

Elvin H.O.M.E., Inc. - Monthly Council Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2023
Lothlorien Nature Sanctuary – Long Hall, 559 McFadden Ridge Road,
Bedford, Indiana 47421 – 1:00pm Recorded: Yes by: Aaron Bromberg

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1. Roll Call/Opening ([see sign in sheet](#))

Number of Voting Members Present: 12 Non-Voting: 12

Voting Stewards: Joshua Netherton, Vickie Stelzner, Aradia Beymer, Conney Freese-Posthuma, Dan Henline, Aaron Bromberg, Katie Wolfe, Aaron Campbell, Alix Martin, Jack Bengel, Jill Kleinpeter, Chelsea Malwitz.

Other Attending: Azisa Cordero, Paul Two Bears, Lisa Daugherty, Jill Minor, Dingo McMillan, James Pfister, Tip Moonstone, Pali Gap, Rukus Harris. Danielle West(&Tilly!) Erika Wilson, Janie Van Buskirk.

Lisa gave “Earth Day Birthday” blessing, stressing community and cooperativeness for all.

2. Consent Agenda: March minutes

Motion to adopt March Minutes with submitted changes made by Conney F-P

2nd by Aradia B.

VOTE: yes = 10 no = 0 abstention = 1 Vote passed.

ADDED TOPIC FOR IMMEDIATE HANDLING: Should we vote on VP? Discussion on how to handle re-appointment by council. Decision made to proceed now.

Aaron B. nominated Chelsea M. No other nominations submitted.

Motion to vote for interim VP made by Alix Martin. 2nd Katie Wolfe

VOTE: yes = 11 no = 0 abstention = 0 Vote passed

3. Volunteer Commitments:

No steward or staff contracts due this month. (see current contracts and dates [here](#))

NEW: Seasonal Staff – Erika Wilson – greenhouse restoration, field services, assist Ancestor Shrine restoration. Will submit written proposal asap.

Motion made to approve seasonal steward contract by Aaron B. 2nd Chelsea M.

VOTE: by paper ballott - yes = 12 no = 0 abstentions = 0 Vote passed

As no other contracts due, Vic S. requested this time for missing supporting documents and other informatino requests relative to the transfer of records to her as incoming secretary.

- RE: Luminary event=submitted [copy of letter](#), original to Aradia B. confirming no dome work during event.
- Clarified use of abstention vote as was used in previous votes before and should not have.
- Discussed committee updates be presented at meetings & online.
- Requested & received Lily B. proxy for previous meeting along with original sign in sheet from October 2022 council meeting.
- Asked if anyone happened to locate a contract for A. Horton or A. Bengel, both submitted, and both then later withdrawn, unable to locate paper contracts at this time.
- Need copy of letter to Lily B. to file with the certified letter receipt.
- Advised all of 365 issue where somehow a ‘view only’ document was marked as ‘edited 4-10-2023’. Unsure how this occurred.
- Advised had spoken to D. Lee re: several items. She stated she was not going to finish seasoning the rest of the cast iron cookware and will be returning. She confirmed she has 8 totes and 1 box from the office with historical documents she is scanning to earn Tokens, she has completed years 2003 to present. Still to do 1980 & 1990 activity. She recommended fire/weatherproof safe.

Advised her to cease further scanning of other documents until council determines what is necessary and what isn't. Advised her as she resigned from council will need to obtain membership and was told she just renewed last week.

- Discussion regarding tasks claimed on Debbras work logs ie: attending monthly council meeting, hours claimed for creating budget for her contracted job, etc.. Due to this large amount of Token credits applied, we need to address if this should have been pre-approved by the council before the job started, and to show progress & results of work completed. Corrections & further handling pending further discussion. It was recommended to hold off sending her a lifetime membership pkt until the issue is resolved.

4. Financials

Treasurers Report - ([See Here](#))

Taxes – Alix has submitted all required data to our accountant.

Property Taxes – due & payable May and September. Conney has submitted an exemption form. All bills received except one, and she will follow up to make sure we receive.

Personal Property Taxes – Conney said everything has been submitted, should be ok. Awaiting a response at this time. She recommended, just in case, we create/update equipment inventory with monetary value amounts. Need to locate the previous one as a reference. Elvin H.O.M.E. is currently not in a high enough bracket to have to pay this tax, but we still have to file for it.

Marshall Township Volunteer Fire Department – Motion to approve \$200.00 donation made by Alix M. 2nd Aradia B.

VOTE: yes = 12 no = 0 abstentions = 0 Vote passed

5. VP Report – Chelsea M. - Has been responding to general inquiries through Facebook VP page. Advised she will not be running for VP at EF'23.

Katie W. requested funds for the purchase of fire tools (shovels & rakes). Motion to allot \$600.00 for purchase made by Aaron B. 2nd by Aradia B.

VOTE: yes = 12 no = 0 abstentions = 0 Vote passed

6. Dome Covering Proposal – Jill Minor described a method using modular canvas pieces and a cable system to put over the drummer's area. Once in place you can then keep adding modular sections as needed. Written proposal, plans, and budget forthcoming.

Dan H. advised; dome structure work would need to be done before adding any additional weight to structure. No danger currently but needs to be considered.

7. Old Business

Health Dept. Report – Josh N. has reviewed the report received from Lawrence County. Josh recommend we become temporary campground and work to comply to become permanent. Would require GPS mapping of roads, water source, marked camp sites, all details to comply. After much discussion on various items including erroneous info on the report, (pool, another campgrounds address, etc) that are not relevant to us, it was decided to hire an attorney to obtain additional info & clarification from health dept. , to determine our needs, rights, and course of action options.

Aaron B. suggested need budget of at least \$1,000.00 for a review by attorney. Specifically, the July 10, 2023 deadline, 90 days advance notice providing existing or future plans.

Motion made to approve budget of \$3,000.00 to obtain attorney by Aaron B. 2nd by Aradia B.

VOTE: yes = 12 no = 0 abstentions = 0 Vote passed

At this time, only working with local county guidelines, but also State guidelines will apply depending on what we decide to do. To be determined.

Need to notify the membership before minutes posted. Conney will create an online announcement for membership. Katie W. suggests we check other campgrounds for comparison. (ABATE?)

Decided: check with lawyer, notify membership, make & submit a plan.

Josh will check and get some questions answered and will advise.

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Project Updates - No reports submitted

Dragon - Due to miscommunication and a desire to help with a project, it was determined the Dragon was taken down in error. It was not mentioned as a hazard by the health dept, and plans were in the making to finish it in an artful and safe manner. At this time, Dingo apologized to Lisa for his haste and misunderstanding in the removal.

Work Logs – Aradia B. reviewed how to fill out a Token work log completely, in order to be processed correctly and in a timely manner. Aradia is available for phone calls and questions anytime.

Conney reminded all to also mark on work log if worker used their own power tools for double Tokens.

Interim VP Election – Currently 3 nominees: Aradia B.(self-nominated), Danielle West (self-nominated today), and A. Campbell who accepted his nomination by Katie W. today.

8. ELF Fest 2023

Pre-reg/registration - Lisa D. processing Token registrations; Chelsea M. processing pay-pal.
60 pre-regs as of today.

Clarification Guest Pass: 1 – full festival or 2 - day passes

Barters - Miranda (Lisa's daughter), with assist from Lisa D.

Barter workers must have membership first, then assigned barter hours/shifts.

Will need to advise kitchen total number of designated barters for meal count.

Election – refer to current mailing. Conney compiling email ballot list.

Leigh Kimmel has volunteered to collect votes at festival again.

Elf Of The Year – 4 nominees submitted. Josh N. nominated Cat Gibson, Aaron B. nominated Dawn Graves, Alix T. nominated James Pfister, & Lisa D. nominated Regina Weiss. Dawn G. was removed as she has been EOY previously.

VOTE: by paper ballot: J.Pfister = 1 R.Weiss = 8 K.Gibson = 2

TBA at Grand Council ELF2023 – Regina Weiss EOY

A motion to grant a lifetime membership & 1 full festival entry to Cat Gibson made by Josh N. Aaron B. Seconded

VOTE: yes = 11 no = 0 abstention = 1 Vote passed

KEOA hours - No longer required. Previously 2 hours mandatory. However, task list is being compiled along with sign up sheet, and will be ready for any Elf fest attendees.

Zen Tent - Jette - creating a chill zone, location TBD, possibly near medical? Needs donations: cushions, coloring materials, refreshments, incense, etc. Budget TBD.

Grand Council – Chelsea M. will preside as VP. Conney will prepare an agenda for the meeting.

Scheduling – Pali, stated he and Jef were already scheduling bands, rites, etc. Thai advised him we need new sound board approx. \$600.00 cost. Vic S. advised of EF 2023 tea part, Friday of Fest, and submitted budget request for \$50.00. ([see budget](#))

Motion to approve \$50.00 for tea party items made by Vic S. 2nd Aaron B.

VOTE: yes = 10 no = 0 abstentions = 0 Vote passed

40th Anniversary Plans - Conney-many ideas to commemorate. Passed around image ideas for cover of upcoming revised Green Book. Suggested: Rubber stamps, t-shirts, mugs, stickers, patches, etc., Katie possibly make 40th anniversary fairy coins. Uncle Dan making medallions. Suggested for members attending a swag, bandanas, tote bag, map of Lothlorien, Danielle West has a map that Jason Rinehart made for her. Conney will ask for suggestions for a 'historical timeline'. Conney and Xander may set up a tent/space to have folks sit a spell and make a video, or write up their experience as in "How you found us?" Lisa checks costs and materials availability.

Kitchen - Azisa – working under standard operating procedures, to provide Brunch & Dinner. Staff dinner – TBD Barbers – if working during meal, then yes, you get fed. Spreadsheet, or other form being created to help track. Prior, to fest work = planning menu, creating food list, & shopping will be a Token earning job, unassigned at this time.

Security – Remy Nix is the lead, referring to a previous meeting discussion regarding other volunteers, Fogg also working security. Not sure who else is on Remy's team.

Parking – Janet Bailey will be a parking troll. Will need others and a lead.

Field Services - Katie W. - tree branch cleanup is ongoing. Will need firewood, as well as temporary recycling stations.

Registration: In progress. Karen Bier will be heading up the registration booth. Unsure how many helpers she will need at this time, TBD.

Kids Activities - Jill K., works in progress, and creating schedule at this time.

Medical - Jill K., Has already re-stocked several items for med kit. Making plans now.

9. New Business – tabled for the next meeting.

A motion to allot \$1,200.00 for firewood purchase made by Jill K. 2nd by Alix M.

VOTE: yes = 11 no = 0 abstentions = 0 Vote passed

Josh N. requested assistance in picking up approx. . 300 plants, need to make arrangements.

Janie V.B. suggests voting online if necessary, regarding inspection issues, will need to approve and vote.

A motion to approve online voting for emergency action re: health dept. made by Chelsea M. 2nd Aaron B.

VOTE: yes = 11 no = 0 abstentions = 0 Vote is passed.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2023

Respectfully submitted by V.Stelzner, Secretary, with assistance from Aaron B. & Chelsea M.