

August Local Food Initiative Meeting

Monday, August 31, 7pm, Revelstoke Recreation Centre

In attendance:

Regrets:

Agenda:

1. Adoption of July Minutes:
2. Additions to the Agenda:
3. Approval of the Agenda:
4. Special Guest Speaker: Dean Strachan (City of Revelstoke) re: OCP & zoning bylaw update process

Old Business:

Contractor Updates (2 minutes each)

Jenn Meens (Visual Arts Centre Garden)

Keri Knapp (Downtown Community Garden)

Erin Wilkins (Garden Guru)

Sandra Davis (Little Sprouts)

Jesse Johnston-Hill (Farm to Table)

Harvestpalooza

Mel is working to get a hold of Amy Flexman and firm up plans for this event. It will require volunteer input.

Harvestpalooza Theme: Making Food Work - Showcasing the economics of food production.

- display on spin farming - Kristina and Nadja to share their experience
- creating value-added products with local ingredients - Carmen Bell, Popcycle, BA
- animals as more than pets - Claude (ducks & goats), chickens, bees
- city can display chicken bylaw information + kitchen use possibilities
- museum can display historic use of land
- photo display of G&A Tour
- Food Security Coordinator could create a display about the rules about selling foods
- Rod & Gun club members could display their successes & share stories
- LFI booth
- BMK booth promoting food preserv. equip rentals & buying
- Rona booth displaying garden supplies

Coordination funds: sponsorship - can approach Chamber, community futures, individual businesses featured, rod & gun club.

Memberships

Inaugural Membership cards have been printed and are available for purchase at Big Mountain Kitchen. Mel and Sara are working on a membership management system.

Farmer's Market Table

We are booked in for Saturday, September 12th (please confirm Nadja) to have a table to promote the LFI. We will be selling memberships, selling books, signing up folks for the email list and promoting our upcoming events. Volunteers are needed:

Set-up (8-9:30)	Mel
9:00 - 10:30	
10- 11:30	
11 - 12:30	
12 - 1 + take-down	Mel

New Business:

Community Garden Funding Study

looking for a volunteer to look into how other community gardens maintain annual funding - due end of October, 2015

No-Host Bazaar: November 29th, 11-4 pm.

Laura Stovel is getting her own table, but has offered to share one with LFI. We could sell memberships, etc. Laura would pay the full amount and LFI could pay any additional amount required of sharing a table.

Housekeeping

1. Contract renewal with land owners - Mel has redone the agreements with the RUC and RVAC for the gardens under the LFI name. Complete?
2. Hiring Policy - do we want to include wording about offering contracts to previous contractors before going public?
3. Garden expert honorarium - we have not budgeted for this, but Nadja has been helping Jenn at the RVAC significantly. The board needs to agree on an amount for this honorarium (and add it to the budget). The budget can be viewed in the Treasurer file on google drive.
4. The LFI is happy to share their media library at Sangha Bean Cafe with LFI members. Is the LFI willing to share the food processing equipment loans with NCES?
5. The LFI has spent \$430 on the NCES printing account at Lakeside Printing. The breakdown is: \$355 G&A tour, \$68 RVAC, \$7 general. Please ensure these numbers are accounted for in each project's budget. We need to refund this amount to NCES + \$1440 given incorrectly. Mel also paid \$39.20 (to be reimbursed) for membership cards. In

order to have an account with Lakeside we need to pay upfront (min is \$50). Do we want to do this? If yes, cheque is needed, Mel will set it up.

6. Charitable Status - if we apply for charitable status we will be able to apply to more grants and issue donation receipts. It will probably take about 4 hours to complete the application, there are no fees for applying, but there will be additional year-end work required. Please review this [site](#) to decide if this is right for us or not.
7. Mel has applied for the Vessey Seeds tulip giveaway to get 700 bulbs. They could be planted at RVAC and used in our flower-selling enterprise.
8. Thank you card for Days' Inn - complete?

Meeting adjourned: