

NW Fruit General Membership Meeting

March 2, 2019

12:30 – 1:00 pm

Followed by the Board meeting

Financial Report – Mike Ewanciw – We currently have around 40K.

Fruit Garden Update - Kristan Johnson gave a brief review of the bee netting being used on the Karmijn de Sonnaville apples, the Honey crisp apple espaliers, and a RubINETTE apple tree.

We will do a thinning experiment by staggering application of bee netting to Karmijn's to interrupt pollination to see if we can cut down on thinning labor, Larry Crum will be in charge.

We will trial a couple of new yellow cherries that may not need bird netting.

We are looking into testing an organic weed control spray called "Weed Slayer," and also a test using micro-clover beneath trees.

Mike McWilliams has been working on a new data system for the plant inventory, which will also include specific pruning methods for each tree.

Questions from members – A member asked whether we have external audits done. It was explained that we have an internal financial review each year by a committee with several non-board members on it. An external audit is very expensive and our organization has insufficient income for an external audit to be feasible.

Outreach to children – Travis Alexander (WSU Research Associate) brought up the possibility of our having outreach event for children cooperating with WSU. Bob will explore the options with Travis.

Presentation/Vote of Board nominees by the Nominating Committee

Kim nominated John Keefe, Larry Hedgepeth and Celeste Frisbee for the Board of Directors. Kristan Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mike, Ira, JoeAnne, Bob and Kristan were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting

Board Members present: Bob Baines, Kristan Johnson, Sam Benowitz, Kim Siebert, Ira Collins, Peter Jackson, Joanne Hilgart, Mike Ewanciw, Jay Scott, John Keefe, Celeste Frisbee and Larry Hedgepeth.

Nomination of Officers – The following slate of officers was unanimously elected.

President – Bob Baines

Vice President – Ira Collins

Treasurer – Mike Ewanciw

Recording/Corresponding Secretary – Kim Siebert

Minutes submitted by:

Kim Siebert

WWFRF/NW Fruit Recording/Corresponding Secretary