

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at the 6/15/23 meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2023

LOCATION: Online (Zoom)

MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Kay Kintzley, Michael James Long (late), Eric Nicholson

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

BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT: Ann Bennett-Rogers, Kevin Levy

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Austin, Amber Coates, Alan Cohn, Darlene Colborn (facilitator), Katie Cousins, Peggy Day, Kat Frazier, Kehn “mambo” Gibson, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), David “Village David” Hoffman, Robert Jacobs, Cathy Piazza, Jerry Shultz, Jenny Wilson

The meeting started at 7:09 p.m. 6 committee members present constitutes a quorum (Michael James Long arrived after the minutes were approved).

Agenda:

- Announcements
- Approve April minutes
- Approve May Retreat Minutes
- Elders Camping Update – Kay
- Meet and Greet Update – Kay
- Geezer Pleezer Update – Cathy
- Still Living Room Update – Carolyn
 - Marcia may not be able to attend. Is turning over the schedule to us
- Elder Volunteers update – Carolyn

Announcements & Introductions

Darlene Introduced herself: She has been attending committee meetings for the past two years. Her first Fair was in 1977. Darlene is currently age 77, and 2023 will be her 47th Fair. It’s her GOLDEN YEAR! Darlene started with Community Village and was on the Village CV council for 10 years. She also did security for a couple of years. After the first wo years at Community Village. She also started volunteering at the Ritz. She is a flamingo! She became an elder in 2009 and remains on the Ritz Sauna Crew. Currently acts as Hospitality Queen (similar to our Elders “camp host.”). The Sauna has a unique perspective on the Fair. We have a camp of about 200 people so there’s a lot to manage. In the late 80’s Darlene left CV to work full time at the Sauna. She mostly worked on the ramp as a greeter, or in Ritz concessions. She decided to attend Elder meetings so that the Ritz could be represented. At the last meeting Darlene volunteered to facilitate.

Ann –announced that Jack Ward (Snow Cone Jack) passed away in December. Ann read a tribute to Jack. There is a Celebration of Life honoring Jack on Sunday, June 11, 2 - 6 p.m. at Mouseman’s house on Suttle Rd. See Addendum A at the end of the minutes.

Nancy – Today is the deadline for the Pass Request Forms to be turned in.

Eric – Recently learned that Steel Wool will not be able to perform for the Meet & Greet. He has feelers out for another band.

Approve April Minutes

Jain made a motion to approve the April minutes. Kevin seconded. The motion passed 6 – 0 (including vote by board member Kevin Levy). Ann abstained.

A question came up about the ruling on Board Liaisons voting on committees when there is already a quorum. Per Ann, the bylaws currently state that a board liaison may elect to vote on a motion. There is no conditional requirement. Board liaisons are considered committee members.

Approve May Retreat Minutes

Jain made a motion to approve the April minutes. Kevin seconded. The motion passed 6 – 0 (including vote by board member Kevin Levy). Ann abstained.

Elders Camping Update – Kay

Camp Cleanup day was successful. 12 people came to claim and work on their sites. Eric removed some poison oak. There is leftover sawdust. Anyone is welcome to go out to do work on their campsite. Bring your own tools.

Meet and Greet – Kay

Mollie has a broken leg, but she is doing as much as possible to support the “Meet and Greet”. We won’t have her muscle power.

Darlene recapped what was discussed about the timeline – Setup at 4, event starts at 6.

There was a lot of disagreement about start times. Carolyn will go back through old notes to confirm 2022 times.

Both Wine stewards from last year will be volunteering again this year.

Contact Eric for any music recommendations.

Geezer Pleezer Update – Cathy

Mark Malaska, the Events Co-Manager who coordinates the Motor Pool, informed Cathy that we do not have a dedicated Electric Cart. It is shared with other groups and must be reserved via sign up. Cathy is requesting that we reach out to Mark explaining Elders’ mobility requirements. Cathy emphasized that we need two Geezers on site – one gas powered and one electric powered. Mark’s email is mark@oregoncountryfair.org. Let him know we are requesting two golf carts to be on site full time for our use. The Electric one would park at Elder Central, and the gas powered one would be available on request. Ideally, we would have both Geezer Pleezer stationed at Elder Central. The ideal is to have the two carts fully available.

There was an in-depth discussion about outsourcing one of the carts, as had been done in the past. Our Board Liaisons will speak with Mark about Elders’ requirements.

It was brought to our attention that we don’t really understand how the motor pool works. Ann will dig into this for us. Ann will report what she learns back to Cathy.

Mambo offered to travel out of area and cover travel expenses to pick up an electric cart and deliver it to Elder Central if Cathy can find one.

Scribe’s note – on 5/30/23, Cathy reported that she procured an Electric Cart from a rental company in Keizer, OR. Mambo will handle pick-up and delivery to the Fair. This will leave Elders with one gas and one electric cart.

Still Living Room Update – Carolyn

Carolyn spoke with Marcia today, and it looks like Marcia won't be able to get to the Fair due to wonky airline flights. This means we will need a staffing coordinator for the Still Living Room. Carolyn and Annemarie will work on this.

Robert Jacobs is working with Jerry Joffe to get the Timelines out of storage and get them delivered to the Still Living Room. He will also get the light up display, but it does need a 12V car battery. Having the light-up display will also depend on how much display wall space is available. Jerry Shultz believes they will have enough power, given that Jerry is working with Sandra on the new Theater concept that will require power (solar w/ storage batteries).

Linda Robertson is no longer supplying pots of flowers. At the spring retreat, Paxton suggested that the Flower crew may be able to supply us with flowers and said he would contact them. Nancy says there is money in the budget. Carolyn will follow up with Paxton. Be sure to include Nancy in these communications.

Elder Volunteers Update – Carolyn

There will be no Elders' t-shirts this year. It's too late in the process to collect money in advance for pre-orders.

Annemarie and Carolyn have reached out to newly vetted Elders 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, to explain volunteer opportunities specifically for the Meet and Greet, and the Still Living Room.

There was a concern about coordinating radios for Elder Central. Cathy reported that Paxton has already announced radio training on Tuesday before Fair.

Mambo suggested we do a New Elder orientation at the Fair. Amber, who is a new Elder, thinks that this is a good idea.

The committee will discuss the idea at the June Potluck.

Confirm June Meeting time/location.

Thursday June 15, 4 p.m. Kay's address: 84674 Hill Top Drive. Mile Marker 7. From Oakridge turn right. From Eugene Turn Left. DO NOT USE GOOGLE MAPS! You'll end up in the wrong place.

Scribe's note: Time update - Early arrivals are welcome any time after 4 p.m., the official gathering starts at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. after the potluck. More specific directions are on the Elders Website event page: <https://ocfelders.weebly.com/elder-news-and-events.html>.

Darlene asked how we can reach Terry Baxter to donate photos for the Still Living Room. Email Terry at this address: terry.d.baxter@multco.us.

Wrap-up / Other Comments

The next committee meeting will be in person Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Kay's home in Pleasant Hill. Bring your own Chair and food to share!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Gsell

HOMEWORK:

- Motor Pool Questions – Ann
- Golf cart needs for Elders – Ann and Kevin
- Outsource (electric) golf cart – Cathy P.
- F/U with Paxton about SLR Flowers – Carolyn
- Clarify times for Meet and Greet – Carolyn
- Still Living Room Staffing Coordinator – who? – Annemarie and Carolyn
- Meet & Greet replacement entertainment – Eric
- New Elder Orientation – Discuss at June meeting

ADDENDUM – A

Tribute to Jack Ward (Snow Cone Jack)



On 12-25-2022 Jack Ward was called home.

Son of Joseph & Ruth Ward (nee O’Kane); Brother to Patrice, Colleen & Mary;
Partner to Rosemary - Jack was a free thinker from the start & he traveled widely.

From the AL-Can highway to the pyramids in Mexico, Jack enjoyed many a remarkable adventure throughout his life. He spent time as a Union Electrician, then a Sheetmetal worker; a Eugene Saturday Market Vendor and he occupied various roles at Oregon Country Fair.

An accomplished Industrial Artist & Tradesman who danced to the beat of his own drum – Jack leaves behind many loved ones.

His family hopes that all his friends will join us, to share stories of Jack’s adventure and to celebrate his life at a potluck gathering planned for 6/11/23, 2-6pm at 24124 Suttle Rd., in Veneta, Oregon. For add’l event info call 541-554-1935