

OVFC Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday November 20
7:00 pm

Via Zoom

In attendance: Lynne, Chris, Janice, Joanne, Cheryl S., Cheryl K.

Regrets: Cameron, Ashleigh, Perri-Rae, Janice, Nicole

1. Administration

- In Janice's absence, Lynne took the chair.
- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the October 23 meeting were approved as circulated.

2. Orders

- November sales were \$13,862.32, up from last year which was \$11,299. 95 customers ordered from 37 producers.

8 people signed up, 4 paid and ordered:

2 – on line

2 – word of mouth,

- **Bryson Farms** is stopping production. The owners are taking the next few months off to see if they want to continue. They may come back in the spring. Their sales have been going down since we now have other good vegetable producers.
- During the Bonnechere Cup, we lost 2 tables. We may need 2 more coolers. Lynne asked if there was money available for this purchase.

3. Financial

- Joanne reported that the postal strike is causing a lot of headaches. She has asked producers who normally are paid by cheque to switch to e-transfer. The problem with this is the limits that the bank imposes on us. Raising those limits would cost a lot of money.
- A large payment to Local Food Market was caught by the postal strike. Joanne will follow up.

4. Events

- **Valentine Dinner (Deep River):** Nicole reported by e-mail that Paul cannot take part in the dinner this year since he has a work conference on the same date. Nicole is willing to help with the planning but will be on holidays from December 21 to January 5 and possibly out of the country during the last week of January.

5. Cook Book – Being worked on.

6. Newsletter

- On last delivery day, 2 women from Guatemala visited the site accompanied by Ali from Swallowtail Farms. An article about the visit including a picture is in the December newsletter.

7. Other Business

- **Summer Student Grant** – Joanne reported that the deadline for applying for a summer student grant is approaching. This usually costs us about \$1,000. Any project undertaken by the student will have to generate revenue. After some discussion, the decision was made not to apply for a grant this year.

8. Next Meeting - to be decided.