

## **WWFRF Board Meeting**

**January 5, 2016 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

### **Conference call**

Board members online: Sue Williams, Kim Siebert, Sam Benowitz, John Valentine, Adam Wargacki, Kristan Johnson, Jay Scott, Ira Collins

Board members not online: Mike Ewanciw, JoeAnne Hilgart, Mignonne Bivin, Darlene Granberg, Bob Baines

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the November 21, 2015, board meeting were read. Sam motioned that we approve the minutes as read. Kristan seconded. Approved unanimously.

### **Reports of Standing Committees –**

**Winter Field Day** – Mike will send template for event so that Ira and Kristan can write a letter asking for volunteers for specific jobs. After the board of directors reviews the letter it will be sent out to the membership by email. Measures will be implemented to curtail losses from people taking scionwood and rootstocks without paying. Sam requested that we ask Susan Dolan for her ideas to better promote and educate.

**Fruit Garden Committee** – Kristan motioned that we spend up to \$1500 for the mummyberry suppression mulch proposal which has been approved by the Fruit Garden Committee. Ira seconded. Approved unanimously.

### **Reports of Special Committees –**

**Membership mailing** – John Valentine. 45 cents per piece to print fold and mail. Will be sent near the end of January. Kim suggested that we initially send out 200 to more recent members. Ira to work out how we can gather emails at the Flower and Garden Show for future emailings.

**Unfinished Business** – None for this special meeting

### **New Business –**

**Standing Rules** – Kim Siebert. The Standing Rules will define roles and responsibilities. Procedures will be in the same document. As each section is finished we will email it to the BOD for comments and then it will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Funding opportunities** – Jacky has sent us information about a grant opportunity. Time frame is to submit by August this year. The BOD will consider whether we can move forward on this opportunity.

**President retiring** – Sue announced that she will be retiring from the BOD at the Winter Field Day. She will not be able to attend the board meeting in February so the task of running the meeting will fall to the next person in line as the position of Vice-President is vacant.