

CORE Minutes – June 1, 2021

ZOOM MEETING 6:00

Attendee: Jill Worthington, Rick Mercier, Barry Crust, Myra Zyburt, Bill Horn, Larry Warwick, Clare Wagstaff, Kayla Stewart, Kayla Williams, Debbie Klosowski, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes- May minutes were approved

A Treasurer Report-The current Balance for the orchard is \$17,838.71 after reimbursing \$512 insect monitoring items tools to Debbie and Rick's pollination payment for the bees.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard and Administrative Orchard hours for May were 37 hours.

Staff Report—High Density gate lock was cut off and replaced. We need to confirm the combination chosen. The City was trying to get into High Density to check the irrigation.

Website –Lori and Debbie made the changes asked for by Kayla. As of 4/30/21, the only adoption fee is \$70. The website reflects the change. Pruning season has ended.

Tree Maintenance

--Thinning Update – Kayla did an email to remind adopters to do thinning. Debbie asked Kayla to send another reminder mid June on thinning.

--Insect Trap hanging and updates – Debbie said the hanging of the codling moth traps and apples went well. She thanked on the participants that participated. There are 16 trees in the 4 quadrants of the orchard that will be monitored. Each tree got 1 codling moth trap, lures and 2 plastic apples treated for apple maggots. Debbie sent pictures to Bill and Robert so far of the captured insects. They confirmed only good insects have been found on the traps and apples.

--Bee Update – Bees are out of the orchard. There was an average production for next year of bees. Last Monday a spray was done after their removal. Debbie Sage was gone so Rick got the heads up from Gary. They used Delegate and Cidekick.

-Apple Crop feedback—several members have noticed lack of apples on Gravensteins. This may be an off year for production from the Grasteins. The Macs and Golden Delicious have good crops on the trees. It was also notice by several members that the leaves on the trees look like they are wilting. Debbie will be contacting the city to check on the irrigation.

Tree Adoptions – Kayla W. Total adoptions 147

Trees available for adoption 42 (majority Red Gravenstein)

Adoption Brochures – Do we have any 2021 brochures left? What is left is in the barn.

Tree Tags –Kris /Larry –up to date

Personal Tree Signs-Barry one pending the tree location

Tools

--Pole saw and harvest bucket purchase? (See attachment) CORE approved

--Pandemic restrictions on loaning Tool policy – Jill will check on the cities current policy.

Initially as a result of COVID the Orchard was not loaning tools or opening barn.

Discussion – Draft Personalized Tree Sign Policy (see attachment) Policy approved with a couple details regarding the size of signs 10" x 6" and how to hang them to avoid damaging the tree. Leather ties were the recommendation. It was added the white tags are to remain on the tree regardless if a sign was purchased from Barry Crust or approved for hanging.

UP Historical Society Garden Tour Report – Barry, Sue and a Friend Lori manned a table at the Curran House during the weekend of the tour. They sold 10 UP with Arts tee shirts. Barry had Apple sculptures on display. There were tours of the house. A new adopter was signed up.

OTHER

Bill asked about whether there would be a cider squeeze. This has been cancelled for this year. Jill will be checking if tours are approved for this fall.

See June 3rd email with options from Debbie Klosowski

Bill asked Rick to review when the scab spray was administered and what was used.

Rick's response: 1/15/21 Dormant oil and Lime Sulfur, 3/18 Dithane (fungicide) and 5/25/21 Delegate (insecticide) and Cidekick (surfactant adjuvant)

Barry asked whether the replacement city hose should be secured. The city had increased the quality of the hose due to previous hose splitting. CORE decided to leave it where the city installed it.

Barry is interested in painting the barn now that the bees have left the orchard. Debbie suggested that when he was ready to tell Kayla W. She will send to adopters an email for volunteers to help with painting the barn. Kayla S will post Kayla W's message on social media.

Debbie extended a Thank You to Barry Crust for his rock enhancements to the horse sculpture and the entrance to the barn.

Next Zoom Meeting: Tues, July 13th