

NW Fruit Board Meeting

June 27, 2020

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Zoom video meeting

Attending: Dennis, Kim, Jay, John, Celeste, Bob, Larry, Ira, Kristan, Colleen, Joanne, Sam

Minutes from last meeting – The minutes of the meeting from February 8, 2020 were read and approved.

Membership Report – Joanne – We currently only have 52 memberships, which is very low due to not having our events this year, especially not having the WFD. Richard Farifield suggests we mail out something to help boost membership. Kim and Joanne to work on sending out an email. Bob and Kristan to review the email before it is sent out.

Financial Report – Dennis - All taxes have been filed for this year. Kristan noted that the only large expense we have coming up within the next couple of years is the cherry block structure and netting. Financial report reviewed and passed.

Better utilization of video meetings – The Publicity committee that was formed last meeting has not done anything. The fact that we didn't have any events to publicize is part of the reason, but also, we need to have a better way of accomplishing things during the Covid restrictions. Celeste suggested that we could make better use of zoom meetings to get things done as a group. Celeste explained about breakout rooms and demonstrated screen sharing. Talked about having a working document that a group of people can all work on at one time during a breakout session. Celeste hosted a meeting after the board meeting to teach about some of these things. We will try to have another meeting to learn more soon. Bob motioned that we get a year's professional subscription to Zoom. Celeste 2nd. Should be used with an email for the BOD and not an individual. Passed unanimously. Kim to purchase since she has access to the gmail account for the BOD (nwfruitbod@gmail.com).

Fruit Garden Committee report – Kristan explained what had been covered in the Fruit Garden meeting on June 20th for those who were not at the meeting.

Old business

Online access of documents for board members – Kim has set up a gmail account nwfruitbod@gmail.com in order to use the drive for documents. The newsletters going back 10 years are already posted. Other documents will be added.

New Business:

Insurance quotes – John – Do we need Professional liability? There were various opinions expressed about whether we need professional liability or not. We can put disclaimers on our information and newsletters, and for the scionwood sale. We can use best practices for not spreading disease. Dip in Dilute bleach solution. The idea of working with WSU to get sponsorship to have insurance under WSU was brought up. It was decided that we need to get more information before we can decide whether we want to have this type of relationship with WSU, as it might change what we can and can't do as an organization. John is going to contact CIMA Volunteers Insurance to get more information about their insurance.

We need a waiver of liability for volunteers who use ladders. Dennis will chair (set up meetings and host the meetings) a group with John, Larry, and Ira to design a waiver and a policy to enforce.

Postponement of General Membership meeting – Kim – If we are able to have out Apple and Pear day we can have our General Membership meeting then. If not we will have an email meeting and ask for a vote on board members.

Ideas suggested to help take the place of events: We could have small groups come in to harvest as trees ripen or pick fruit and make packages that members can come and pick up. We need online opportunities to reach out to members. Online classes? Apple identification as a subject? Celeste, Bob, Ira, John, Sam, and Kristan to work on these ideas. The group will have zoom meetings. After setting Zoom meeting time all groups and committees will send an email listing the meeting to Kim to put on Calender with the nwfruitbod@gmail.com account.

Benches – Kristan – motioned that we authorize up to \$300 for a bench in the fruit garden. Passed.

Next Board meeting –Kim send out Doodle survey for meeting in August.

Board Members – Colleen has volunteered to be a director so she is on the BOD and will be voted in by membership at the next opportunity.