

**WWFRF General Membership Meeting
March 5, 2011 12:30pm – 1:15pm**

Board members present: Bob Baines, Kristan Johnson, Sam Benowitz, Jay Scott, Kim Siebert, Richard Fairfield (retiring), Rachel Petrich (retiring), Walter Kropp, Shirley Kropp, Christy Nieto

Financial Report: - Walter Kropp – Since last year we have instigated a budget and an accounting review. WWFRF had about \$42,000 at the end of 2010. The negative balance is due to the Fruit Garden, which does not have a regular source of income and depends on periodic fund drives. It was stated that \$1000 was given by the Vashon Island Fruit Club for moving cherries into the netted cherry block, (but the money from the Vashon Island Fruit Club was actually for saving peaches and plum trees by moving them into the Fruit Garden; the money for moving the cherries came from the North Olympic Fruit Club). Rachel moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kristan. Passed unanimously.

Research – Sam – We have 30 blue honeysuckle plants to move into the Fruit Garden. We are also doing anecdotal research on plums, peaches and columnar apples in the Fruit Garden.

Changes to Articles of Incorporation – Shirley moved that the changes to the Articles of Incorporation as printed in the February, 2011 newsletter be adopted by the membership. Seconded by Kristan. Passed unanimously.

Changes to Bylaws – Richard moved that the changes to the Bylaws as printed in the February, 2011 newsletter be adopted by the membership. Seconded by Kristan. Passed unanimously.

Endowment Fund – Work is continuing on the endowment fund, but it is not certain when it will be ready.

Board Members – Retiring board members were noted: Richard Fairfield and Rachel Petrich .

Kristan Johnson nominated the following to be new board members: Mike Ewanciw, Bob Baines (who were appointed during the year and are now being elected), Bonnie Swanson, Sue Williams and Sarah Graham. Georgia Jenson volunteered to serve as a board member. Mike, Bob, Bonnie, Sue, Sarah and Georgia were unanimously approved by the membership as board directors.

Sarah is helping us develop a new website. Bonnie and Sue are helping organize the Summer Fruit Festival.

There were no current board members up for re-election.

End of General Membership Meeting

Begin Board Meeting

Board members present: Bob Baines, Sam Benowitz, Jay Scott, Kim Siebert, Walter Kropp, Shirley Kropp, Christy Nieto, Bonnie Swanson, Sue Williams, Georgia Jenson and Sarah Graham.

Bob has agreed to serve as president until September 1. Sam agreed to continue as Vice-president for the same period. The following slate for officers was nominated:

President: Bob Baines

Vice-president: Sam Benowitz

Coordinating Secretary: Shirley Kropp

Corresponding Secretary: Kim Siebert

Treasurer: Walter Kropp

Passed unanimously.

The board is planning to have a teleconference meeting on March 31, 2011, at 7:00 pm.

MEETING CLOSED