

Committee Best Practices Committee – Draft January Minutes

When: Tuesday, January 21st @ 6:15 p.m. Ended at 8:05pm.

Location: Online via Zoom

Committee members present:, Jon Pincus, Dani Derrick (Scribe)

Committee members absent: Allain Van Laanen

BOD Liaison: Zahara Indigo (facilitator)

Others Present: Amber Coates, Anna Brown, Paxton Hoag, Ann Rogers.

Announcements

Jon – Path planning meeting next Sunday. Thinks we won't have a site walk. Meeting starts at

noon, info for more on the .net site. EAB walk, Saturday at noon, no walk, presentation

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Introductions: Round Robin.

Agenda Review: minutes moved to later to see if Lainy joins.

Board Liaison Report: The last meeting was mostly about guideline changes. Check them out

when they are published or read the minutes from the last meeting in the FFN.

This Meeting's Business:

Arna's resignation: Jon appreciates all that Arna has done for this committee. Dani – I appreciate all that Arna has done not just for this committee but for the fair as a whole.

Elect/Appoint a new chair for this committee: Dani very much appreciates all that Arna has done but I have some concerns about moving forward. Jon doesn't have the technical skills but would be willing to help someone else. A thought came up to push this to the future, perhaps after we get some new members. Indigo is willing to help with facilitator.

Jon makes motions to skip the February meeting to give some time to find new members. Approved by consensus.

Review and discuss the current Board motion regarding committee members terms Ann Rogers, Dani, Paxton, Jon, Anna, Indigo, Jon.

Summary of discussion:

Dani feels this is a board decision. Paxton not in favor of term limits. Jon believes this motion is not needed. Anna has concerns about the time it would take to implement. Dani explained how other board handle this type of process. Paxton mentioned the committee could make a motion but recommends coming to the board meeting to share thoughts. Also, potentially the board may send this question to this committee to get feedback on it. Jon proposed a motion to circulate this question to committees. Not seconded.

How to recruit new members and launch call out for this committee: Indigo will make a call out at the February board meeting, Dani to send her a blurb. Talked through timeline of adding new members. Dani does let friends list know we need more members.

Response for Elders: The committee will wordsmith and make corrections to the manual offline.

Review Lainy's suggestions for manual: Roll to next meeting.

Approve Minutes – December, May, and March meeting minutes: Roll to the next meeting with all three members.

Meeting evaluation: Dani thanked Zahara for stepping up to facilitate. Jon appreciates Zahara's willingness to be of service to the fair on the board. Paxton through it was a good meeting. Anna felt welcomed. Ann joined because the committee has been so warm in the past. She is happy to see the new folks coming as committees need new people. Amber wants to get more involved in the fair and is trying to figure out how she can help. Zahara appreciates everyone and appreciates the patience that was shown as it was her time facilitating. Would like to see the entire fair work on listening and speaking into what hasn't already been said. And she is grateful!

Closing

Review New Action Items: Dani to send recruitment blurb to Indigo. Dani will let Vanessa know we aren't meeting in Feb.

Proposed Next Meeting March 9th, 2026, at 6:15pm