



Board Meeting Minutes

March 26th, 2018 6:30pm-9pm

Attending: Meredith Molli (President), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (VP), Claire Foster (Secretary),
Petrina Fisher (Board), Erin Ericson (Board), Baj Kochar (Board), Neil Subhash (Board),
Christeena Marzolf (Director at Large), Melissa Borsting (ED)

Call to Order, minutes approval from February 2018 (**Meredith**) – passed with one abstention

2018 Auction! Special Guest – Matt Lorch, our auctioneer for this year. Discussed inviting guests to the event. Please see email for invitation text for easy editing and ideas for invitee names.

Collected feedback on previous events, gave ideas for how to invite folks, procurement ideas, program review.

Executive Director's report highlights (**Melissa**)

EFP plowing is lined up for later this week. 12 farmers involved in EFP this year.

Libby is wrapping up SVT's first bulk buying coordination experience, 6 farms participated.

Second round of "exploring true costs of farming" workshops are complete.

New market manager Taylor Moore is getting CFM up and running for the season.

SVT managing farm sites (**Melissa**)

Tollgate Farm (Si View Parks/City of North Bend)- clarified that we would hopefully be seeking a consultation role rather than a subleasing situation.

Carnation Tree Farm (Roger Thorson)- Erin and Hannah will serve on the board committee to hash out specific management ideas to propose to Roger.

In both cases we need to protect SVT from liability by including in any contract a recommendation that both parties we are consulting with should have the contract reviewed independently.

FFF Regulatory Task Force (**Meredith and Erin**)

Tabled for next meeting.

Updates from partners (WID, SVFC, KC Ag Commission, CCF – **Erin, Neil, Meredith, Petrina**)

WID: April 16th, second Water Workshop with Kate Ryan, expert on farmed wetlands and the clean water act will be in attendance

KCD: seeking farmer input on proposed experiment on buffer effectiveness, meeting April 18th to help define the research questions, 7:30-8 pm.

Farmers' Co-op: New manager started, 2018 marketing under way.

Egg Co-op: next step is water supply installation. Hoping to soft-launch in May.

Ag Commission: briefing the county council in April on proposed changes in communication patterns with council. Still discussing the Land Conservation Initiative response.

Carnation Farms: 3 new farmers in 2018 will start April 15th in their first year of apprenticeship, grain trial working with WSU planned this year, mostly certain they'll host the mobile MSU for Puget Sound Processing and should be ready soon to start use (14-16 animal unit capacity, planned for 2 days a week onsite). Possible to add a reefer trailer that would increase capacity. Farm store will be opening around July that will include a café and possibly a meat shop. Also recently hired new chef, Caprial Pence.

Adjourn/Late Happy Hour

Next meeting: April 23rd, SVT Office. 6:30-8:30pm.