

WWFRF Board Meeting
Feb 20th, 2016 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Seattle Conference Center Atrium

Board members present: Kim Siebert, JoeAnne Hilgart, Sam Benowitz, Mike Ewanciw, Bob Baines, Adam Wargacki, Kristan Johnson, Jay Scott, Ira Collins, John Valentine

Mike and John arrived a little after the reading of the minutes.

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

Minutes – The minutes of the January 5th Conference call were read by Kim. Kristan motioned that we approve the minutes as read. Bob seconded. The motion was approved.

Winter Field Day – Jay will handle distribution of the rootstocks Sam brings to WFD

Fruit Garden Committee – 1/3 of mummyberry suppression mulch is deployed. Supplies are on track for completion.

Membership mailing – John reported only 1% of 400+ mailers "returned" (recipient unknown). Need 9 membership renewals to break even on mailer venture.

Action Items from November Meeting -

Kim finished the PowerPoint presentation, which can be customized to fit presentations of various lengths from 5 to 30 minutes or more, depending on how much the presenter talks about each slide.

Carol Miles has clarified that the general membership of WWFRF will not be able to pick fruit from WSU research blocks including the cherry block at our events. We need to decide whether we can have a cherry day event in the Garden or whether we will have to permanently eliminate the event.

Carol Miles has told us that if we wish to contribute to WSU sponsored fruit related research we may do so by giving money as a gift rather than by committing to a certain amount.

The Annual Financial Review was completed. Reported by Mike.

Potential New Officers - Mike will approach Randy Lee about serving on the board.

Winter Field Day Speaker Fees - Mike motioned to allot a total of \$500 for the speaker fees for the Winter Field Day in the WWFRF budget. Kristan seconded. Approved unanimously.

Membership Fees - Vote to raise fees was deferred until the Annual Business Meeting on March 5th.

Newsletter - Kristan motioned to put to a vote by the membership at the annual business meeting a change in medium for 2 of the 3 yearly newsletters from print to email, excepting members without an email address on file. Maintenance of print medium will be tied to a \$5 increase in membership fee. Language of the proposal will be refined in committee. Bob seconded motion. Approved unanimously. Kim and Adam to form committee on specific language of email to notify membership of the vote at the Annual Meeting.

Organizational Growth - Bob committed to organizing or facilitating three events promoting organizational outreach and education (and promotion of WWFRF). A committee consisting of Adam, Mike and Sam with Bob as chair was formed to design a proposal or proposals of plans to 1. Increase organizational outreach 2. work together with other organizations.

Purchase of 30 pruning DVDs - Kristan motioned to authorize the purchase of 30 pruning DVDs from Gary Moulton on close out sale of \$10 ea. Ira seconded. Approved unanimously.

Standing Rules - Kim motioned to approve the *small project initiation* section of the standing rules as amended in board correspondence and at the meeting. Bob seconded. Approved unanimously.