

Nelson Agricultural Commission

Minutes of Meeting March 4, 2015

Olivia Rodham Memorial Library – Nelson

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Voymas, Chair.
2. Minutes of the 2/4/15 meeting accepted as read.
3. David Voymas reported that Barbara Fraser is calling people listed on the Ag Com Producer's Directory, to see if they would like to be included on an updated version of the directory.
4. Val Van Meier updated the Commission on her research for the Ag Com speaker's series, including further information that she'd found on possible speakers. Jacqueline reported that she'd her efforts to reach the Bionutrient Food Association had been unsuccessful; however, she told Commission members that she'd continue to try and get in touch with someone from the BFA, to see if they're still providing free introductory lectures.
5. David Voymas told Commission members about "Restoration Agriculture in Practice", a DVD about sustainable permaculture based off of a book by Mark Shepard. He suggested that it could be a good film for the Ag Com to consider presenting at a future Ag Com movie night.
6. Jacqueline Roland informed Commission members that the contact list subcommittee had nearly finished its efforts to develop an Ag Com email list and would soon be ready to send out an initial "Welcome to the Email List" message.
7. Jacqueline reviewed content options for the Ag Com's page on the library-maintained town website. Members identified important information that should be on the webpage, including a current list of Ag Com members, the Commission's Mission Statement, and information on how people can sign up for the Ag Com contact list. Jacqueline agreed to get this info to Kris Finnegan, so that she can post it on the web page.
8. David Voymas's term as an Ag Com member will be expiring this month; he has announced that he will not be continuing as Chair of the Commission; however, he will continue to participate in the Ag Com as an alternate member.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by Jacqueline Roland, Secretary.