

Nelson Agricultural Commission Minutes, June 6, 2018

Olivia Rodham Library

Members present: Val Van Meier, John Bunce, Barbara Voymas, Mare-Anne Jarvela, Pat Rich

Guest: Beth Draper

1. Meeting called to order 7:05 pm
2. Lecture discussion: Soil work shop with Mary Ellen Cannon and Brandon Hathaway was informative but maybe a bit long. Several people took some of the seed packets.
3. Old Home Week/Day discussion: We have not received Savannah Steele's press release yet. Barbara has explored different options for table cards (tent cards) to display individual Nelson farms for our table(s). We will probably use card stock and make our own cards. Val may have card stock that will work. We will use the agricultural map that was made a few years ago. Farms will have numbers on the table cards and pins on the map to identify locations. Pat will look for a wooden easel to use with the map. Barbara will call about 19 potential farms in Nelson to see if they would like to participate. Barbara will also ask for a small sample (product) from each farm for the display and also ask to see if the sample can be donated for a raffle. We will display acorns, hugelkultur, fencing, apple pruning, and the seed packets at the Ag Comm table.
4. Farmer's Market: Val will contact the new Nelson PTO chairs to decide on a date for the combined Nelson School Open House and Farmer's Market, hopefully late Sept.
5. Colonial Garden: We will spread manure and tidy up the Colonial Garden on Monday, June 11. Mare-Anne will bring the metal plant markers.
6. No interest from the Nelson school to replant the strawberries.
7. Beth Draper will explore possible speakers to discuss "wild foods" and foraging.
8. Nothing new to report on agricultural movies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mare-Anne Jarvela