

**NW Fruit  
ZOOM Board meeting  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Attending: Bob Baines, Kim Siebert, Sam Benowitz, Colleen Sanders, Ira Collins, Jay Scott, Joanne Hilgart, Celeste Frisbee, Dennis Davenport (came later in meeting).

Guests: Tom Wake, Bob Ness, John Keefe

*A quorum was present the entire meeting.*

**Minutes from last meeting** – Kim read the minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Unanimously approved.

**Financial Report** – Dennis – Dennis sent out the year end Financial Report before the meeting. We did very well last year in both membership renewals and donations, in spite of difficulties having our usual events resulting from Covid considerations, so that our income was up by about \$7K. Dennis reminded us that we have \$800 allocated for a memorial for Kristan Johnson.

**Membership report** – Joanne – We currently have 121 memberships including several complimentary memberships.

**Fruit Garden update** Committee report – Colleen – John K. is proceeding with the new labels for the trees. A string trimmer will be purchased after some more research is done to find the best model. The research for the solar lighting for the sheds is progressing.

**Old business**

**Website updating and hiring of a part time administrative assistant** – Kim will head up a committee with Bob Baines, Celeste, (plus Colleen and Bob Ness who joined after the meeting) to explore how to best use a part time administrative assistant using the information collected from volunteers after the meeting in November. The committee will report at the next board meeting.

**Winter Field Day 2022** – Bob B. has been in communication with the other fruit interest groups in the Seattle area. These groups are in agreement that it will be both workable and desirable for us to change the date of the Winter Field Day. Kim motioned that we permanently change the date of the Winter Field Day to the second Saturday in March. Seconded by Ira. Passed unanimously.

Since we are having an all outdoor event this year due to Covid concerns we are renting a large tent/tents rather than the auditorium.

Ira reported on using Square One to accept credit cards at the event, but since you can't use the service without giving them someone's Social Security number we are not going to do it.

Bob has bought a microphone & speaker unit which we may buy several of for speakers to use for outdoor talks, but we have to test it more before we make a decision.

**New Business:**

**Set up a long range planning retreat** – The next board meeting will be a long range planning retreat. Kim will send out a Doodle poll to set a date.