

Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition, Inc.

Wednesday, June 5, 2013
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
UVM Extension - Middlebury
23 Pond Lane, Suite 300
Middlebury, VT 05753

In Attendance:

Kirsten Workman, Secretary
Jeff Carter, Treasurer
Loren Wood, Member
Ben Dykema, Director
John Roberts, President
Peter James, Director

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Called to order...10:04 AM

OUTREACH

Jeff, John, Kirsten

- *New display/brochure...new display and brochure put together for ECHO conference, also used it at Blue Spruce Farm windmill open house*
- *ECHO Conference Update (John)*
- *Water Quality Conference (John)...tile drainage issues and technology, plug the outfall with weirs, big issue right now, seems to be controversial.*
- *Addison County FIELD DAYS...tabled*
- *Follow up on member recruitment strategy*
- *Logo design (see business meeting)*

Ag Workgroup Update

Jeff, John, Ted, Ben

Next Wednesday is the next meeting

Extension Grant Projects

Jeff, Kirsten

*No-Till Drills getting lots of use still, maintenance seems reasonable, got to stop and look
Cover Crop grants...two more applications for cover crop mixes*

Meeting adjourned 10:35 AM

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order 10:39 am

Review and Approve May Minutes

Jeff Carter, Kirsten Workman

Motion: John Roberts

Second: Peter James

Discussion: add attendee list, correct title (agenda -> minutes)

Passed without abstention, dissention

Business/Financial Update**Jeff Carter/John Roberts**

Jeff Carter, Treasurer, handed out financial reports (P & L, Balance Sheet),

President's Report**John Roberts**

Been to two conferences (ECHO, NEWPC), plus Blue Spruce Open House
People seem interested to know that our group exists

Roles for CVFC**Jeff Carter/John Roberts**

Stone Environmental/Julie Moore...farmer recruitment in water quality/BMP monitoring
ANR...identify a farm ditch with 25' buffer (perennial), reduce buffer to 10' with a flood plain,
good preliminary results, want to try more (ERG project)
NRCS/DEC...CVFC as interveners to assist with farms reluctant to work with gov't agencies,
Maybe talk to FWA, see how they approach this, farms that don't want to interact
w/NRCS, VAAFM
NRCS State Tech. Meeting...bring up engineering issues, workload, etc.

Membership Application Approvals**Jeff Carter/Kirsten Workman**

One new applicant: Brian Carpenter, Champlain Valley Eqpt (applied as farm for his beef operation, not as business)

Motion: to accept application Ben Dykema

Second: Peter James

Discussion: should we 'classify' what a farmer is more clearly? Previously settled on deciding on case-by-case basis

Passed without abstention, dissent

Logo Design, Part II...choose from submissions or try again? Kirsten Workman

Kirsten will keep working on this one

Kirsten will put together a 'recruitment package' for all current members to help spread the word.
John will approach business members after initial contact from individual members.

Website

Jeff will add a 'sponsored' section with business members listed
Board of Directors already listed, should we list members too (no)

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Motion: Ben Dykema

Second: Peter James

Discussion: none

Passed without abstention, dissent

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2013 10:00 – 12:00