

CORE MINUTES- May 5, 2020

Zoom Meeting 4:00

Attendees: Debbie Klosowski, Larry Warwick, Jill Worthington, Bill Horn, Rick Mercier, Annett Kruzic, Keiko Boynes, Paul Jeffers, Sue Gurley, Kris Docherty

Approval of minutes-Minutes were approved with no corrections

Treasurer's Report- Balance in our account is \$17,479.00, expenses deducted already \$2783.00, pending fence expenses and insect traps and lure expenses. Total from adoptions was \$3,870.00

Staff reports-The city opened the park today. It is ok for CORE to do maintenance in the orchard. City council directed staff to submit a grant application to the state for a new playground at the Park. They did not include the permanent bathroom on the list. It will be quite some time before they find out if they receive any funding. However, they plan to remove of the climbing rocks in the redesign, which are popular. The Orchard purchased these rocks. CORE needs to make decision on what to do with them if and when the grant is approved.

Website – There is a tab on the website menu for view of past minutes 2020. All updates are done.

Tree Maintenance

-Spray update- Rick indicated we are waiting for Washington Tree Services to set the date for the insect sprays. He asked for clarification of how the decision is made when to apply the sprays contractor or orchard data? The control trees with identifiable insect infestation can initiate the request other wise the contractor informs us of their spray schedule.

Bee –update Rick will be keeping the bees in the orchard as long as possible. They need to go through their cycle, which ends with reproducing for next year. Rick checked out the threat of the Asian Giant Hornet with his contacts, which has been in the news. At this point they do not think they are a threat. They target honey bees. Bill pointed out that there are two types of these bees, which have been seen on the around Blaine and on Vancouver Island. Northern part of the state will be putting out traps to see if it is a problem.

-Insect trap for coddling moths and apple maggot - Thursday May 7th 1^{PM} CORE will be setting out lures traps and sticky apples in the 16 designated test trees. This monitoring plan is a repeat of last years that produced good results.

Debbie, Jill, Sue and Larry will meet at the barn and set up assembly line and work in separate areas.

-Monitoring can start within 2 weeks of hanging the traps, lures and sticky apples

-Check traps once or twice a week-coddling moth will show first then apple maggots

-Annette will educate CORE members what to look for from her experiences last year

Tree adoptions:

- Adoption update-Bob is working with Sue to set up procedures for Adoptions and Tree assignments.
- Tree Tags-Bob is working with Dave
- Bob will be asked to forward to adopters an information sheet updating them and reminding of what needs to be done to maintain the orchard. Bob has been getting requests as when adopters can return to the orchard. (See attached document)

Old Business

Fencing Project- the project will resume since the park is open.

Cider squeeze- Due to COVID-19 the city is cancelling all events, which includes the City's 25th anniversary celebration. We will be cancelling the 27th Annual Cider Squeeze. CORE will explore options for the adopters.

Next meeting: June 2nd will be a ZOOM meeting at 4:00