

CVFC Director's Meeting

January 23, 2017

Attendance: Loren Wood, Brian Kemp, Peter James, Louise Waterman George Foster, David Conant, Eric Clifford, Tim Kayhart, Kirsten Workman, Nate Severy, Marie Audet, Rachel Orr, Jeff Carter

1. Membership Application approvals.

- We have six (6) new membership applications to approve thanks to Jeff and Louise's work over the last two weeks.
- We felt it would be important to approve these folks, so we can give them word ahead of the annual meeting and also not have to hold checks until the February meeting.

Moving forward:

Can we move applications to quicker approvals?

Via email, approve/no/hold...any discussion or questions will be held to next meeting

Danyow Farm
Morgan Hill Farm
M & J Dairy
Allandra Farm Inc.
Louis Hall
Meghan Giroux
Jason Hatch

Motion to approve applications as submitted: Eric Clifford

Second: Loren Wood

Discussion:

(10/0/0)

Non-profits: ACORN, VYCC

Motion to renew two non-paying organizations: Eric Clifford

Second: David Conant

Discussion: quantify a value exchange, VYCC carrot cake, ACORN ad in farm map

(10/0/0)

2. Annual Meeting

- **Review agenda, assign intros**
- Don't
- Other questions for panel....what can your organization do for its member farmers, ask the presenters "IE...FWA on-farm projects, VFB, CT...involvement from large landowners,"

3. Election of Directors at Annual Meeting

- In past annual meetings, the process in which we elect directors to open/vacant seats has been somewhat clunky. We are hoping to come to a consensus on a good way to facilitate this part of the meeting and encourage more participation from the general membership. We also want it to be an inclusive process and allow for more discussion
 - i. Nomination Forms...

Increase positions, "by as many as three"
Ballot

What about other folks...severy's, agency people, TSPs...need to revisit.
Subcommittee on Advisory Board,

4. Outreach Coordinator Position

- HMF, KLF, other funding
- Newsletters, press releases, website, membership lists, organizational skills
- To augment the farmer work that Nate does and membership
- Utilize Kristin to keep outreach, organizational, etc.
- All folks were in support

5. ECHO

- Partner with NEDP on videos
- March 29th (9:00-12:00) legislative event...Vermont Clean Water Network event, sponsor?, water quality groups, "What does clean water mean to us?"
- other symposium/events partnership potential

6. Montpelier

- Time to be in front of committees
- Jane offered to organize....three committees (house Ag, Senate AG, F &W)
- February...sooner the better...Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Brian picks a day and we'll figure out who can go with
- Speak to 'regenerative' practices...proactive
- Invite committees

7. Other business

- MIDD ENVS students lab...at Orr Farm 2-4
- VT Farm Show....signups
- Legislative Update...passing it on? Cabot/AgriMark example.
Motion for Jed Davis to share with 'in house' folks only: David Conant
Second: Loren Wood
Discussion: they share information
(9/0/1 abstain)

NEXT MEET

Motion to Adjourn: George Foster
Second: Loren Wood