

Budget Committee Meeting

Dec 13, 2023

Present: Hilary, George, Sandra, Grumpy, Bennett, Alexis, Kirsten, Mark, Sue

Announcements—Grumpy wants to be sure that we will discuss Sweep

Sue announced that Dennis Todd will be passing on Friday, and that this is the time to show him your love. We spent a moment in appreciation of Dennis and his significant contributions.

Appoint Facilitator for meeting, Bennett accepted

Agenda Review—Changing order of topics to work on Alexis' crews first.

Topic 1: Food voucher denominations—15 minutes

Topic 2 Crew Budgets: Alexis' crews

Fire—Grumpy moves to table. Lots of discussion about whether the “deputy fire marshals” are in fact deputy fire marshals in the profession. Grumpy & Hilary don't want to use a title that has a different meaning within the fair than it has for professional fire fighters.

Let's call them “inspectors/educators”

Hilary moves: 6 new inspectors, 10K supplies and fv 1420. They miscalculated the coordinator food vouchers, as food vouchers have a limit of 32 per person. It also appears that at least half of the inspector hours are during pre-fair, which would not qualify for food vouchers, but do qualify for meals in Main Camp.

Note: the budget request included \$11,000 for truck rental that will not be charged to that crew.

Grumpy moves to change motion to 4 new crew. Accepted by 3-1, vote Sandra no. George's internet dropped him temporarily.

Hilary moves 4 new inspectors, 10K supplies, and 1380 food vouchers. Yes 4-1. Sandra no.

(I need help with who was the second? Bennet?)

Recycling—After discussing 2023's passes and the rental equipment cost, committee members expressed support for moving toward a separate post-fair recycling crew. We noted that not all 2023 positions were filled, and hope that recycling will continue with the post-fair pilot with the passes that they have.

Bennet moved to recommend the same budget Recycling had in 2023. Sandra seconded. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Showers: Alexis notes that we had a significant increase for former shower in South Woods that we didn't use. Again, back lot shower passes not pulled back.

Hilary moves to recommend same as they had last year. (who seconded) with the addition of 2 service vehicle stickers. Vote 5-0 yes.

Note that in years with capital projects they can add one year-only passes to work on that..

Site—no paperwork. Requested 10 more passes. BC would like documents. Recognize this is a hardworking crew. Alexis to consult with crew and Kirsten about how to meet the needs for site volunteers.

Benn moves and Sandra seconds to approve as last year. Vote 5-0 passes.

VegeManECs—sent in request late. Asking for safety harness; Bennet points out it can come out of site and facilities manager money. Request for 3 more people. Bennet moved and Grumpy seconded adding 3 people. Vote 5-0 yes.

George asks that all crews using safety equipment get proper training in using the equipment.

Yurt Set up. Hilary moves 8 crew, 6 SOs, remove 2 to sell. One emergency vs, remove svc. (who seconded). Vote 5-0 Alexis to work with them to see if the crews who are in the yurts will do a better job of pitching in. Alexis can pay for supplies for the crew out of his misc budget.

Topic 3 Diversity Committee letter

Topic 4 Jan 17 coordinator budget meeting on zoom

Topic: food vouchers. Talking about redenomination.

Grumpy moves that we have one food voucher worth \$12, one worth \$3. No increase per hour. Making change for one year only. Hilary wants to sit in on all food voucher counting to see how it works for booth reps. Bennet points out that the discussion of more per hour must happen at a board level. George objects to no increase to value per hour.

Four voted to amend motion to a \$6 per 2 hours worked fv. Will have two denominations. Broad (but not unanimous) support on committee to support an increase of fv value for 2024.

Meeting evaluation:

More big appreciation for Bennett

