

**ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** – Approved at the 10/24/24 meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, September 26, 2024

**LOCATIONS:** Online and OCF Office

**MEETING TIME:** 6 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE:** Heather Kent

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:** Jain Elliott, Kay Kintzley, Michael JamesLong, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Albino, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Nancy Hafner

**BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT:** Kevin, Jon Steinhart

**OTHERS PRESENT ON-LINE:** Roberta Austin, Alan Cohn, Lisa Cooley, Roy Lisi, Jenny Wilson

**OTHERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:** Chris Howe - facilitator, Jenny Wilson

**Quorum** – 6 of 9 committee members were present; thus, a quorum was established

### **Agenda**

- Announcements
- Approve June meeting minutes – draft 2
- Approve Fall Retreat minutes – draft 3
- Candidate John Govsy
- Approve Chris Howe for ECOCF listserv
- (Impromptu) Question for Jon Steinhart - Kay
- Approve new applications – Jenny & Roberta
- Committee Mission Statement
- November meeting date
- Wrap up

### **Announcements:**

- The Spirit Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 19. Names of those who have passed over the past year will be read at the firepit behind Alice’s. There will also be a potluck. Start time is 4 p.m.

### **Approve June 2024 minutes- Draft 2:**

Kay made a motion to approve the June 2024 minutes. Mouseman seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### **Approve Fall 2024 retreat minutes - Draft 3:**

Several committee members have not had a chance to read the minutes. Therefore, they will be up for approval at the October meeting.

### **Candidate John Govsy**

John introduced himself. He was unable to attend the impromptu Zoom we set up for the candidate forum at the fall retreat. He answered questions. In fairness to all the candidates, his comments will not be included here, but you can hear him on the recording posted via the .net site.

### **Approve Chris Howe to be on listserv**

Michael JamesLong made a motion to approve Chris (Harrison) Howe for accessing the ECOCF listserv. Eric seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Carolyn will contact Jefry Falkenstein to get Chris on the listserv.

A question was asked about who is on the ECOCF listserv. It's the committee members, the facilitators, scribe, subcommittee participants, and regular attendees.

**(Impromptu) Question for Jon Steinhart - Kay**

Kay asked Jon to clarify a conversation they had over the phone. Here is a capture of Jon's reply:

As a (board) director he is in the process of reviewing committees and crews and trying to decide which ones are valid for serving the board (policy) and which ones are operational, and thus not under the purview of the board.

(Cont'd) Elders are confusing. What are they responsible for? Most of the work Elders are doing has nothing to do with coordinators. The board is supposed to be a governing board, not an operations board. The things Elders do at the fair are operational and having a staff liaison is necessary. Jon recommends that the Elders committee decide how they should be organized. Some things Elders do are related to policy and many to operations.

**Approving Elder Applications**

Roberta read off the first set of names of vetted Elder applications. Jenny read off the remaining names:

Bill Boss	Andrew Constant	Linda Blair
Sherry (Cheryl) Bloxam	Ryan Purcell	William Moshofsky
Morgan Glen	Melissa Purcell	Paula Hoemann
Carole Wiles	Janice (Jan) Bohman	Laurie (Lucky) Hilliard
Sharon Gibbons	Tara Jones	Kevin Burns
Steven Berkson	Jennifer (Jenny) Stern-Carusone	La Wanda Potter
Judy Horner	Judson M. Stern-Carusone	Thomas Ponce
Shaun Hearn	Bill Lakey	Steven Anderson
Tony Rains	Mike Rose	Douglas Moore
Alice Orsini	Robyn Coke	Laura Poueymirou

(At this point John Steinhart left the meeting).

Jenny explained some difficulty with vetting Laura Poueymirou. The ability to track years people received wristbands on the Sunshine database was mentioned. Heather informed us that the Sunshine Database is not 100% complete at this point (in terms of listing all members). If we have a question about someone's participation, we can ask Jon St., but he will be limited to sharing the information that is in the database.

Michael James Long reminded us that in the past we have sent folks down to the basement to look through records. It is very time-consuming.

There was a discussion around approving Laura P. The folks on Zoom could not fully understand the conversation, but they decided to include Laura in the motion to approve vetted applications.

Eric made a motion to approve all 30 vetted applications. Michael JamesLong seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent. (note – Heather Kent left the meeting shortly before the motion was read and therefore did not participate in the vote).

**Committee Mission Statement**

The list made on the committee mission statement draft are not truly related to what the committee needs to do, given we report to the board relevant to policy only. The operation tasks elders perform shouldn't be included in this Mission Statement.

The group rewrote the committee mission statement to read as follows:

*The Elders Committee is a group within the Oregon Country Fair structure to recognize our elders and provide them with a voice in Country Fair activities.*

*The Committee is responsible for conducting its business which includes meeting regularly and addressing assignments of committee business.*

Mouseman made a motion to approve the committee mission statement as written above. Kay seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Schedule November Meeting:**

The November meeting will be Hybrid, scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 6 p.m.

**Wrap-up**

The group agreed to close the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

The next meeting scheduled is Thursday, October 24, at 6 p.m. It will be a hybrid meeting.