

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at September Elders Committee Meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 15, 2023

LOCATION: Kay Kintzley’s home in Pleasant Hill, OR

MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Kay Kintzley, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Bennet-Rogers, Heather Kent, Michael James Long

BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Austin, Malka Barber, Steve Barnes, Sue Barnhart, Darlene Colborn (facilitator), Peggy Day Fitzgerald, Katherine “Kat” Frazier, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), John Higby, Annemarie Hirsch, Paxton Hoag, Chris Howe (Harrison), James “Jimbo” Lesiak, Roger Lesiak, Roy Lisi, Larry Lynch, Jim May, Suzanne Philips, Cathy Piazza, Fran Rosenthal, Jerry Shultz, Licia Shultz, Morgen Spiess, Patricia VanEsso, Jenny Willson

The meeting started shortly after 7 p.m. 6 committee members present constitutes a quorum.

Agenda:

- Announcements
- Approve May minutes
- Geezer Pleezer Updates – Cathy P.
- Radios - Paxton
- OCF 2023 Elder “Limited Edition” T-shirts – Carolyn
- Meet & Greet updates – Kay
- Still Living Room updates – Various
- Elder Central Updates – Annemarie
- Elder Camping – Annemarie
- New Elder Orientation - ?

Announcements & Introductions

The group expressed their gratitude to Kay for hosting the event, and to Eric for providing music before the meeting.

Approve May Minutes

Carolyn suggested a minor amendment to the May minutes. Under “Homework”, the replacement entertainment applies to the Meet & Greet event, not the Still Living Room. Eric made a motion to approve the May minutes with suggested amendment. Kay seconded. The minutes with amendment were approved 6 – 0.

Geezer-Pleezer Updates – Cathy P.

Cathy rented an electric golf cart from a company in Kizer, OR. The cost of the rental was \$459. She had to procure collision and equipment insurance for \$109. The Fair already covers liability. There is an additional expense of \$100 to transport the golf cart to and from the rental company. Mambo will provide the transport service.

Here’s the breakdown of expenses:

- Rental fee \$459.60
- Trailer Fee \$100
- Insurance \$109
- Total \$668.60

Cathy passed a collection jar to help cover the cost of the cart and insurance, which she personally covered. We now have one gas-powered cart from the Motor Pool and the electric cart we are renting on our own. Cathy and Nancy have made it clear to Mark Malaska, who manages the motor pool, that we need our gas-powered cart full time. We paid for it out of our budget. Someone mentioned that at the previous meeting, Kevin agreed to follow up with Mark. Diane A. will follow up with Kevin on this.

Total money collected by end of meeting to cover the extra golf cart costs totaled \$259, leaving an approximate balance of \$400.

Paxton will make sure we have electricity at the Hub dedicated to recharging the electric cart.

Fair Radios – Paxton

Paxton is arranging for Elder Central to have radios. We typically get 3. Cathy asked if we could get 4. Apparently, that is not doable this year. Training on the radios will be held on Tuesday, July 4.

OCF 2023 Elder “Limited Edition” T-shirts – Carolyn

Jeff Eichen, Elder who has attended some recent meetings, took the initiative to design an Elders T-Shirt for the 2023 Fair. The image is an elderberry wreath with OCF 2023 and peach in the center. He is willing to cover the expenses up front on a small, up to 20-piece order. The image will be printed on a lime green cotton tee. Carolyn double checked with Kirsten to ensure that we are not in violation of the Fair logo policy. There are 3 caveats for crews using the logo. 1) The shirts must be sold at cost, 2) they can only be sold to the folks on that crew (in this case, Elders), and 3) they cannot be used as a fundraiser.

The order must be placed by tomorrow, so we can only offer it to the folks present at this meeting. See Carolyn after the meeting about purchasing a shirt.

The hope is that someone from Elders will like the shirts enough to be motivated to take on an Elders T-Shirt project for the 2024 Fair. This is something that should happen in January, not June!

Meet & Greet Updates – Kay/Eric

Kay still has 27 bottles of red wine from last year that have been properly stored for use this year. Our two wine stewards will be John Higby and Rick Valley, same as last year. We are looking for more wine donations. People can bring bottles to the wine stewards at the event. We can also purchase wine from Kelly (new Elder) at cost. That money needs to be collected specifically for the wine. We cannot use our budget money to purchase alcoholic beverages.

The party setup will start behind Alices (at the firepit) at 4 p.m. The food needs to be prepped (mostly chopping fruits and veggies and arranging them on trays). Volunteers will get a wine pour at 5 p.m. Kay is offering vintage aprons to folks who show up to help with the food prep.

Update from Eric – Our entertainment lineup is:

- Surprise Duo to open
- Radar Angels
- Never Ever Band with Rob Tobias

Still Living Room updates – Carolyn, Paxton, Jerry, Eric.

The question about flowers for the display has not yet been answered. Paxton told Carolyn to reach out to Ashley Demaline, who is the contact person for Flower Crew.

Marcia will be unable to make it to the Fair again this year. She already put together the staffing schedule assignments and sent them to Carolyn. Carolyn is willing to take this on temporarily (this year), but we need to find another dedicated volunteer to manage the schedule and oversee the exhibit during the Fair. Last year and this, Annemarie and Carolyn helped to organize volunteers for the setup, decorating, and take-down. (*scribe's note – after the meeting, Jorjan Plimmer has stepped forward to oversee the exhibit and staffing during the 3-day event*).

Paxton reported that Sean with video crew is working with Sandra and Jerry to set up a mini theater in the former “mirror” space. Jerry reported that they have a 48” flat screen TV, 2 dee-cycle batteries, and 2 solar panels. Due to limited charging, the TV will only run from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. It will be a continuous loop feed of videos and photos.

Jerry and Eric will contact Quartermaster about getting help with a gator to move the exhibit pieces from Dug’s Green over to Still Living Room, plus a stop at Elder Central to deliver EC supplies. If a gator cannot be obtained, they have access to a truck and trailer.

Carolyn mentioned that getting lunch through Main Camp is not a good idea this year. The kitchen staff is spread thin and there are significantly more volunteers compared to last year, which means long lines and a long time away from the project. Carolyn offered to bring simple lunch fixings, snacks, and beverages for the setup crew. Annemarie suggested volunteers bring their own lunch. Eric donated \$20 to the lunch fund. Carolyn will figure out a way to bring lunch and snacks for those who don’t bring food.

Elder Central – Annemarie

The setup will be Saturday, July 1 at 10 a.m., same as the Still Living Room setup. The furniture for Elder Central is stored at Dug’s Green along with the Still Living Room pieces.

Peggy Day will remain onsite at the Elder campsite and Fair Central to provide security. Morgan said that Elder Central needs benches. The white plastic chairs are too dangerous to be used on uneven ground. Ideas for alternative seating were discussed, including wood chairs from thrift stores and straw bales. The key is stable seating. Nothing specific was decided.

This year, Elder Central will provide secure storage for folks coming into the Fair who wish to store jackets, bags, etc. so that they don’t have to carry them around all day.

Elder Camping update - Annemarie

Elders now have 3 campsites: The Hub, SWEATS, and Del Boca Veneta. The newest camp (DBV) is 90% cleaned up.

Paxton reminded everyone of the Emerald Ash Borer. There will be an educational program about this at the Fair.

New Elder Orientation - ?

Someone proposed a New Elder Orientation program at the last meeting. Annemarie and Carolyn pointed out that we have a website loaded with information for Elders. We also send an FAQ sheet to all new Elders. We need to encourage new elders to attend the Meet and Greet. Jain suggested a buddy system.

Wrap-up / Other Comments

Kay added that Lisa C. is printing a list of new Elders to be read at the Meet & Greet. Encourage everyone to show up. There's an announcement in the June issue of FFN as well.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.

Afterwards, many in the group personally expressed appreciation to Darlene for her facilitation.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Gsell