

Elvin H.O.M.E., Inc. - Monthly Council Meeting 7/09/2023

Lothlorien Nature Sanctuary, Long Hall, 559 McFadden Ridge Rd., Bedford, IN 47421 –

1:00pm

Recorded: Yes = C. Malwitz Moderator = A. Beymer

1.

Roll Call/Opening ([see sign in sheet](#)) - J. Benge spoke, regarding personal ordeal he's been dealing with. Stated folks need to reach out to each now, more than ever

Number of voting members present = 10

Non-voting & other attendees = 14

Voting Stewards: V. Stelzner, C. Freese-Posthuma, A. Beymer, J. Benge, A. Martin, J. Netherton,

C. Malwitz, A. Campbell, K. Wolfe, J. Kleinpeter.

Others attending : M. L. Perez, J. Van Buskirk, J. Stelzner, D. McMillan, L. Daugherty, D. West, K. Bierman, S. Tedrow, P. Tedrow, J. Minor, K. Rivas, C. Gibson, D. Graves, Wayne Britton.

2.

Consent Agenda – Motion made by Conney F.P. to table vote on June 2023 minutes until August meeting pending review by all council members. 2nd – Bone daddy

Voted – passed unanimously, with out any 'Nea', or abstention votes

3.

Volunteer Commitments – No renewals due this month. No new contracts submitted

4.

Financials – c/o A. Martin [Treasurer Report](#), P & L, Pay Pal statement6, IUCU statement)

5.

VP Address - c/o D. West – Reported much discussion with members regarding focusing on our eco-friendly environmental efforts, on-going and ideas for future. Suggested new projects, thought & ideas, more to come with possible proposals. Reported many Elves turned out for Wizards Bart's service & memorial, thanks to all. More rites, toasts, etc., will also be held at WMG 2023, stay tuned! Suggested for WMG 40th celebration, some kind of member perk as a give back to members for years of support. Bagel Breakfast one day, other foodie ideas for others, Lisa will have additional buttons & stickers, Vic creating historical postcard packets, festival discounts? !st 40 pre-regs get a 40% discount? TBD, more ideas to come!

6.

Old Business – Health Dept. /Engineer Search Updates - c/o Josh N. - gave status of last inquiry from Health Dept dated 6-27-2023, and our reply dated 6-29-2023. Currently 4 possible candidates as engineer. May need additional info regarding needing to check existing facilities, explore options & alternatives, are there different guidelines for non-profit organizations? IF composter signage = unisex, THEN should be ok. Awaiting reply from attorney as to if we are considered a campground, or what?

Josh and Aaron continuing to coordinate efforts, updates will keep coming as they occur, and reported in council.

Solar Array – c/o Janie V.B. - reported Autumn & Wes visited and inspected to create a proposal. Wes was to attend today's meeting. Janie will reach out to them and give update to council asap.

Issue: Critters are affecting array big time, quite a mess. Dingo took a video and will explore ideas to secure the affected area.

Clarify process of vote by proxy, by paper ballot, & abstention voting. Vic will gather current Roberts Rules info regarding these actions. Hopefully post to group before August meeting, for discussion. Hard copies will also be available then.

Debbra Lee – follow up – c/o Conney F.P. - still being determined as to what Token adjustments need to be made. Advised during today's meeting, all bins have been returned to us from her, as well as 'all' cookware, (no outgoing inventory located for comparison) Still need memory stick of scanned items from her. She has asked to purchase the printer she is in possession of, from E.H.I., at original price. Need our original purchase info, receipt to pursue, updates forthcoming.

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7.

Upcoming Events – Solstice Re-Union 2023 c/o all who attended! Receiving great reviews, "Freakin' Awesome!" Attended = 101 +/- Shared Black Bag duties went well, thanks to all who stepped up! Storm resulted in additional minor tree damage and branch debris.

QUESTION: Where is best storm shelter at Lothlorien? The LONG HALL. Suggested: Method to broadcast and advise of impending bad weather to campers, Ideas?

Trash Issues - c/o Janie V.B., and others in discussion, Need to reiterate our trash handling AGAIN, as much left over AGAIN. Folks need to deal with their own trash. Incidents of some folks leaving their trash in other camp sites and circles, leaving it for others to deal with is UNACCEPTABLE.

LEO FEST 2023 c/o Katie W. Aug 11th, 12th, & 13th. - \$300.00 pre-approved budget being used. Regular camping fees apply, with some "try out" bartering. Suggested food donation of \$5.00. Activities include Friday Movie Night, a coffee bar, raffles, open mic night, flag painting, and a clothing swap. Dawn has already volunteered to take any left over clothing items to another non-profit group.

WMG 2023/VP Election/Pre-Reg timing etc. - c/o Danielle W., suggest Saturday night memorial for our Wizard of the Land, Bart Simpson, sigh... Collect donations in his name to go to the Indy Childrens Museum. Will try to reach the Blue Monkey Sideshow people to see if they could participate as our guests. Other ideas being considered, and announced asap. Dawn G. suggested adding items to the existing time capsule in the dome. Suggested: As part of our 40th anniversary celebration, first 40 people who pre-reg for WMG 2023 get a 40% discount on admission.

Pre-reg is the Sunday before _____. WMG starts 8-01-23, ends 9-10-23

8.

Registration and Gate – c/o Karin Bierman – IF someone is a no show for their scheduled barter shifts, THEN no future barterers allowed for this person in future. A “NO BARTER “ list was requested, and hopefully will be compiled for future. There were too many barter people assigned to kitchen at EF 2023, need to be more aware of assignments and such going forward. Karin gave several recommendations, suggesting festival gate hours be revised to 10 am to 10 pm. After 10 pm, arrivals need to use ELF hotline (Jef) 812-272-9463, to handle. Lisa D. will be late arrival registration contact and work with him to handle. Signage will be created and posted with this info at Troll Booth. She needs to have a 2nd manager/assistant, suggested Crystal, has worked with Crystal previously, recently EF 2023. Karin is working on fundraising for new Troll Booth, silent auction at her booth, now accepting donated items. Suggested: wood burnt Lothlorien key chains.

Dingo advised will present at next meeting need for additional signage, ie: speed limits,)“Turtles & Snakes have the right of way!” - Cat)

9.

Christy Tedrow - Proposal = Volunteering to act as Co-Ordinator for trash handling. as recent heavy trash being left after festivals, and other issues. She proposed a more friendly trash & recycling process. more user friendly. Suggestions: Cost comparison & types of dumpsters different providers, 1 free trash bag give upon arrival to fest, but pay for additional bags, or charge flat rate fee,\$3.00? Roll over fee into festival admission? Designate “Trash Trolls” (horn wearing?) (Trash Krampus?) volunteers to visit each camp site to collect trash bags, and fees for additional bags they collect, Trolls decide cleanest campsite for a small prize? Possible Trash Troll dance & more! Stressing Earth Elves and Sanctity of Nature. Unify joint efforts, such as when wood brought down in truck, grab re-cycling and take up to front at same time? Motion to accept proposal submitted by C. Tedrow made by Chelsea M..

2nd by C. Freese-Posthuma 7 – YES 2 - NO

1 - ABSTENTION

VOTE PASSED

10.

Work/Projects/Land Maintenance - Per Jill K., still organizing radio situation. Suggested a sign out log for radios during festival. Christy T. volunteered to work with Jill regarding ideas & processes used in another group she is

in, ie: radio check out procedure & more. Attempting to have in place by WMG 2023.

Question & discussion re: Kitchen at festival, any volunteers at this time? Ideas? Just do snacks & re-hydration, charcuterie items? To be determined.

Conney – Fallen Trees – removal needed of downed large tree behind the Heart Tree, Robin’s Wood, a downed Sycamore, across the road, and several more. Need to prioritize which get done first.

Katie – doing a walk-about evaluation of damage, looking for new maypole, stage railing, long hall railing, etc.

Janie - painted the spiral staircase, currently working on stairwells, hoping for Grand Re-Opening at WMG 2023. Stressed importance of prioritizing work to be done.

11.

New Business - Dawn G. - regarding work on Tree's 'spot', she's been clearing stuff, and has been in contact with him. No response to her inquiries, so if he does not contact her with intentions by 10-31-2023, it will be removed. Next, work on the greenhouse.

Next meeting: August 13, 2023

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by V.Stelzner, with assistance from C. Malwitz+