

WWFRF Board Meeting

November 15, 2014 10:00am – 3:00pm

Held at Jay Scott's house

Board members present: Sue Williams, Bob Baines, Kim Siebert, Kristan Johnson, Ira Collins, John Valentine, Jay Scott, Darlene Granberg,

Members present: Tom Wake, Becky Stinson, Bill Davis

Treasurer's Report – Mike sent the financial statement by email – Our balance as of October 31st, 2014 was \$43,115. We have a net income so far for this year of \$691.

Financial Budget for 2015 – After some discussion, Kristan motioned that the financial budget for 2015 be approved as the same as 2014 except for allotting \$1000 for kiosk signs. Seconded by Bob. Passed unanimously.

Membership - Christy sent a statement – We had 17 renewals and 12 new memberships at the Apple Pear Day event.

Garden Report – We had between 6-24 volunteers helping out on Thursdays this year. There were not very many volunteers coming in the spring so we need to work on that for next spring. There was a very positive feedback from the espalier pruning workshop, and many people were trained who can now help to keep the espalier looking good. Next year we could have other workshop days such as footie/thinning days to educate people and also to help get the work done in the Garden. When there are questions asked regarding the Garden involving WSU people, we need to copy Steve Jones so that he can keep up on what is going on.

The MOU expires next year in 2015 and will need to be renewed. Sue will make contact about how to renew it. Dan Gorton from WSU is working with us now, and is willing to work with us on pest management. It is very important that volunteers stay out of the WSU research plots unless they have specific permission to enter. As a part of an effort to demonstrate long keeping varieties some of the Bosc pears will be grafted over to other keeper varieties. Sam is donating some peach trees to replace the trees that died from peach leaf curl.

Garden Management plan - The spray program for the Garden needs to be revised each year. Jay will add some items which were accidentally deleted from the plan version 4.0 then the following procedure will be followed: First the Fruit Garden Committee has 2 weeks to pass it with 2/3 approval – then send to the board members who have 2 weeks to submit comments before the plan is sent out to WSU for approval. Since we *cannot* use any pest management which is *not* listed in the spray program, and we are *not required* to use *all* of the pest management procedure listed in the spray program, the list should be inclusive of everything that we *might* want to use in the Garden. Kristan will send the document out to the other Board Members. (Bob is a member of the Fruit Garden committee.)

Garden Committee – We have a proposal form to be submitted to the Garden Committee in order for new plant material to be approved. All plant material must be approved before planting in the Garden.

Condition of apples from the Garden this year – Bill said that he was only able to sell \$540 worth of apples this year because of extreme pest and bird damage. Coddling moths and crows were the main problems, but there was some damage from apple maggot. We need to check into a new type of auditory bird inhibitor.

Goals for 2015 – Apple, pear kiosk board. We need to have a message. Bob suggested three items: variety selection, rootstock size and pest control. Bob, Kim, and Kristan are to work on this project.

Field Days –The Winter Field Day has not had the video on anthracnose for several years, we will show the video and do a live demonstration of burning the anthracnose in 2015.

Outreach – Kristan, Sue, Bob and Becky are to work on the template for a Powerpoint presentation for outreach. The presentation will have a beginning and end which tells about WWFRF and the Fruit Garden, which will act as a template in which educational subjects will be in the middle part, which subject will depend on the audience. Kristan and Kim are to look for photos which may be used in the presentation and send them by Dropbox. Bob suggested that we expand partnerships with fruit societies and schools using the presentations.

Next year we hope to have once a month special work parties on Saturday.

Publicity – Darlene has been doing an excellent job advertising our events.

Data entry – Kristan will send the scanned copies of 40 years of fruit research data that is hand written data to Sue and Kim. We could ask for volunteers to help enter this data into spread sheet form in the newsletter and at the Winter Field Day. De has other data on his computer about years of work in the Fruit Garden. Kim will see if she can get a copy and give copies to other board members so that the data will not risk being lost and can be put into a form which can be put on our website.

Publicity – We need to try to have publicity every month. Sam can put notices on Raintree’s Facebook page 2 weeks before events. We can get Facebook advertising for \$1-2 a day. We will revise our business cards and make a small handout with our publicity points. Nurseries could put us on their websites.

Publicity – Power Point presentation and Fruit Garden tour template. In order to be able to have members who are able to give garden tours and speak about our organization to groups at other locations we will make a Power Point presentation and garden tour template that will include our publicity point and expand on them.

	Action Items	Responsible Person	Timeline to complete	Notes
1	Send out Fruit Garden Management plan.	Kristan		
2	Apple, pear kiosk board.	Bob, Kristan, Kim		
3	Powerpoint presentation template	Kristan, Sue, Bob and Becky		

4	Find out how to renew the MOU.	Sue		
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Darlene will put the links into the website fruit calendar.