

**Elvin H.O.M.E. Inc. Lothlorien Nature Sanctuary**  
**Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2022**

Attending: Voting-Conney Freese-Posthuma, Lisa Daugherty, Jef Stelzner, Dan Henline, Aaron Campbell (Bone) Aaron Bromberg, Jack Benge, Debra Lee, Katie Wolfe, Chase Burden (at beginning only) Non-Voting: Janie Van Buskirk, Jill Kleinpeter, Josh Netherton, Joey Clendening

**1. Opening**-Katie read our statement of purpose

**2.July Minutes** adopted Jef motioned, Lisa 2nd -Unanimous

**3.Volunteer Commitments/Personnel**-Josh Netherton renewed as staff Jef motioned, Katie 2<sup>nd</sup>-Unanimous

Chase resigned

**4. Financials:**

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Summary Month	Jul-22		
IUCU Check acct start balance	\$38,488.13	IUCU check acct. end balance	\$36,702.55
IUCU check acct. debits # 13	\$2,038.77	IUCU check acct. credits # 2	\$253.19
IUCU Savings start balance	\$4,229.01	IUCU Savings end balance	\$4,229.37
IUCU Savings debits	\$0.00	IUCU Savings credits	\$0.36

QKBs P&L total expenses	\$1,840.22	QKBs P&L Income	\$585.00
QKBs P&L net operate income	-\$1,255.22		

PayPal start balance	\$1,106.77	PayPal end balance	\$1,347.33
PayPal credits/ payment received	\$270.00	PayPal payment sent	\$22.00
PayPal withdrawals/Debits	\$0.00	PayPal Fees	\$7.44

**New Moon Budget**- Aziza's proposed budget for New Moon-tabled until she can come talk to us. Bone expressed concern about messes from previous new moons and giving non-staff person money.

**5) VP Address**

There has been lots of cleaning in kitchen; mice had been everywhere in pantry shelves, etc. Stoves were dirty and lots of stuff had to be tossed. This is curious since it was cleaned at end of ELF Fest and after Tuna Roar.

She has started working on clean out of office. They found problems with solar batteries, water levels low We need to get back to baselines of cleanliness and health (Arguing/discussion ensues)

We need backups and knowledge for maintaining things like solar power in more than one person.

Debra suggested adding a coded lock for kitchen access. Tabled until next meeting

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**6. Leo Fest**-prizes and raffle were great. It started with rain, but was okay after. The music lasted until late night. Spencer helped cook dinner and brunch for those who stuck around, mostly musicians and crew. We made approximately \$100 on raffles and meals-still some to sort out in PayPal.

**7. Long Hall use in October** for John Jeffries Memorial-October 1- No fees unless people camp. They have offered donations.

**8. Follow-up to CPS visit** to Davies' residence -Janie read Feb 10, 2019, CPS & follow-up report, identified Eva as person who made the call. Janie said that all parties were informed that they could come to the meeting.

Jef said he called Eva to discuss the rumors that he had heard and felt it was done with malicious intent. He claimed that she said she had no intention of appearing before council. (She and boys were in the middle of a 10-day Covid quarantine.)

Bone said he feels it was only because someone else didn't like them. Vic, etc. said that there are other ways to handle it, that she should have come to council instead of bringing the law to the property if she had concerns. Bone said she could have filed a grievance.

Jill and Conney talked about legal duty to report any concerns over child safety as call center staff, since Indiana is a mandatory reporting state. Jill brought up concerns about whether council has legal right to punish her for an anonymous report. She also said that as a mandatory reporter she would not risk losing her license by not reporting if she had a concern.

Jef suggested a suspension of a year and a day. Bone suggested 10 years. Janie split the difference at 5 years, allowed to come to parent's house. Lengthy discussion

Motioned Bone 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbra

8 for 1 against Janie will write letter, Jill will tell Eva

**Chase's resignation & things on land**-need someone to take over solar stuff; has 30 days to remove his stuff from the property or at least off field. If he wants to keep camper, etc. on land through WMG, he needs to come to next meeting

Jef motioned Aaron 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote 8 for -1 against Jef will let Chase know

**9. Wild Magick Gathering**

- Online registration- Not many registrations so far. Seniors and EEs can preregister online. Barbers, people using tokens will still need to email us. Conney will take care of guest list. Karin will be here early to set up. Discussed early in fee \$50 per night if they are not coming to help prepare
- VP Election-no other candidates at this time. Bone motioned to extend Katie's ability to run again if needed.
  - Debbra 2<sup>nd</sup>-Unanimous

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- Entertainment & Themes-Jef has lots of workshops and people performing There was general agreement to not have a specific theme
- Medical Staff-Jill has everyone returning who helped at ELF. Will set up 1<sup>st</sup> aid station at Wayne's World for basics, so can use folks with 1<sup>st</sup> Aid experience and have central contact for medical staff if real emergency. Jill will be restocking bag and med kit. Still plans to get AED before WMG
- Children's Activities-Nathan will do tie dye, need playground monitors, etc. Need someone to do kid's fire safety workshop
- Essential Services-Katie has talked to people about helping, most supplies already on hand
- Firewood & Tenders- agreed to order 10 ricks of wood to be sure we have enough for WMG and for other fall gatherings
- Kitchen-Debbra will be issuing meal tickets, still staff and families and barterers working during meals, etc. Debbra asked for \$900 budget-will also include water and some other supplies for medical
  - Conney motioned Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous
- Barterers- we are forwarding all barter requests to Miranda, except for kitchen, medical, and people doing activities, being approved by leads.
- Golf Carts-still none to rent- Katie will have Nick's again. Joe not sure if his mom is coming
- Preparation and Priority Projects-finish kitchen drain

Lots of weed whipping and mowing  
Entrance trimmed back  
Continued Cleaning

Thanksgiving at Long Hall this year-tabled

**10. 2023 Calendar**

Opening Weekend March 18-19 (Equinox is Mar20)

ELF Fest May 24-29

Solstice ReUnion June 24-25 (after Solstice to avoid Father's Day etc. of weekend before)

WMG September 24-25

Withes Ball-October 20-22

Katie-Hoping for more small events, special entertainments, etc. for work weekends in 2023 to create more interest and draw more people in for Earth Steward Weekends

Next meeting September 11, 2022