

**NW Fruit
ZOOM Board meeting
August 28th, 2021**

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

Guests: Tom, John Keefe. Bill Davis was attending for part of the meeting.

There was a quorum present the entire meeting.

Minutes from last meeting – Kim read the minutes from the June 19th meeting and they were unanimously approved.

Financial Report – Dennis – FG revenue is down from the budget since we haven't had any events. Expenses are also down. We currently have \$18,240 in the general fund and \$21,732 in the Fruit Garden fund.

Membership report – Joanne – We currently have 72 paid memberships.

Fruit Garden update

Committee report – Colleen The FG has been open to the public for 3 weeks. John Keefe is working on putting up the new labels for trees. Several diseased cherry trees will be removed from the FG.

Sam suggested that perhaps we could get a permaculture designer to work with a volunteer so that we could put new plantings in the FG if needed. Colleen will chair a committee with Bill, Dennis, Jay, Bob, John, Tom, Kim and Sam to explore this idea and review the FG management plan to see if we need to make any changes to the document to move forward.

Old business

Shed moving update – Colleen – The sheds have been moved. The shelves will be put up on the sides of the sheds next.

Monthly topical meetings for current members – We are currently planning to have a zoom meeting the last Saturday of the month at 10 am. This will give the BOD a chance to mingle with the membership more.

We could also have a weekly Wednesday night meeting that people could come to in order to talk about what will be happening in the FG when the volunteers come the next day.

Begin planning for October fruit sample day – We need someone to chair the event. Bob will contact Carol Miles to make sure we have the go ahead for the event.

Winter Field Day 2022 –

We need to start planning the event. Griffin Berger was suggested by Larry for a speaker and it was agreed that he would contact him to see if he would be able and willing to be a speaker at the event.

Data from past fruit trials at WSU – Sam learned that the boxes with the data have already been discarded a year ago. Nina may be able to find some of Kristan’s records.

New Business:

Dr. Bob's memorial and Vashon orchard – Sam – Maybe we could have an apple tree that Bob Norton bred in our orchard in the future. Sam is going to ask Emily McCrae, the director of a Vashon orchard that honors Bob, share with us at our next board meeting.

Fruit Press – Griffin Berger has offered to donate a fruit press to NW Fruit. Storage of the unit might be a problem, maybe WSU could store it. After some discussion we voted to accept the press with 8 yes votes and Sam abstaining.