

Elvin H.O.M.E., Inc. - Monthly Council Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2013
Lothlorien Nature Sanctuary, Long Hall, 559 McFadden Ridge Road, Bedford, Indiana 47421
Recorded? : Yes C.Malwitz & A.Bromberg

Moderator: A. Beymer

1.

Roll Call/Opening - Welcome Home from , and to Tree! His health is better now, feels blessed, and glad to be back. Now assessing 'Spot' and will advise. The best joy & love he has ever experienced during his lifetime, has been here at Lothlorien. Hugs all around as the Dream Flower explodes with energy!

Number of voting members present __11__ Voting Stewards: ([see sign in sheet](#)) Vic Stelzner, Chelsea Malwitz, Conney Freese-Posthuma, Dannielle West, Alix Martin, Jack Bengge, Josh Netherton, Jill Kleinpeter, Joe Clendening, Aaron Bromberg, Katie Wolfe.

2.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Jill K. to approve June 2023 minutes, with the addition of resignation email from A. Cordero dated & effective May 23, 2023 as being submitted today as a matter of record . 2nd by A. Martin

Vote = yes - 10

no - -0-

abstention – 1

VOTE passed

Motion made by Conney F.P. to table July minutes pending review by all of council.

2nd by Josh N.

Vote = yes – 11

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed

3.

Volunteer Commitments/Contracts - No re-renewal contracts due this month.

NEW = Brandi Wampler – STAFF - duties include : trail work & lawn maint., composter cleaning, gardening, combatting invasives, light carpentry & chainsaw work , general labor as needed.

Motion made by Conney F.P. to approve contract 2nd by D. West

Vote = yes - 11

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed

At this time, Katie W. (and all) made a motion to grant Uncle Dan Henline Emeritus effective immediately. 2nd by J. Bengge

Vote = yes - 11

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed

4.

Financials – Treasurers report c/o A. Martin - ([see reports link here](#))

5.

VP Address c/o D. West - She was contacted by firetender K. Hicks , regarding a special WMG 2023 Saturday evening fire build, in honour and memoriam to our Wizard of the Land, Bart Simpson.

Danielle has also been speaking to some of our Elders regarding retirement options, future plans/ideas, living at Lothlorien. Would like more discussion Elder/Elder Emeritus and possible apprenticeships before submitting a staff contract to council. Also sees need for documented procedures, updated or created as a training manual for person next in line for whatever job they would take over. This, with training from outgoing person would assure continuity in transfer of duties with minimum impact. Dan H. has a boiler operators procedures for review. Some, not all, admin procedures have been documented, ongoing. Natasha may be able to do a video of procedures, or something at WMG 2023.

6.

Old Business:

Health Dept. - update per Josh N. - met with Brian Neilson engineer with HWC Engineering on Friday, they are not interested at this time but would consider helping us if no one else will. They would put Junior engineers on it to lower costs. If they do work with us, they will need mapping, parcel maps, soil surveys to be done. No commitment at this time from engineer. Josh is tasked with requesting an extension of the 10-10-2023 deadline, says that as long as we share the correspondence that has occurred already it should not be a problem to get the extension. Josh advises that we need the tax status issue figured out asap because it will possibly affect the type of funding for this project. Needs to be confirmed. When it comes to tax statuses and submittals this is the one time we would want to use the lawyer. Vic requested Aaron B and Josh N maintain proper paper trail of all meetings, correspondence, documents, etc. Aradia requested Josh record further meetings with engineer and Josh said that he could do that.

Aaron B. stated , to help keep costs down we need to determine actual duties of attorney. E.H.I. people can do some of what's needed, but all legal submissions, reviews, etc would be done by attorney. Cost and estimates upon request. The group discussed and decided to have the lawyer cease further efforts to find an engineer. We should continue further contact with August Mack contact ourselves instead of the attorney on our behalf. Suggested a group meeting with potential engineer on the property.

Josh will be tasked with contacting August Mack. Aaron will advise lawyer to cease efforts to pursue finding an engineer, check on the tax status and get the August Mack contact.

Solar Array c/o Janie V.B. with visiting speaker Autumn Siney. Autumn's first visit here was in November 2022. She and Wes have inspected our equipment and such, now working on report, and will be discussing options with him. Wes travels between Indiana and Wisconsin, and should be in Indy this week. She will check with him and get back to us asap! Contact her with questions anytime. Be back soon!

LEO Fest 2023 – review c/o Katie W. - Most attended Leo fest yet, with expectations of growing in future! Collected \$200.00 on site, report being compiled now with all other income, etc.. Came in under budget. Various Token jobs were done, Lisa compiled memberships, Alix collected from self sign in for processing. (today Jill K. did confirm medical supplies in office as questions as to not able to locate during festival for headache relief) Very mellow vibe, movies with popcorn Friday night, (Rocky Horror & The Never Ending Story) A large, blue fireball was observed by all, and many Perseid meteors were seen all night. Comments included what a great time it all was! Clothing swap popular, with leftovers being donated, Dawn G. will handle that part!

Token Issue - RE: D. Lee – status : Printer not yet returned, and no \$\$ (\$179.00) recd from D. Lee yet. Per Conney F.P., per D. Lee to her today, posted a paypal payment just today.

Alix will check today's report and advise.

Alix M. made motion if no payment recd, then we use her current Token balance of \$88.00 as partial payment for printer. 2nd = C. Malwitz

VOTE: yes - unanimous

no - -0-

abstentions = -0-

VOTE passed

Alix M. checked today's paypal account activity and did see a partial payment from her. Alix will verify details and advise via continuing email discussion with council, so a decision can be reached. D.Lee is welcome to come to council meeting to discuss issue to re-enter into the token program. If printer will be paid in full, then she still has her original \$88.00 Tokens to purchase a membership, as she does not have a current membership at this time.

Council was advised of Ms. Lee hitting & damaging the lower composter bench with her truck, at Solstice Re-Union, needs repaired. No action taken regarding this incident at this time.

Meetings/procedures: abstentions, ballots, & proxy voting: Vic S. read articles, and info from current Roberts Rules regarding these types of voting.

RE: Proxy Voting - Janie V. recommends we remove proxy voting, as items being voted on are discussed & initiated during actual meetings, that info may be relevant to the person using a proxy vote to make a better informed decision on that item. This would include pre-known votes ie., contract renewals. If you are at meeting then vote, if not at meeting, and no proxy, then the absent voting council member is not included. Have we ever tabled a contract vote due to missing council member, other than because no quorum? If we do make changes and a by-law change is made, need to advise our accountant so can report to IRS in our annual tax submission.

Aaron B. made motion to table decision to keep or discontinue proxy voting, until the September meeting.

2nd by Josh N. VOTE: yes - unanimous

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed.

RE: Abstention voting – After discussion, Question: Keep, or discontinue? Motion made by Josh N. to keep abstention voting as an option

2nd by Conney F.P.

VOTE: yes - unanimous

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed.

RE: Ballot voting – Motion made by Katie W. to accept ballot voting upon request 2nd by Jack B. .

Motion then withdrawn as it voiced by all, further discussion & review needed. Alix M. made motion to table vote. 2nd by Aaron B.

VOTE: yes - unanimous

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7. Wild Magick 2023 – Open Discussion/Check-in : Dome clean up, per Josh N. need #8 stone for driveway, will check with Uncle Dan re: procurement. Per Aaron B. , will check with B-Daddy re: procurement of firewood. Motion made by Chelsea M. to allot \$1,200.00 for 20 rick of wood 2nd by Katie W. VOTE: yes - unanimous

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed

Needs:

Saw dust – free sawdust available in Spencer, need to provide own transport truck, this per Brandi W. Katie says local Good Earth, Bloomington, has 'forest fiber' available at \$12.00 per yard, need our own transport. Need to find truck to use, (Pfister?)

Per Conney – brush at fence getting into road. She also has list of ongoing jobs.

Aradia advised of needed spider control in composters. Vic will research natural deterrents and advise asap. Jack reported on 40th anniversary wag to be available: 250 t-shirts , same white on black print design as the newest stickers & badges,(also available at fest!) various sizes, suggested \$15.00 - \$20.00 donation each. Available at ELF Base & Troll Booth . Payment method & details to be determined. We are obtaining shirs from supplier at a discounted, non-profit organization cost, order date 8-21-2023.Need to add to website t-shirt availability.

Motion made by Jack B. to offer t-shirts at suggested donation of \$20.00 each, 2nd by Katie W.

VOTE: yes - unanimous

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed.

Josh reports David T. also has key chains at \$1.00 donation each.. RE: payments, ca\$h only? Alix will check into Venmo & other options. Once decided, any new accounts will be tracked monthly in treasurer report, same as paypal.

Katie advised of ongoing storm clean up. Mary D. advised need signage for speed limit 5 MPH as we have box turtle eggs due to hatch Sept/Oct! Need to make this very apparent to all!

Radios – need approx 20 for proper distribution. Jef will take inventory and advise Jill, who will determine what additional is needed , arrange purchase, and set up a radio ‘sign in/out’ schedule for festival, TBD. All radios should be on channel 2.

Medical/Kids – no report given a this meeting.

Parking – Per Katie, the Youngs are coming in early to establish initial parking set up for festival. They have requested we verify best place for larger vehicles & special needs parkers.

Kitchen – Per Alix, Lowell T. has volunteered, as a trial run at WMG, to plan, shop, prepare,& serve meals at Troll Bar. Also, afternoon snacks, and

coffee available all day, with coffee assist from Ruckus H. (?).A donation jar to be set up. A few kitchen barbers may be needed for various other duties, (guard the ‘Snack Shack’ at Troll Bar, retrieve ice, etc.,)

Security – c/o Remy – all in place and ready.

Registration - c/o Karin B., all in place and ready.

Field Services – c/o Katie W., needs help for all various services.

‘Trash Troll’ - c/o C. Tedrow – another dumpster is coming. Working on her campsite trash collection per her previous presentation.

VP Election - c/o Vic S. with assist from Conney & Aradia. Conney has provided procedures for election to Vic. Vic will call her Monday with questions, and discuss time line & required handling.

Grand Council - c/o D. West, she will preside over the meeting, with assist from Conney F.P., to create agenda.

Schedule - c/o Pali with assist from Jef. 40th anniversary ritual. Friday evening – memorial ritual. Both himself, and Chooba are booked to play. Various workshops planned. Still scheduling at this time, will create a ‘final’ version asap.

MISC. - Lisa working on the ever popular ‘goodie bags’. Aaron B. advised need to fix solar shower.

Miranda requests how many barbers everyone will be needing, please. Vic compiling anniversary ‘historical’ postcard schedule packets for distribution. Janie is working on Heart Tree Circle. Possible new tree planting at festival?, or when? Josh asks what type tree best? Suggested Cherry, will research and advise.

Suggested: Ice coupons? Go to the head of the shower line coupons?

Chelsea M. asked about status of the 40% admission discount. Lisa still tabulating and will contact outside of the meeting.

Memorial booth to honour all our fallen elves, sigh....

8.

WITCHES BALL 2023

Need a pumpkin connection, let’s start now! Katie said she could help with transport pick up!

Return of the Dance Party! - yes! Katie said the fake cemetery will re-appear !

9.

40th anniversary – discussed in previous meeting, and earlier during WMG discussion.

10.

NEW BUSINESS:

Celebration of Life – Michael Rutherford memorial, former member of 'Rhythm Guild'.

Suggested dates October 6th-8th., details forthcoming.

CPR training c/o Jill K. (no presentation today, as Jill had to leave meeting early, move to when?)

2024 Schedule – Conney present attached list of 2024 dates.

Follow up: EF'23 - injury/fall at dome-status? Becky, fell and re-fractured old injury, healing well, may possibly attend WMG.

Follow up: EF'23 - parking auto accident status? All is well, handled privately between involved parties, considering matter closed.

Inquiry: QB 'user list'- Need to review current list and update. Conney will review and make necessary changes. Chelsea M. requested she please be added at that time!

Next Meeting: Motion made by Alix M. to have next meeting Sept 10, 2023

2nd by Danielle W.

VOTE: yes - unanimous

no - -0-

abstentions - -0-

VOTE passed.

Respectfully submitted by V. Stelzner, secretary, with assist from C. Malwitz.