

Minutes of the October 19, 2017 S.W. Tilth Business Meeting

Present: Council members Judy Kaplan, Prescott, Edward Hueneke, Angie Hart and Fred Rouge; Michael Seraphinoff, Pete Little and J.C. May members.

Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes were approved for the September 21 meeting

Finance Report – Edward reported that there is a need for a finance meeting with Jeanne. Prescott and Ed will arrange to do this.

Prescott and Edward reported neither incubator farmer's land use agreement specifies an electrical charge for water metering, only that they should have a meter. They'll be asked to pay for their water use. Lesedi's agreement concludes this December and Prescott will be meeting with Dorcas next week to update the agreement.

Prescott also proposes that the plan for the 2018 budget be presented at November meeting and approved in December.

Task Force for Site Plan: Prescott has called for a Task Force to plan caretaker facility and office/classroom. The proposal was in the latest newsletter and there is interest growing in participation in this.

Pete and Moki's plan to move to Tilth: Prescott read emailed comments from Council members. Most of those who responded to her initial query were enthusiastic to have them stay in November. Ida and Angie see it as a planning step toward a permanent caretaker residence.

Duties could include being a site manager while living on the land. Monitoring things such as the water system. (At the moment Dorcas is having problems with the water to her hoop house.) Andréa and Prescott proposed some examples of duties. Pete added some things he would like to do.

There was interest in having future people living on the land pay rent, but Judy recommended a token rent such as \$1 for Pete and Moki's stay. Pete has suggested that he and Moki pay \$100 per month, but this could be paid in contributions of various kinds. All agreed to their intentions and Pete agreed to write up what they will do for our minutes and as part of a statement that explains that we are not liable for their potential injuries/losses while staying on the land.

Intern sharing with South Whidbey School District for 2018 was presented by Prescott. This proposal is a result of meetings with partners and included Tilth members Edward, J.C. and Prescott. She would like approval of the partnership and approval of the job description. There were some suggestions made: reorder the job duties in order of importance and take the bullet item about transportation out of compensation and make it a note somewhere else. The proposal and job description with corrections was approved.

Membership – Andréa has presented a membership committee proposal to improve how we sign up members and have them pay. We would, as proposed, sign up people whenever they choose, but their payment will be pro-rated according to the specific date during the first year. It was decided the annual renewal date for everyone is our founding anniversary, June 19th. Andréa got the approval of the Council to move forward on this and work out the logistics.

Holiday party planning: Because Anza is away until the 20th, so Prescott proposes some time after Christmas. We will revisit this next month and determine a date and setting.

Market:

Future-of-the-market discussion, next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m. potluck at Bayview school. Then again at Thursday, Nov. 30, 6 to 7:30 p.m. with potluck. J.C. would like rotating chairing of this and he and Ida have offered to facilitate, Ida will do Nov. 8 and J.C. the

next. Judy will arrange a market committee meeting to formalize plans for the future market. An action plan will be prepared for a future business meeting.

Some things still needed to close the season. Grease trap and refrigerator cleanup, flags need to be repaired or replaced, bamboo poles need to be smoothed. Pete has offered to do the grease trap and Moki the refrigerator.

Education events – Angie proposes a plan for film nights at the library, as well as, at Mark and Melissa's. She will talk to Melissa about this. *Seattle Tilth Maritime Northwest Garden Guide* study group, next meeting will be set for a time in January.

Nominating Committee will meet after Andréa's trip (in a couple weeks). It includes at this time Andréa and Michael; although others could still join them.

Independent Audit has no volunteers at this time.

The land stewardship report by Ida included a septic system update by Edward. The inspection will take place tomorrow (Friday) and cost \$150. Equipment update discussion included Randy Weisz's request that we purchase Tiller tines at \$190. It was approved. Ida is planning a pre-winter work party for the garden on October 29, Sunday at 10 a.m.

Angie will look at old fundraising letters and then send around some ideas that others of us can add to for creation of a final fundraising letter.

T-shirt project. Prescott asked if anyone is inspired to carry on the t-shirt project. No one is ready.

Tilth Alliance conference November 10 to 12. Whidbey Island Grown will pay for a half table in the Trade Show, which will represent that organization of which we are a part.

Adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

Notes by Michael