

**NW Fruit
Board meeting
June 19th, 2021
By ZOOM**

Attending: Bob Baines, Ira Collins, Kim Siebert, Sam Benowitz, Colleen Sanders, Jay Scott

Guest: Tom Wake

A quorum was present the whole meeting.

Minutes from last meeting – Kim read the minutes from January 16, 2021, and the short meeting from April 10, 2021. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report – Kim screen shared the financial report sent by Dennis Davenport. There were no questions.

Membership report – We currently have 90 paid memberships.

Fruit Garden update

Committee report – Colleen

The FG committee voted to put the 4 center apple trees in section W5 into organic sustainable management. 106 labels have arrived and John Keefe is working on getting the fasteners. The stooling beds have been planted in the nursery. Thank you to Sam for asking Raintree nursery for the donation of the rootstocks. **Colleen motioned that we put a temporary no cost 3 x 4 inch sign on a stake in the nursery to thank Raintree Nursery for the donation of the rootstocks. Passed with Sam Benowitz abstaining.**

Manger report – Tom

WSU covid policy has changed to allow people who sign an attestation form saying that they have been fully vaccinated will be able to work in the FG with no masks and with not 6 foot social distancing. Masks and social distancing will continue for those who have not had vaccinations. We will probably be able to have events but for members only. The volunteers are still not allowed to bring food.

Pollinator committee -

Bob Gillespie, a newly retired entomologist from Wenatchee Valley College, will be helping a newly formed Pollinator sub-committee to design plantings for the FG to attract beneficial insects and pollinators.

Old business

Shed moving update – Colleen - The shed pads have been cleared and the plan is moving forward.

Webinar update – We will discontinue the ZOOM webinar addon after the July 10th webinar. We will make the videos from the webinars available to the public on our website. Bob will set up and host monthly topical regular ZOOM meetings beginning in the 1st part of August that current members only

can attend. There will be an educational talk and then people can ask fruit growing questions. Ira will promote the meetings on the website and send the direct link through email to our current members only. Registration will not be required.

New Business:

Begin planning for October fruit sample day –

We need to plan an educational presentation. We need someone to chair the event.

Discuss additional activities for the summer –

We may do a tour for the Master Gardeners.

We may have a picnic near the end of August..

Winter Field Day 2022 – We need to start planning the event.

Data from past fruit trials at WSU – Sam will get in touch with Jackie King to see if we can obtain the boxes with past WSU fruit trials that were never digitized but that have paper copies. If they are available Sam will arrange to get the boxes and sort through to find the information we may want to digitize.