

Growers of Organic Food Yukon (Society)

Founding Meeting

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 2:00 pm,

Earth Wisdom Farm

Peter Zimmermann & Enrica Nadalini

Attendance: Simone, Peter, Joanne, Paul, Kim, Shannon, Sheila, Tom, Cain, Enrica, Joan, Allan, Brian Susan, Roland, Mary, Sarah

Call to order-additions to agenda: Enrica will chair the meeting portion.

Tom is acting secretary.

Motion: to accept the agenda as presented. Joanne – moved, Simone – seconded, motion passed.

Resolution: Kim – moved that we adopt the mission, vision and values from our visioning exercise as a part of our constitution and Consumer & Corporate Affairs generic bylaws as our own until they are amended at our next AGM. Brian – seconded, motion passed.

Election of Officers:

Brian acted as chief electoral officer

Chair – Enrica allowed her name to stand, Brian asked 3 times for any other nominations. Enrica was acclaimed.

Secretary – Simone nominated Kim, Mary seconded, and Kim agreed to stand. Kim was acclaimed.

Treasurer – Simone allowed her name to stand. Brian asked 3 times for any other nominations. Simone was acclaimed.

Appointment of Officers:

Organic Federation of Canada – Tom – Moved that Joanne should continue with her role as our OFC representative, Sheila – seconded, motion passed.

Agriculture Industry Advisory Committee – Kim – Moved that Sheila be our new AIAC representative, Simone – Seconded, motion passed.

Motion: to Adjourn election portion of meeting. Joan – moved and founding meeting was adjourned.

Call to order first regular meeting:

Brian presented a song for the inaugural meeting. “1 2 3 what are we spraying for” !!!!

Financial – Simone – Have money for Claire’s course, paid for the visioning, paid rent at the library,

Joanne went to the OFC, have just under \$2000 for GoOFY display. We can still apply through growing forward for funds for the display as well.

* Important motion* Sheila moved there be a \$35 Fee for a farm membership and \$20 membership for an individual subject to review at the next AGM. Kim – seconded and the motion passed.

COG – Brian

ACTION ITEM: Brian to please ask COG if the new GoOFY can be a member of COG

AIAC – Cain – Request has been sent out to food producers for production for the fall Ministers conference and the North of 60 conference.

OFC – Joanne – had a great face-to-face meeting and got to put faces to names

Business:

12.03.1 Establish committees to look at membership, vision, bylaws.

ACTION ITEM: Tom & Kim to look at Bylaws. Joanne and Simone work on website.

12.03.2 Discussion suggestions from visioning exercise

– should be kept on the minutes. It was a good project to undertake and discuss. We need to move forward with it. Suggested 2 people go through it and present 1 topic at a time to distil.

ACTION ITEM: Sarah and Cain and Brian will undertake looking at this.

– Ag Branch visioning exercise

ACTION ITEM: send summary out to members.

12.03.3 InFarmation and Yukonfood articles.

ACTION ITEM: Enrica will write and Brian will add to a letter describing the New GoOFY group.

12.03.4 Regular discussion on farm issues and farm stories Sheila asked about any issues coming from planting around compost in a Greenhouse. Just ensure the pile is finished composting by the time fruiting has begins. Sheila also talked about the new barrel composters at Mt Lorne. Brian talked about a good greenhouse webinar.

12.03.5 Food Secure Canada – Joan – Assembly in Edmonton this fall.

12.03.6 Canadian Biotech Action Network – Tom – is the new chair

12.03.7 Fundraiser dinner – Kim – placeholder

12.03.8 Organic Display – Kim, Brian, Peter – stay on the agenda. Simone will look at the physical display. Agreement to use a graphic designer for the final project with good direction.

Adjournment: 5:30 pm

Next Meeting: April 19, 5:30 Yukon College (to be confirmed).