



Board Minutes  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Executive Committee (6:15-6:30pm)

Attending: Christeena Marzolf, Meredith Molli, Hannah Cavendish-Palmer, Nancy Marshall, Claire Foster

Decided Exec. Committee roles unanimously:

Hannah: President

Meredith: VP

Nancy: Treasurer

Claire: Secretary

Christeena: Director at Large

Board Meeting (6:30-8:00pm)

Attending: Christeena Marzolf (Director at large), Meredith Molli (VP), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (President), Nancy Marshall (Treasurer), Claire Foster (Secretary), Erin Ericson (Board), Baj Kochar (Board- arriving 6:40pm from stakeholder outreach interview), Neil Subhash (Board), Melissa Borsting (ED)

Call to Order, minutes from January, 2017, unanimously approved

Executive Director's report highlights (Melissa), see separate document

- Received Bullit foundation grant: \$30,000 for landowner matching program development

- 21 Acres: SVT will be paid to host 3 workshops on wholesaling this year

- Processing facility: honing in on data necessary for a strong business plan

- Managing (or co-managing) a piece of land for cooperative farming with Tilth Alliance:

  - waiting for strategic planning to finish before deciding whether to pursue partnership with TA, and separately discuss idea of this kind of cooperative project

- Strategic planning: Libby has done a great job taking notes of interviews and synthesizing the data. Retreat March 4<sup>th</sup>. Our data is dominantly qualitative in nature since most of our inputs are from interviews and we have relatively less information from surveys that are more quantitative.

**2017 Auction** is May 20<sup>th</sup> at Carnation Farms. Updates and encouraging more outreach for sponsor and donation recruitment (Claire), divvied up sponsorship approaches and brainstormed event ideas.

Infrastructure at Stuart's Landing:

Initially budgeted for electrical improvements, bridge improvements, and irrigation improvements, all of which came in much higher in bid than in original estimates. We are going forward on electrical improvements to allow development of cold storage onsite. Discussion about how much money would be appropriate to spend on bridge improvements given high county permit costs. Decided to not rush bridge improvements for this year (past basic safety needs) to see if the county will make progress on making a default bridge design that would decrease our design and permit costs. Will collect more detailed bids and assess minimal safety costs for this year.

Updates from partners (WID, SVFC, KC Ag Commission)- postponed for next month

Adjournment

Happy hour discussion: Marketing the Carnation Farmers Market, a brainstorm session

***Next meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup>, SVT Office. 6:30-8:30pm.***