

MINUTES
Dec. 4, 2012

MEADOWBROOK FARM INTERPRETIVE CENTER

SVB ANNUAL MEETING,
Chaired by Board President Bob Combs

Meeting Called to order shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the last annual meeting in March 2012 were reviewed. No changes were made. Motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded. Motion passes. Minutes will be posted on the SVB website.

Board Member Leah Harrison talked about **2012 Outreach and Events:** Primarily activity was Railroad Days. Club sold honey from a variety of sources. Club members also made four presentations to local groups: Rotary Club; Jewish Day School: North Bend and Snoqualmie elementary schools.

Equipment

3 rentals of Club equipment

Next year we anticipate more as Board has approved expenditure for an extractor motor.

Apiary

Proved to be a good place for bees and it was a good honey year. Apiary was visited three times by Club and once for a class. Unfortunately, the batteries to the electric fence were drained and a bear recently destroyed the hives. Committee next year will be taking responsibility for 're-training' the bears and will look into another type of battery system.

Treasurer's Report

\$2,310.53 – report provided by Treas. Melody Hooper;

Mike Skripek paid web domain costs (\$21.02) for the next two years and asked that this amount be credited to his 2103 dues (\$20). He requested that the difference be treated as a donation.

Motion to accept the financial report with a second was voted upon and approved.

President's Report

Melody Hooper worked on and brought an idea to set up a committee structure for next year with a goal of getting more member involved. This was lightly touched upon at the last board meeting. This topic will be a focus of the January board meeting .

The nascent committee plan is to have a board member chair a committee, and then recruit at large members who may have interest as well as other board members.

SVB and Meadowbrook Farm Preserve continue to have a good working relationship and the use of the facility meeting space has been beneficial for SVB. The Board at the last board meeting approved a donation to \$350 to Meadowbrook.

By-laws clarified the number of board members and moved the Annual meeting to December. There are to be four officers who shall serve for one-year and may be elected to serve no more than three successive terms in any one position. The past president may stay on as a board member one year after presidency. There are 7 – 9 trustees who have two-year terms.

New Business

Elections: Discussions have taken place and members who would be willing to serve as officers and trustees have been identified. Other members in attendance who are interested are encouraged to seek nomination.

All officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) are to be elected for the 2013 term

Trustees elected in 2012 who will remain on the 2013 board are:

Leah Harrison;
Nathan Rausch
Lilette Player

Officers were nominated:

Pres - Kate Flack

2nd call and 3rd call yielded no further nominations

Motion to close – received a second and passed

VP – Bob Combs

2nd call and 3rd call yielded no further nominations

Motion to close – received a second and passed

Secretary – Lydia Smith [owns her own business, new beek, interested in community outreach]

2nd call and 3rd call yielded no further nominations

Motion to close – received a second and passed

Treas. - Anne Mahoney [No Bend – new beek, CPA worked in non-profits, and private sector]

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Motion to close – received a second and passed

The slate being unopposed, a motion was made to vote the nominated slate up or down. The motion received a second. The vote was held and the slate was elected.

Board Member Nominations:

Seven members were nominated for trustee positions all received seconds. A vote by secret ballot was taken for the six open positions. Votes were counted, and the results are as follows:

2012-2013 Board members

1. Lilette Player
2. Nathan Rausch
3. Leah Harrison

2013-2014 Board members

4. Ken Reid
5. Patti Loesche
6. Melody Hooper
7. Charles Shaffer
8. Ed Blechen
9. Roger Ledbetter

Motion was made to certify the vote; a second was received. Members voted to certify and the election was closed.

President's Report

Packages: Mike Skripek has offered to pick up and transport package bees from California at cost for the Club.

Bob Combs agreed to handle the woodenware orders again this year. Is buying from True Survey? Anticipates orders needing to be in by late February with delivery in early March.

Packages are anticipated in the last three weeks of April, depending on weather and other variables.

Approximately \$1,500 is available for speakers. Board Committee will begin to look for speakers for meetings (probably regional). There are national speakers available and logistics, programming etc will be discussed by committee. Anne Mahoney offered a detached dwelling unit as possible free lodging to SVB for out of town speakers.

Club hopes to participate in local events, Railroad Days and one other. Committee members will be formed and members are encouraged to sign up to help.

Discussion about the portability of the Ulster hive, which is a beautiful but heavy 5 frame observation hive. The Ulster hive can be picked up for the apiary and used for events. Mention was made of looking into something more portable, perhaps a Brushy Mt observation hive.

Motion was made to have the next Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 8th 6:30 – 8:30. There would be no general membership meeting in January. Motion was made and received a second. Motion passed.