

## CORE Minutes October

October 1, 2024

6pm -8pm

UP Civic Bldg. 3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Attendees:** Jill Worthington, Rich Knowles, Monty Stranski, Tony West, Bill Horn, Steve Foss, Connor Lucey, Kris Docherty

**Approval of Minutes-** September minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report** - Sue \*Reminder all expense forms must contain your address , signature, receipts attached and be turned into Debbie Sage instead of Finance. (this is a correction from the meeting info)

**Volunteer Hours** – Orchard 107 and Administrative

**Staff Report-** Tony (Final spray, spray bid process, others?) Irrigation was turned off today.

**Website** - Debbie gave Sydney info to update the Home Page and the Adoption Brochure page.

### **2025 Adoption Process Update**

-website information for Home Page and Adoption Page has been sent to Sydney

-City Finance Department is ready to proceed to support the new process.

#### **Current Adopter Notification-Kayla William**

As soon as the website Adoption page is updated. Kayla W will email all existing adopters asap (see attached) Notifying them they have priority on readopting current tree **if form and payment is received by City Finance Department by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

#### **New Adopter Notification-Kayla Stewart**

Kayla Stewart will forward the list of people interested in new adoption to Kayla Williams. Kayla W will email those people informing them adoptions are available for the 2025 season (see attached)

### **2025 Adoption Brochures**

*Please review updated brochure from Sydney, especially....*

**-Pruning Dates**(Robert Sweet available for all!)-In the past we have 6 pruning parties scheduled. Question asked is 5 enough days to get through the pruning list. There was concerns that 6<sup>th</sup> date could be used. The group thought we lost April due earlier bud burst. Jill said if branches are an issue. A HS volunteer day can be scheduled to remove the branches.

#### **-other calendar info on back**

**-cider Squeeze-Saturday August 23** -there was discussion why this date was chosen when high density is ready to pick the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>. Monty volunteered that he is scheduling this week yearly for his vacation.

We will open 96 slots for adopters then to public on first come first serve. They will need to sign up for an empty slot. They must sign up for an appointment to participate in the squeeze. They can pick from untaped trees or purchase bagged apples.

However, does it still make sense to have a separate Community Harvest Day a week later? We left Harvest Day date blank till we sort out about the date of the adopter squeeze. We had a discussion regarding the 16 vs 23. The question was raised whether trees in the orchard are ready on 16<sup>th</sup> as a supplement for squeezing cider. Bill pointed out Gravenstein trees start dropping around this time. Further discussion compared 2 Red Gravenstein Trees ripening at different times last year. Kris' was dropping prior to the squeeze while another on the opposite side of the orchard was not ready. We left the date and will discuss with Debbie upon her return. She also may be gone at that time. Bill pointed out Burgundy apples have been overly ripe when not picked by mid-August.

**--Any other changes to brochure?** There was some confusion and lack of consistency regarding support/gift. It was not consistent on each page of the application. Kayla will write the meaning in her

letters. Jill will edit application to have the same wording throughout the brochure. *Not in meeting: historically up through year 22(I could not find year 23) we did have supporter adoptions and gift adoptions together. We had them listed separately under application on back of application.*

There was no proposed date for Thinning. *Previous years we stayed away from the first Saturday in June is Duck days. We not sure if it needed to be early so left it blank.*

After group decides above, please contact Sydney ASAP so that she can order 500 brochures

FYI Debbie will cancel PO Box

### **Other Business**

--Tour Update—Jill has had 17 tours with 9 more to go. Final tour will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.

--Volunteers-Contact Kayla Stewart to notify folks to help with remaining tree tags, tape(return to Barn), insect traps, others? Pick dates and times when do the above tasks.

-will forward seasonal duties for volunteers to her. They are to be put on website.

-Email to adopters-by Kayla to pick your and remove tape from trees by October 15? Clean up Windfalls?

--Glean Update—Jessica not in attendance for update.

--Pole Pickers—Debbie has ordered 5. They have arrived. Jill's son is putting them together. Jill will mark them as belonging to the orchard.

--Tree Misidentification- Monty has been working on making sure that our current tree map is correctly identified. Monty has created a PDF to be forwarded to Kayla with the corrections identified, The update should be done before Kayla starts assigning trees. First, Monty has identified that McIntosh is misspelled. MacIntosh is an apple computer not the tree. . Row 2 tree 4 is a McIntotosh not a Gravenstein. Row 3- no 3, Row 7-#6 is a Delicious, Row 35- no 1, 2,3, Gravs, no 5, 6 McIntosh. We need to check row 27 if number correctly if #2 missing.

--Kayla will update the map with the new information

-The Plan for new adopters is to be assigned trees not previously adopted in the transition period. This will help with maintenance of trees not touch in the past.

***Jill has been contacted by a woman from her tour about adding 3 honey crisp trees to the orchard at her cost for 3 granddaughters.*** We talk about spots for them. We welcome additional trees especially Honey Crisp.

Pollinators have been identified as Wolf River by Raintree, other sites have identified golden delicious and crabapples. Tony says we have the three sites prepared for the King starters when ready which could be used. He went on to say they can irrigate so three more spots wouldn't be an issue. Jill informed the applicant/grandmother that Debbie would be contacting her when she gets back. Question would we be able to put a crab apple on each side of the orchard since they are pollinators.

### **Educational opportunity to share with adopters**

**Peninsula Fruit Club-Fall Fruit Show-Saturday, October 26 from 10-4pm**

Location: West Side Improvement Club, 4109 E Street, Bremerton

Free but donations accepted. Sample 100s varieties of apples and other fruits, get mystery apples identified (do not wash, keep leaves on, description of tree), etc.

**Spring Fruit Club event: March 15 grafting** (for new members we were gift King Apple starts from 100-year-old tree. They were planted by Rick and Barry to grow scion wood for grafting on to root stock for manageable height then planted in the orchard)

**2025 Fall Fruit show should be Saturday Oct 26**

### **Other items**

November 2 Cub Scouts will be working in the Orchard Starting at Noon. Jill will post Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> as a volunteer day on the Curtis High School/Jr High volunteer site.

**Next meeting Nov5 6-8pm 2<sup>nd</sup> floor UP Civic BLG conference room or attend by Microsoft team**

