

**WWFRF Board Meeting**  
**November 4, 2017**  
**2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**At the Snohomish Co-op**

Board members attending: Kristan, Bob Jay, Kim, Ira  
Board members online: Sam, Randy, JoeAnn, Mike

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

**Membership** – We currently have 99 members including 2 business memberships and 2 complimentary memberships. We had \$385 in donations plus a \$5000 bequest from the estate of Marlene Falkenbury. We have had 104 memberships which have not been renewed this year. It was decided that we would send out a renewal reminder to these members using money already allotted in the budget for publicity.

**Reports of Special Committees –**

**Outreach committee report** – Bob – No action has been taken by this committee since it was formed. Bob said that his idea of what they would do for outreach is no longer possible so this committee is now disbanded. Members of the committee are encouraged to consider how we could achieve outreach and to volunteer to chair a new outreach committee if they have ideas for outreach.

**Old Business**

**Extra educational events for next year** - The idea that Cloud Mountain Farm would present an educational event in the Fruit Garden was mentioned.

**Donation collection box for the Fruit Garden** – One person responded to the newsletter call for a volunteer to make this, but then they didn't answer after we replied. We need to move forward with contacting the person again. *(Editor's note: Kristan Johnson followed up on this and Paul Gotz fabricated the donation box. See photo on Page 6.)*

**Geocache in the Fruit Garden** – It's there now, and the Geocache group is pleased with it.

**New Business**

**Presidency** – Kim announced that due to personal affairs she will not be continuing as president after this term, but she is willing to return to the Recording Secretary position.

**Partnership with Cloud Mountain Farm** – Tom Thornton spoke about the projects at Cloud Mountain Farm. The trials that are of interest to NW Fruit are the peach production trial, cherry production variety and UFO training trial, and pear production and training trial. It was agreed by the NW Fruit BOD that these trials are within our mission and qualify as being eligible to receive donations from NW Fruit. Our bylaws allow for us to support any fruit research that supports our mission, not only WSU research. Cloud Mountain Farm would offer to post our information in various places. The NW Fruit BOD is going to work on a proposal towards the goal of a mutually beneficial relationship.

**Budget for 2018 – Mike and Kim** The budget was reviewed and updated. Bob motioned that we approve the budget with the update changes. Seconded by Ira. Passed unanimously.

**More screening for apple trees – Kristan** – Kristan motioned that we allocate \$300 for more screening for apple trees. Seconded by Jay. Passed unanimously.

**Winter Field Day 2018 plans** - Mike is willing to be the event coordinator for 2018. Kristan will lead the speaker team.