

Nelson Agricultural Commission Minutes
May 2, 2018 Olivia Rodham Library

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

1. Meeting called to order 7:03 pm [L] [SEP]
 2. Lecture discussion: Apple pruning by Ted Lenk was informative & well attended, though [L] [SEP] numbers were smaller for the “hands on” demonstration. Val will confirm with the presenters for the May 19th soil workshop. Mary Ellen Cannon from USDA on no-till gardening, Brandon Hathaway on Hugelkultur & Val on soil testing. [L] [SEP]
 3. Mare-Anne brought her Nasturtium seed packet creation for our review, and all agreed it was a superb effort. She will do 2 more designs; one for Borage and the other for Calendula. Val will check with Edie at the town office about printing them in time for the soils workshop. We will need 16 of Nasturtium, 8 of Borage & some number yet decided for Calendula. Mare-Anne & Pat will provide cheese & crackers and Val will bring tea. [L] [SEP]
 4. Old Home Day discussion: Val confirmed Wed. 8/15 with Kathy Blandschun and presenter, Savannah Steele. Savannah will speak following the ham & bean supper and then invite attendees to view her bovine exhibit in the town hall. She has agreed to leave the exhibit up for a period of time. In addition she will provide us with a press release. [L] [SEP]
 5. On OHD 8/18, visitors to the Ag Comm table will be able to grind acorns into acorn flour, and perhaps be able to sample acorn flour treats. Val will provide information on acorns as food & Hugelkultur. Barbara will contact Nelson farmers, exploring their interest in creating a display for the AgComm table for their individual farms as a means of highlighting Nelson’s agricultural riches. “Nelson Local!” [L] [SEP]
 6. Nothing new to report on the Farmer’s Market. [L] [SEP]
 7. Colonial garden: John will once again provide manure, other Ag Comm members will [L] [SEP] offer nasturtium, lavender & rosemary starts, Most other plants should come back.
 8. Nothing new to report on agricultural movies. [L] [SEP]
 9. As of this date NH HB 1233 had not been decided. [L] [SEP]
 10. New Members continue to be hard to come by. Val will check with Kathleen Vetter. [L] [SEP]
 11. Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm [L] [SEP]
- Minutes submitted by Pat Rich