

Sitka Local Foods Network
Board of Directors Meeting
April 07, 2011 – 7:00 pm * Unitarian Hall**

AGENDA

Start: 7:10 pm

A. Roll Call

present: Linda Wilson, Maybelle Filler, Lisa Sadleir-Hart, Cathy Lieser, Tom Crane

absent: Kerry MacLane, Natalie Sattler

guests: Mandy and Shelby Cooper from Silver Bay

B. Approval of Agenda

Items added: under D, Sitka Seafood Festival booth.

Under F, Chelan.

Agenda approved, M/LSH, S/CL, unanimous

C. Minutes – Approval of minutes from March 07, 2010

Linda forgot to bring, will do at next meeting.

D. Financial Report

- SLFN taxes: Lisa did not have bookkeeper run a report for this month to save money. We need to check on approval of non-profit status, Lisa will check with Kerry.
- Sitka Women's Club Grant, Cathy wrote it up, sent to Kerry for submission.
- Running of the Boots money from Chamber, Lisa will call, still have not received check.
- Sitka Seafood Festival, Kerry may do black cod, other board members felt it was not possible due to other commitments.

E. Reports and Discussion

1. Community Greenhouse: Kerry talking to Roger Schmidt about options through Sitka Fine Arts Camp.
2. Education
 - Let's Grow Sitka: Report from Linda, sunny day, good attendance considering it was Spring Break, about 150 people. Ed Buyarski was worth the money, the pruning workshop on Sat. had about 12 people. At the LGS event Sunday all seats were taken for his presentation at 11 am, he was busy all day answering questions at his table. We gave Laura a t-shirt as new lead gardener. For 2012 it will be a week earlier, we are on the calendar. Andrew had lots of orders for chickens, Laurie had her ducks for sale. People asked for food, make sure we have the kitchen running next year as a fundraiser for SLFN.

- Featured Speaker- Jeff Lowenfels, may need to be June, Maybelle will reconnect with him on his schedule. “Plant a Row for the Hungry” and Master Gardener status a draw.
3. St. Peters Fellowship Farm: First work party 4/23 9 am to 12 noon. Need to place a PSA, Lisa will do. Focus will be to 1) move the compost 2) build new beds 3) plant fruit trees. There will be work parties 4 weeks in a row. Need people to do more starts. Jud has an “in” on soil from grave digging. Ideas to curtail the slug problem: use corn gluten as bait, mulch with hair gleaned from barber shop, use salt. Maybelle will do weed wacking at SPFF. Tough time to find volunteers with SJ renovation. Maybe get High School honor society kids or others who need to do volunteer time.
 4. Farmers Market
 - a. Request for check for ANS kitchen 5x\$30 = \$150 for Farmers Markets, check has been cut.
 - b. Co-Manager for the Markets: Mandy Griffith in attendance. She had long conversation with Kerry on phone, wanted to come and introduce herself. She works long hours at Silver Bay but would request every other Sat. off. Mandy asked questions about the structure of market days. We need to reconfirm Kerry’s contractor status so she can subcontract under him. Maybelle will assess the tents on May 1st to see what needs to be repaired.
 - c. Mini grants to growers/vendors: 1) Claire withdrew her application, will not be here this summer. 2) Judd, wants to do research and education on composting. 3) Leslie and Pat from Sitka Community Hospital therapeutic gardening. M/ LSH, To award two \$150 dollar mini grants to Judd and SCH S/CL, unanimous. Ask Charles to do PSA on this for media and add to website.
 - d. Judy Johnstone’s Garden: Claire not available now, Lisa and Cathy will go talk to her about her needs, possibly do a PSA to get her help. Cathy will check with Michelle Putz to see if she had ideas on garden help for Judy.
 5. Fruit Tree Initiative: 40 plus trees already committed. Plus other individuals are doing more through Penny, about 80 trees. Approximate 120 trees, so initiative will meet goal. In order to continue fruit tree mapping project we should give Penny index cards and ask customers to fill out if they want. Will get Doug on this.
 6. Community Garden Extension (Hames Center): Will be a community garden extension project instead of SLFN. We can assist in preparing the site in 2011, ready to plant 2012.
- E. Unfinished Business
1. SLFN Logo and T-Shirts: Think only a few sold at LGS! Kerry has them. Lisa needs to check on funds available before we commit to aprons, needs to be budgeted. Cathy will connect with Natalie on cost per shirt and what our profit is, also find out invoice amount. Linda will check if we can sell through BACA. Members need to buy one and wear them at events like earth day.

F. New Business

- KCAW fund drive call center volunteers: Friday 4/15 6-8 pm. Linda, Maybelle and Cathy.
- Board member to replace Natalie: Thought is to talk to Nick the new pharmacist at SEARHC.
- House Bill 202: find out if it passed. If yes, post this on SLFN website.
- Farm Bill important to watch, impacts fruit and veggie growers with it's focus on commodities.
- Sponsorship of "Vanishing of the Bees" screening by the Sitka Film Society
M/Lisa, "To sponsor Vanishing of the Bees with the time and resources we have available", , S/Cathy, unanimous. Lisa will be contact person and find out details from Shannon H. Can we have any materials there? Such as t-shirts and Farmers Market schedule? Maybe use Erin Rofgar to do flyer?
- Earth Day Activities, on 4/22 at SJ Campus. Maybelle will do PSA, Linda will have tomato starts for a \$2 donation. Lisa will pull together some fun activity for kids. Idea to have our t-shirts there.
- Chelan Produce, Linda and Cathy both talked to Dave. He is open to cross advertising. Maybelle was concerned about politics of this with grocery stores, Lisa wants this added as a discussion for next board meeting. Does not seem feasible to sell our produce pre-market as Dave needs consistent volume and to know two weeks in advance what we will be bringing.
- Other news: Ellen Frankenstein made it to final round on food fellowship, then got cut. Lisa will be speaking on at food policy conference in Portland 5/19 to 5/21. There are 5 scholarships available to cover registration fee if anyone is interested.