

Nelson Agricultural Commission

Minutes of Meeting October 7, 2015

Olivia Rodham Memorial Library - Nelson

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of 9/2/2015 meeting accepted as read.
3. Members reviewed the success of their September 26th Harvest Market. Commission members reported that they received positive feedback about the market from vendors and attendees alike. Members discussed how the event could be improved in future years by increased publicity, an earlier date, and giving growers more advanced notice about the market.
4. Commission members finalized plans for the upcoming October 17th Farm Tour and divided up Farm Tour related tasks. Pat, David, and John agreed to help with creating written descriptions of the farms for a flyer. Val agreed to put the flyer together. Members settled on a time frame of 11 a.m. -2 p.m. for the event. John agreed to provide a hayride at 1:30 p.m. at his farm.
5. Val suggested that an email be sent out to the Ag Com email list (after the Farm Tour) to remind folks about the seeds that are available in the Library Seed Catalog. The email could remind people to check out the Seed Catalog's inventory before they purchase their seeds for the next season.
6. Members briefly discussed topic ideas for the planned Ag Com 2016 lecture series. They agreed to develop presentation plans further at their next meeting.
7. Members also reviewed their 2015 budget and created a draft for their 2016 budget.
8. The Ag Com's next meeting will be Wednesday, October 28th at 7 p.m. at the Nelson Library. The meeting will take the place of the Commission's regularly scheduled November meeting.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Jacqueline Roland, secretary.