, Patricia, and Michael JamesLong are the signers on the account. If Jenny needs a printer, we have funds to cover it.

Peggy Day – Peggy has a printer she is willing to donate. Jenny will try to sort out the issues with the printer she currently has. Paul C. offered to help.

Jain – Tonight is Purim, a Jewish Holiday. Normally she would be out celebrating, but due to Covid restrictions she has joined the meeting.

Approve January 2021 Minutes - Carolyn

A motion was made by Anne to approve the January 2021 minutes. Mouseman seconded. Motion was approved 7-0. (Two committee members arrived after the motion was approved, hence the 7 votes and 0 abstentions).

Elder Applications Subcommittee / New Elder Applications - Jenny

Jenny Wilson is the new leader for Elder Applications Subcommittee. Patty Marx will continue as a helper. A big thank you to Patty for all her years as leader of the applications subcommittee.

The committee now consists of Jenny, Patty, Jan, Roberta, Norma, and Maida.

There are 7 vetted applications for final approval:

- Robin Chase - Booth 586
- Robin Gardner - Booth Rep Rainier Mountain Potpourri and charter member

- Sylvia Shaw McKenzie - Life's Best Inn Tents staff worker
- Anne Nelson - CV and Peach Pit
- Joseph Schattler - Booth 94 Fantasy Dreams worker
- Steve Schwind - Booth worker Rainier Mountain Potpourri and Sweep Band
- Naphtali Brent Weinstock - Internal Security

The 7 applications were vetted by Norma Sax, Maida Belove and Patty Marx

Elder Committee Members approved all 7 applications presented (the requirement is 5 members approval): Approvals were given by Mouseman, Jain, Katie, Ann, and Alan.

ADD MEMBERS TO ECOCF listserv - Alan

Alan recommended that Roberta and Jenny be included on the ECOCF listserv. There was general agreement. Alan made a motion that Jenny and Roberta be added to the Elders Committee email list. Ann seconded. The motion carried 8 – 0 (One committee member had not yet arrived when the motion was approved, hence the 8 votes and 0 abstentions).

New Elders Website – Annemarie

Annemarie gave a tour via screenshare of the new Elders website that she, Carolyn and Peggy D. are working on. The website is still under construction, but anyone is welcome to access the website for review.

The link to the website is www.ocfelders.weebly.com.

Eric – Appreciated that there are descriptions of the various jobs, so if someone leaves a position the information is documented. He expressed concerned about having the phone numbers of crew members on the website.

Annemarie responded that only leadership positions contact information such as phone number and/or email address. Going forward, only the email addresses and phone numbers of job leaders who approve having their contact information published will show up on the website.

Carolyn suggested that if a lead volunteer doesn't want their contact info published, the eldervolunteers@gmail.com email address can be used. Annemarie and Carolyn monitor that email inbox and can forward emails to the intended person.

Mouseman is excited about having the Elders website, and he also shares privacy concerns.

Paul C. asked how to contact the website builders about providing feedback. Per Annemarie, anyone is welcome to send feedback and corrections to elderwebsite@gmail.com. Or contact Annemarie, Carolyn, or Peggy D. directly.

Annemarie requested that Elders carefully review the website. Please Read the links and submit photos of Elders, pics from retreats, parties etc. to our elderwebsite@gmail.com email address.

Virtual Fair – Peggy I.

We Elders have a space in the 2D fair site. Peggy in interested in working on the site.

SLR Site - mambo

Mambo – A huge chunk of the path has been taken out on Strawberry Lane. The location of the bank erosion, caused by the loss of a tree, is about 20 feet downstream of the Dragon Bench that commemorates the loss of Nikki Scully's son, Luke.

Elders Official Facebook Page – Peggy I.

Peggy expressed concerns about non-elders who want to join the Elders of the Oregon Country Fair Facebook Page. People who are Companion Helpers of Elders have asked to join. Peggy wants to know if these folks are eligible to be in the Facebook Group.

Paul C. recommended that Peggy inform anyone disputing their eligibility that they scroll down and answer ALL the requirement questions.

It was agreed that only Elders are eligible, and that for an Elder to be part of the Facebook Group, they must make the request. An S.O. or Elder Companion Helper cannot make the request on the Elder's behalf. Non-Elders are not eligible to join the page.

Gratitude and cheers were given to Peggy I. for the work she has done on maintaining and monitoring the group page. Several Elders mentioned how much they appreciate Peggy's live walks on the land.

OCTOBER RETREAT DATE - Ann

There is no news on reserving Alice's. Shane has not gotten back to her. Ann will try again. She will also contact Mary at the office. The Fair is currently using Alice's to process orders for Merchandise.

An alternative would be to meet elsewhere on site and use some of our Elders money to fund a port-a-potty.

Jain mentioned that there may be an event at the fair site (winery) that same month, not necessarily the same day.

There was some confusion about whether we were planning for the 2nd or 3rd. It was mentioned that Saturday, October 2nd was agreed to at the January meeting.

Miscellaneous concerns and conversations – Popcorn style

Alan offered to send drafts of minutes to WONDERFUL OCF ELDERS. He said it would be good for Elders to know what is going on, even if the minutes haven't been approved yet. Carolyn thanked Alan for handling this.

Eric made a request that when posting a meeting link that we also include the meeting ID. He prefers to open the meeting app and enter the ID number rather than use a link.

Nancy Hafner has a general question – what is the official accessibility to the fair site?

Officially, the only gate open is the Aero Road gate on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

Reality – people are showing up and walking anytime.

Jain – Shane said at the board meeting they are going to announce an expansion of the hours to everyday 10-4.

Robert Jacobs asked if there was an official explanation for the limited hours. Mambo said they mentioned lack of staff (but there usually isn't staff there anyway). Also lack of facilities. Excuses not substantive. Jain feels the staff issue is legit. Ann agreed with Jain. Caretaker and Groundskeeper are both on furlough.

Mambo – logically having OUR eyes out there on the land is more important than having strangers wander out there who could do damage. Mouseman agreed. Locks keep honest people out.

Carolyn offered her Zoom account for the March meeting.

Darlene said that Zoom is vastly superior to GoToMeeting.

The .net site would have to be updated with information submitted to Robin.

There was general agreement to use the Zoom platform for the next online meeting. That way the group can see how everyone likes it. Carolyn and Ann will arrange to get the links for the March meeting replaced on the .net site. The link to the Elders Committee meeting page is <https://oregoncountryfair.net/event/elders-committee-14/>. (Zoom link with meeting ID was posted on 3/3/21).

Roberta let the group know that she is dealing with some physical issues and needs to get resolution with her former employer. She thanked Jenny for stepping up. Per post meeting clarification from Roberta: *Though I am working on*

resolving my injury, I am trying to get stronger on my own with exercise and different protocols so I don't have to get lawyers to try to reopen my claim with my past employer. I am not trying to get resolution from my former employer at this time unless I can't resolve this on my own. It is just taking me more time than I thought to get through this injury. That is why I decided not to take on leader or co-leader at this time.

Anne made a pitch for OCF Diversity t-shirts. There are adult and children's sizes. It's a fundraiser for the Diversity efforts.

Licia reminded us that we have money in the account.

Mambo offered to accompany people who would like to float the site in his kayaks and canoes. Due to liability issues, he cannot loan them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.