

MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2026 (August Meeting)

Cider Squeeze Work Meeting and Potluck

Cider Squeeze: Saturday, August 22nd

8:30am set up

10am-2pm Event

2-4:30pm Takedown

August 15th last day for Adopters to sign up through Gmail noting whether they want a manual or electric press

- A slot per tree that is adopted example 2 trees 2 appointment slot

August 16th Debbie will promote the Squeeze on local media (Facebook) and with the city.

- Adopters can still sign up if there are slots available. In case all appointment slots are filled, there will be standby list in case of no shows.
- Bill pointed out manual presses requires adopters to participate in cider squeezing.
- How do volunteers get their apples squeezed? Debbie or volunteers will provide coverage. Signs will be place to direct participants where to check in.

Check-in table needs to be staffed by 8:30 (4 volunteers)

- Appointment list will be checked off and poker chip will be given. It is priority. designation for having apples pressed. Barry is checking and helping flow.
- Volunteer list will be available with their assignments. Remind the volunteers to check out at the same table with the hours they worked when done for the day. Food coupons will be given to volunteers when they check in.
- This table will have picking bags, name tags, orchard maps, adopters list by name and tree assignments, liability forms for student or minor volunteers and a list of people interested in signing up for next year.
- NO MONIES will be TAKEN FOR TREES FOR NEXT SEASON. We will call them when new adopters can apply.
- There will be a half sheet memo stating do not pick up apples on ground for health reason example deer, geese, other animals roam the orchard. Do not pick from the trees that are taped. Limits 2 bags to fill 2 crates.
- Pet free zone in the pressing area.

Jug, water and apple sales

- This year we will be selling gallon jugs price unknown at this time. There will be 300 that Debbie and Barry are picking up.

- Health department information will be given to participants when jugs are purchased and for participants with their own jugs.
- Depending on the apples variety two bags will make gallon and half of cider. Golden Delicious, and Macs not ready till later. Picking from untaped trees is limited to participants of Cider Squeeze.
- There be Harvest day on the 31st for community picking from untaped trees. Apples will be supplied to adopters who has no apples and does not wish to pick from other trees. Apples can be purchased for appointments by the public
- Prices 8.00 for single bag or 15 for 2 bags for the public pressers.

Gate Keeper

- Asuka-will be checking for Poker chip. 2 bags only of apples and give out two crates. Extra apples will be held at that point which can be labelled.

Open Discussion

- Kelly -asked about types of jobs available. They can help at the pour tables, move mash to dumpster, help in wash station, help distribute lunch for press operators, coverage for volunteers to press their apples, take down and check out pole pickers. She will give the check- in table her list of volunteers and their assignments.
- 3 more extendable pole pickers will be purchased for apples high up on a tree. There is no climbing in the trees.
- Lysie will send out feedback form to the volunteers. Ensure we have emails.
- Rich proposed the purchase of motorized wheel barrel. There were 3 choices. It was recommended renting one like the proposed ones. Primarily using this wheel barrel for moving mulch. They are not gas driven using rechargeable batteries. Motion to rent one to try it out was passed. Final decision can be done by email.
- Eagle scout project suggestions were to support building bee houses or row signs.
- Question 34-1 is taped off does Kris need to reassign the tree if it is dangerous. Robert Sweet will be here this week. Debbie will check with Robert.
- Barry brought up the need for donations for the orchard. Asuka will promote this as representing the orchard when making announcements at concert time. Debbie prefers that we talk about donation plans later. The focus is on the cider squeeze.

Press Operator updates, training sessions

- They only one press's operators will need training. They will get together to make sure all presses are cleaned. Debbie wants to meet before squeeze with Rich and Monty. Others are welcome.

Save the date: August 21st at 9am – harvesting high-density apples

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 6-8pm