

NW Fruit Board Meeting

August 22, 2020

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Zoom video meeting

Attending: Dennis, Kim, Bob, Jay, Kristan, Ira, Colleen, Larry, John K.

Guests: Tom Wake

Minutes from last meeting – Kim read the minutes from the meeting on June 22, 2020. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report – Dennis previously sent the financial report covering 2020 up to August 18. Revenue and expenses are down due to Covid-19. The current cash balance for the general fund is over 17K the current cash balance for the Fruit Garden is over 20K. We do not have auditable financial records for the first half of 2019 due to not receiving the receipts from the last treasurer. Kim will set up a financial review for the months that Dennis was Treasurer. Dennis estimates that we will have expenses of \$1300 left to pay this year, all other expenses have been paid. The financial report was approved unanimously.

Better utilization of video meetings – Kim has purchased the ZOOM account and we have had several meetings of committees.

Fruit Garden Committee report – Materials for the bench have been purchased and will be installed. The wagon was repaired. The blueberry netting project is working well for keeping birds out of the blueberries. We will be taking out some of the Bosc tatura trellised pears and putting in cherries instead.

Publicity meeting report – A document was created and worked on in a zoom meeting and the committee will be moving forward on publicity.

Old business

Insurance – Dennis and Kim – We had a zoom meeting with the Lawyer about our insurance needs several days before the board meeting. After some discussion it was decided that we will not get professional liability coverage, only general liability and D & O liability, with a couple of add ons. Dennis, John K. and Kim are going to move forward with finding out whether we can get a lower amount of coverage on a couple of the line items in the insurance with a corresponding lowering of the premium and then purchase the new insurance policies. Dennis will speak with his son about ways we can lower our risk, since he works in this area.

Apple and Pear day – We need to find a way of harvest distribution under the Covid-19 WSU site restrictions since the Gardens are closed to the public.

Colleen will be the liaison for the blueberry team to harvest for the Gleaners as one way to distribute part of the harvest. Tom will be in charge of letting them know which fruit they can harvest for the Gleaners. Approved.

We will get WSU input of how we can allow a limited number of members at a time come to pick up fruit that has been harvested by the FG volunteers. The varieties will be labeled. We will announce in the newsletter that fruit will be available by appointments made online by current members who will come at

the appointed time to pick up their fruit and each person will only have a short time to get their fruit. We will put up a web page about how to get apples and send the link only to current members. The September email newsletter, which is always sent out to people whose membership has expired over the last 2 years in addition to current members, will detail all this so that people have the chance to update their memberships before the harvest time. Ira will find a scheduler for us to use online. Tom will check with WSU to see if we can have members come to the parking lot to pick up their apples.

MOU – We need to have the Memorandum of Understanding with WSU updated and renewed, since it has expired. WSU has not contacted us about this since Covid-19 started. Bob will contact WSU about this.

New Business:

Volunteer apple pressing – Due to Covid-19 we will not have apple pressing this year.