

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at 5/25/22 meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, April 28, 2022

**LOCATION:** Online (Zoom)

**MEETING TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diane Albino, Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Robert Jacobs, Heather Kent (late), Michael JamesLong, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, Ann Rogers-Bennett

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kay Kintzley

**BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT:** Anthony “AJ” Jackson, Spirit Leatherwood

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Roberta Austin, JoAutumn Brock, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day-Fitzgerald, Kehn “mambo” Gibson, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), Paxton Hoag, David Hoffman, Chris Howe, Chris Meurer, Linda Mooney, Jon Pincus, Fran Rosenthal, Licia Shultz (facilitator), Alice Stroud

**AGENDA:**

- Announcements
- Approve March minutes
- New elder applications - Jenny & Roberta

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Christine – Heads up about sauna and covid situation at the fair. Covid protocols will be very strict. All Sauna workers will be required to be tested due to George’s health situation.
- David – Plant Sale Fundraiser for Master Gardeners is this Saturday. Celebration of Life for Gweneth will be at the Dragon Gate this Saturday.
- The observation came up about inconsistency of checking Vax cards at gate.

**MARCH MINUTES**

Ann made a motion to approve the march minutes. MJL seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

**NEW ELDER APPLICATIONS – Roberta & Jenny**

For 2022 fair

- Lucy Hamilton: age 75, Worked path rover for internal security for 22 years. Rick Zeek-crew leader verified by phone.
- Monica Maynard- age 56 first fair was 1993, worked at main camp kitchen and more recently main camp quartermaster.
- Jim Frey- age 67- first fair was 1989, took some time off, volunteered a total of 21 years (15 yrs as external security quartermaster verified by Craig Smith, 5 yrs w/ teen crew verified by Kelly Crane, and 1 yr with photo booth/imaginarium verified by Geoffry Silver.

For 2023 fair:

- Mark Wheeler- age 57, first fair was 1997, with Crafts Lot camping crew, now called Piggy/SCOF Camping Crew. 23 years total. Confirmed by John Kassbaum.
- Anne Holmes- age 75, first fair was 1975. 6 years with Strawberry Pie booth, confirmed by Alan Gross, 39 years with the Blintz Booth, confirmed by Megan Dillon

The group discussed whether to approved all of them now or just the 2022 Fair. A recommendation was made to approve all and give them access to a pass for the 2022 Fair. Should we go ahead and vet all 5 for the 2022 Fair? Katie mentioned that in the past, people submitting past the deadline would be

contacted to let them know their applications would be vetted in the fall. It's a lot clearer when we play by the rules. Roberta suggested that we could just hold off on the two late submittals until the fall. It was decided that the two late applicants cannot get wristbands until the 2023 Fair.

Robert made a motion to accept the 3 candidates for the 2022 Fair: Lucy Hamilton, Monica Maynard and Jim Frey. Ann seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

The two candidates for the 2023 Fair will be approved at a later meeting.

### **SPRING RETREAT – Licia**

The retreat is on Saturday at Alice's.

Parking at Alice's and should be limited to three to four cars in front of the house. Additional parking is allowed behind the screen house and across Chickadee at the hub.

Jon P. will contact Sierra to see if she can supply a couple of pop-ups. We could possibly use the screen house. Jon will also see if he can get extra chairs. Dessert is Potluck. Bring your own lunch. Paxton reminded that we could always open the garage. At the hub there is also the yurt with chairs and tables.

Suggestion to bring some firewood.

Roberta offered to bring a couple of pop-ups.

There's a concrete pad off the kitchen.

Nancy will bring coffee carafes.

Carolyn and Katie will arrive early.

### **Retreat Agenda**

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

- Camping – Peggy Day
- Meet n Greet -
- Still Living Room –
  - Coordinating volunteers
  - The old mirror area may be open to our use. Ambience may be in the know. Diane confirmed that we can get that space.
  - Discuss Marcia's coordinating position
- Geezer Pleezer
- Fair-at-large positions
- Guidance for new volunteers

The OCF Camping Crew places folks in camp spots. Contact [campingcrew@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:campingcrew@oregoncountryfair.org). For elder camp, contact [eldercamphost@gmail.com](mailto:eldercamphost@gmail.com).

The SLR is a major attraction. Very important to make it an inviting place for both Fair Family and day pass folks.

IF someone needs a "compassion pass" (financial need) they can check the box on the Pass Request Form.

## **COORDINATOR'S ONSITE MEETING REPORT – CAROLYN**

- The Dead Lot will be used for parking this year. Fair family parking will start with the Dead Lot, then Outa-Site, and overflow to winery.
- No Shady Grove stage this year. May be enough space for busking.
- All Fire Pits must be approved by Fire Crew. They are issuing permits for Propane-lit fire pits.
- Coordinator commenting on the heavy lift for this year's fair "We'll make all your dreams come close". Lower your expectations.
- 5 lb. Fire extinguishers recommended for camps and booths. We do not have a contract yet for free Fair Family extinguisher inspections.
- All work parties should submit their crew lists ahead of the work party. Find info on the .net site.
- Sales of tickets are going well. Dollar-wise (as of 4/23/22) we were 27% ahead of sales same time last fair (2019).
- 10K tickets cap. – A typical Sunday.
- Fire crew advice for pre-fair – If you don't need to be here, don't come!
- Public will receive wristbands this year.
- Starting Tuesday pre-Fair, if you don't have a vax wristband, you will get a hand stamp to verify vaccination status.
- Farside will do their own vax verification for folks driving in to Farside (doesn't make sense to me – don't they need a wristband first?)
- Staff mentioned all early banding will be at sticker booth. Not sure if that includes Sauna folks
- Late Night Trips is not happening this year. Definitely next year though.
- Deadline to order PP&E from Mark Masala is April 30 (not May 1 as reported at the meeting). We can get Sani-wipes, hand sanitizer and K95 masks. After April 30, any PP&E ordered will come out of that coordinator's budget.
- Clarification on what Up-to-date vaccination means is now on the .net site.  
<https://oregoncountryfair.net/update-to-ocf-health-and-safety-plan-electronic-vaccine-records-available-to-download/>
- Training will be offered for both HI (human intervention) and Radio usage. The fair has purchased new digital radios. The distribution of radios will be same as 2019.
  - Find training dates here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/training-for-volunteers/>

The Upper River Loop will be blocked off. Erosion has taken over. Affected booths are being relocated.

### **Elder Volunteer Recruitment Update – Carolyn**

Link to survey is on PRF, Elders of OCF Facebook Page, Sent on both Listservs, posted on Website. We will send reminders.

Thus far, 34 people have responded to the survey.

### **Elder Wristband Updates - Nancy**

People are responding positively to volunteer recruitment

Forms are getting returned. 200 are already in.

Several people mentioned that they did not receive a Pass Request Form. Send an email to [elderwristbands@gmail.com](mailto:elderwristbands@gmail.com).

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED:**

The Elder March Committee minutes were approved 8 – 0.

The motion to approve 3 vetted applications for the 2022 Fair was approved 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Gsell