

**WWFRF General Membership Meeting
March 6, 2010 12pm – 1:00pm**

Board members present: Kristan Johnson, Sam Benowitz, Tom Wake, Kim Siebert, Richard Fairfield, Rachel Petrich, Walter Kropp, Shirley Kropp, Jo Alidina, Tom Mueller
Other WWFRF members present: Christy Nieto

Budget: - Kristan Johnson – Due to the method of billing used since WWFRF began we still owe \$8600 for each of the last two years of research.

Fruit Garden – WWFRF has moved the best varieties from the plum, peach and alternative crops research areas into the fruit garden.

Cherry Block – WWFRF will rejuvenate the cherry block by moving in new varieties to test in place of trees which have finished being tested and paying for the maintenance of the new trees. Shirley Kropp motioned that \$1150 be allocated for the renovation of the cherry block. Seconded by Rachel Petrich. Passed. \$1000 has been donated from North Olympic Fruit Club for cherry research.

Research – WWFRF is working to have a permanent position filled at Mount Vernon NWREC to support the cider, wine, nursery growers, fruit wine and orchard industries.

Board Members – Retiring board members were noted: Jo Ann Alidina, Tom Wake and Brad Smith.

Kristan Johnson nominated the following to be new board members: Jay Scott, Christy Nietto, Scott Terrell.

Jay Scott is a longtime fruit garden volunteer. Christy Nietto is head of the membership committee and volunteer coordinator. Scott Terrell has photographed events. All were approved by the membership.

Current board members up for re-election: Kristan Johnson, Sam Benowitz, Bill Davis, Kim Siebert, Shirley Kropp, Walter Kropp. All were approved by the membership.

Financial Report – Walter Kropp – Report was approved by the membership.

End of General Membership Meeting

Begin Board Meeting

Officers are elected from among the board members. All 5 officers terms are up, all 5 are seeking reelection. Discussion - Shirley Kropp – our by-laws require officers terms vary so that not all officers are elected at the same time. Do we want some of the officers to be reelected for one year terms instead of two to attain this varying cycle? After general discussion, it was decided to vote to reelect all 5 officers to 2 year terms. Motion made by Rachel Petrich to re-elect Kristan Johnson as president, Sam Benowitz as vice-president, Shirley Kropp as coordinating secretary, and Walter Kropp as Treasurer. Seconded by Jay Scott. Approved.

Motion was made by Richard Fairfield to allow Rachel Petrich to be the second signer on WWFRF bank accounts (past board meetings have authorized officers to be second signers on WWFRF accounts. Rachel is not an officer). Seconded by JoAnn. Approved.

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