

WWFRF Retreat Board Meeting

Jan 12, 2019

11:00 – 4:30 pm

At Kim Siebert's home

Board members present: Bob, Kristan, Jay, Kim, Peter, Sam, Ira

Guest attendees: Tom Wake, Mike McWilliams

A quorum was present the whole meeting.

Read minutes from 11/17/2018 – Kim – Kim read the minutes from the meeting on November 17, 2018. Bob said that he was unable to take the City Fruit Master Fruit Steward training because City Fruit said that he had too much knowledge and should be teaching the class rather than being a student.

Kristan motioned that we approve the minutes, seconded by Bob. Passed unanimously.

Membership Report – Joanne – Joanne not present due to illness.

Financial Report – The 2018 Financial Report was looked at and it was noticed that the Handout/Supplies category for the WFD was over the budget (\$551 instead of \$400). Kim will contact Mike to see why this was and to see if amount allotted in the budget for 2019 needs to be changed.

Training and outreach for Fruit Garden Volunteers – Bob Baines and/or Mike McWilliams – Mike is being added as a member of the Volunteer Training & Outreach committee. This committee now consists of Bob, Peter, Bill Davis, Kim and Mike.

Winter Field Day, Sat March 2, 2019 – Ira has reserved the rooms but needs to find out if we have enough insurance for the new insurance policy of WSU or if we can get an exemption. There was a problem with cleanup last year – the floor finish was damaged. We need to have someone in charge of cleanup that does not have any other responsibilities at that time. Kim to add breakdown instructions to the protocol for area so that persons moving tables from their own area will not scratch the floor.

Publicity: Mike McWilliams will send out some online advertisements. Kim to send him the information about our Facebook page. Kim will contact Mike Ewanciw to see if he will be able to notify newspapers. Kristan to contact Jeramy Cooper to see if he will post online about the event. Ira to contact Cloud Mountain Farm to see if they will promote the WFD.

Sam to buy Facebook ads and to put handouts at the Raintree table at the Flower & Garden show. Ira to send an email to see if any volunteers would like to do shifts at the table to help promote the event.

Kim will try to take photos and videos at the WFD this year to make a short video to promote the event in future years.

Jay requested to be free from the rootstock area during the lectures because he has not been able to attend in past years due to not having enough help in the rootstock area.

Increasing Membership - Mike McWilliams will make a survey for the Greeters to ask people attending the WFD about how they heard about the events so that we can improve advertising.

Update on Grid System for Locating and Documenting plants – Mike showed the section maps and printout from the new database for the inventory for the Fruit Garden.

Should we move to digital records? - Kim mentioned that she and Mike had done some exploring with editing documents on Google Drive and we may be able to move to using Google drive as a place to keep records digitally rather than keeping paper records as we have in the past. Kim will check with Shirley Kropp to see what legal issues are involved if any.

Educational Events for the year – Bob suggested that we do a series of once a month training events both for our volunteers and for the public on Thursdays after lunch. The 1st Thursday of May will be a class on thinning and the 1st Thursday of June will be on netting.