South Whidbey Tilth Business Meeting September 15, 2016

Fred, Judy, Edward, Pete, Michael, Prescott present.

Last meeting minutes were seconded and approved by the meeting.

Ed provided a finance report. He mainly reported that we continue to earn less through our programs and market than we spend. However, donations this year were so high that we have a projected surplus of $3,629 (above what would be a break even for the year).

Judy talked about the market. Sales are down this year by $1,122, (by the end of the season we might still reach nearly $30,000 total sales). However, commissions exceed last year’s by $373 (total to date $2,531). Discussion of how to reorient and cluster the market for a more appealing community feeling. Judy will work on a drawing of a concept. New signage along the fence could also help. A concession vendor still needed for Oct. 2, 9 and 16.

Fred noted that our film night starts October 9 as part of our education program. He suggests an expansion into some broader topics that go beyond food. Michael reported on two programs. One settled on is Ida Giannopoulos doing a fungi walk and talk on October 2. 2 pm start. Tom Vincent may also do a sheet composting program, but no date settled on yet. Also a possible rain garden program by Rob H.

Pete had a proposal for the hot water system that would include a shower, but there isn’t the agreement for that among the council at this time. Pete will give us another estimate without the shower and heater. We will decide in another month.

Other business will be conducted by internet as the evening became late.

Notes by Michael