

Vancouver Fruit Tree Project

2018 Annual General Meeting Notes

Attendees

- Voting Members: Jenn Upham, Roxci Bevis, Clint McGuire, Tanya Ruscheinsky, Amy Farahbakhsh, Maddie Hague
- Non-voting Attendees: Rashmi Gunjur Chandrashekara Aradhya (GC), Peter Finch and Celia Wong (from Cedar Cottage Garden), Greg Stone (VFTP Coordinator)
- Regrets: Raveen Kullar, Tyler Michaels, Silvia Britten, Casey Wallace

Chairperson: Jenn Upham

- Chair declared meeting open at 6:42pm on March 14th, 2018

2017 AGM Minutes

- Reviewed by Jenn at 6:43pm
- Approval motioned by Amy
- Seconded by Tanya
- Approved unanimously

2017 Annual Financial Statement

- Reviewed by Jenn at 6:49pm
- Approval motioned by Clint McGuire
- Seconded by Maddie Hague
- Approved unanimously

2017 Annual Report

1. 1,265 pounds harvested - same donated
2. 90% shared with community partners
3. 21 active pick leaders
4. 7 newly trained pick leaders (met the goal)
5. 66 casual volunteer opportunity
6. 2 Workshops (canning/pruning)
7. 12 community events (outreach/events)
8. 1 community chest program
9. 2 media coverages
10. 14 Prunings (social enterprise)

- Reviewed by Greg at 6:53pm
- Approval motioned by Jenn
- Seconded by Roxci
- Approved unanimously

Special Resolution re: By-Laws – transition to new BC Societies Act

-Notes: becoming a member process needs to be finalized >> Voting Members agree to implement an 'opt-in to become a member when register to become a volunteer' >> application for membership will become part of our volunteer waiver and opt-in will be required annually, membership status is on an annual basis >> waiver to be added to nation builder (Greg to make sure no one is assigned to a pick if have not signed e-waiver)

-Reviewed by Clint at 7:05pm

-Approval motioned by Jenn

-Seconded by Amy

-Approved unanimously

Other Business 7:24pm

Board Meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month

Signers: as new Treasurer, remove Jenn from signing authority at Vancity (remaining signers: Clint, Roxci, Maddie, Amy)

-Approval motioned by Roxci

-Seconded by Clint

-Approved unanimously

2018 Board Member Nominations 7:30

Election of new Board Members: Rashmi GC, Casey Wallace

-Approval motioned by Roxci

-Seconded by Jenn

-Approved unanimously

Board Member Resignations 7:34pm

Raveen Kullar, Tyler Michaels, Shannon Lambie

-Approval of resignations motioned by Jenn

-Seconded by Maddie

-Approved unanimously

2018 Board Reorganization 7:36

President: Maddie Hague

Vice-President: Clint McGuire

Treasurer: Jenn Upham

Secretary: Roxci Bevis

Members-at-Large: Amy Farahbakhsh, Silvia Britten, Tanya Ruscheinsky, Rashmi GC, Casey Wallace

-Approval motioned by Tanya

-Seconded by Jenn Upham

-Approved unanimously

2018 Strategic Goals 7:40pm

1. Confirm commitment from at least 16 current and new Pick Leaders for the 2018 season
2. Complete at least 55 picks throughout season

3. Engage with Volunteers and Tree Owners more often and engage them to be more involved. Send cards out to Pick Leaders for their birthdays and connect with Tree Owners bi-weekly (blog, newsletter, reminders, etc.) from April to June leading up to fruit picking season
4. Maintain one Event (outreach, volunteer/ community event) per month from April until October (7 total). 1 Board Member attendance mandatory at each event, Board Members must commit to at least one Outreach event each
5. More variety in events: Kick Off Party, Movie Screening Fundraiser (let's make it big!), Volunteer engagement party mid-season, Season Wrap Up Party, and at least 5 outreach events
6. Look into starting a cider social enterprise with a local cider brewery, find a partner cider maker to bottle and brand with our logo as a fundraiser for VFTP.
7. Outreach kit updated (branding, materials –magnets, business cards, stickers, spin the wheel trivia game spinner, binder with outreach guide and supplies, VFTP colouring sheets printed in bulk)

-Approval motioned by Roxci

-Seconded by Tanya

-Approved unanimously

Chair called meeting to a close at 7:46pm

Motioned by Roxci

Seconded by Clint

Approved unanimously