

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY BEEKEEPERS

GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 2015

Board Members Present: Anne Mahoney, Roger Ledbetter, Bob Combs, Mike Skripek, Charles Schaffer, and Andy.

Mike called the meeting to order.

New Business:

Issue: Approval of the General meeting minutes from December 2014.

Discussion: Roger mistakenly brought the minutes from the January 2015 meeting and not the December 2014 General minutes. Considering the proper minutes were not present for review, Bob made a motion the minutes be approved subject to review at the January meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded.

Action taken: The minutes were approved pending a Board review in January.

Issue: Election of 2015 officers.

Discussion: The terms of all officers have ended and all must be replaced. In addition, the terms of several board members are expiring and also must be replaced. Mike resigned as President, as did Anne Mahoney from being Treasurer. We had no Vice President this last year. In addition, Nathan Rausch, is resigning as Programming Chair.

Action taken: Elections of officers and Board Members were held.

President: Charles Schaffer was nominated to be president by **Roger**, and seconded by **Anne**. **Charles** was **elected** to serve as our **2015 President**.

Vice-President: Charles nominated **Mike Skripek** to be **Vice-President** and it was seconded by **Bob**. **Mike** was **elected** to be our **Vice-President for 2015**.

Secretary: Anne nominated **Roger Ledbetter** to be **Secretary** and it was seconded by **Charles**. **Roger** was **elected** to be **secretary**.

Treasurer: No one was nominated from those present, and it was thought that someone was needed who has the skills, and who can remain in the position for a few years. Bob and Charles had a couple of people in mind they said they would check with. After 3 years in this position, **Anne graciously offered to remain as interim Treasurer until February**. This position remains open. **Any one interested should contact someone on the Board**.

Board Members: Several new Board members are needed. **David Springgay** was nominated to serve on the **2016 Board** by **Charles** and it was seconded by **Bob**. David will begin his 2 year term in January 2016.

Current Members of the board:

2015 members serving until December 2016

1. Andy
2. Robert Clark
3. Kate Flack
- 4 Bob Combs

Newly elected Board member serving until December 2017

1. David Springay
 2. To be filled
 3. To be filled
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Issues: Treasurer's report

Discussion: Anne reported that the club is in good financial shape for 2016 and begins the year with approximately \$5600. She reported that all the Nucs had been paid for. It was moved and seconded that the treasurers report be accepted.

Action Taken: The Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

Issue: Spraying of Knotweed by King County

Discussion: Anne asked for an update on King County's spraying herbicides on Japanese Knotweed while it was in blossom. Bob reported that King County had agreed to follow the State guidelines which suggest use of herbicides not be done while noxious weeds are in blossom. However, Bob said the hearing on the County's failure to record the use of toxic substances had not yet been held, and it remains to be seen how much trouble the responsible parties are in for failing to do so.