

Nelson Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting February 4, 2015
Olivia Rodham Memorial Library - Nelson

Members Present: *David Voymas, Jacqueline Roland, Val Van Meier, Barbara Fraser, Judi Lang, and John Bunce.*

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by David Voymas, Chair.
2. Minutes of the 1/7/15 meeting accepted as read.
3. John Bunce, Jacqueline Roland, and Judi Lang reported on their subcommittee work on developing an Ag Com contact list. Their efforts to call Nelson residents and invite them to be on the contact list have been met with a great response. Once the subcommittee finishes developing its list of emails, Jacqueline will send out an initial email to those on the contact list. Members agreed that it would be a good idea to provide an email list sign-up sheet at future Ag Com events. The Commission also talked about promoting the email list through flyers on town bulletin boards and a notice in the Moving in Step email newsletter.
4. Val Van Meier updated the Commission on her research for the 2015 Ag Com Lecture Series. Val informed the Commission that NH Humanities Council programs require ten weeks of lead time for planning purposes. The library would be willing to partner with the Commission to present a Humanities Council speaker. Because the library is a non-profit organization, it can host up to two Humanities Council presentations per year without being charged a speakers' fee.
Val also reported on information about the UNH speakers' bureau, which offers presentations from John E. Carroll on animal husbandry, sustainability, and farming in NH. UNH speaker's programs require 10 weeks of lead time.

Additionally, Val told members that she'll work on contacting Dorn Cox, a NH farmer who is highly recommended as a speaker on agriculture-related topics.

Val agreed to find out more about the scheduling process for Humanities Council and UNH presentations; she'll also research events in the area, to see if other organizations have already scheduled any Humanities Council or UNH presentations.

Jacqueline reported that she'd been working to contact the Bionutrient Food Association, which offers free introductory lectures on the importance of bionutrients and biological farming practices. Jacqueline told members that she hadn't been able to get in touch with anyone from the Association yet, but she would continue working to contact them.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Jacqueline Roland, Secretary.

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