**GPA Meeting Minutes January 10, 2019 - 4pm-6pm, Community School**

Attending - Pat Jones, Heidi Schnepf, Dylan Gale, Doug Wright, Kate Janeway, Enrico Wauri, Naomi Elliott, Erika Bland, Veronica Timmons Guest: Lisa Pierce

1. ***MOTION*** *(Doug): that the GPA board accept the minutes of Dec 12. Heidi Seconded. No discussion. Unanimously passed.*
2. Financial report.
   1. Enrico to be taking over treasurer position. **MOTION** *(Dylan): That the signatories for the UBCU account for the DIGPA be changed to the following board members: Veronica Timmons, Doug Write, Enrico Waura and Naomi Elliott. Erika Seconded. No discussion. Unanimously passed.*
   2. Dylan presented the financial report for Jan 10. Enrico may adopt a new accounting method outside of Quickbooks.
   3. Farmer’s market budget report: Roughly broke even this year, and next year due to lack of Old School funds we have addressed possible future deficits by raising table fees.
3. Seedy Sat Jan 19 2019
   1. Guest Lisa Pierce to discuss Organic Gardening talk - 30-40 minutes - focus on green manures, cover cropping, mulching, etc. GPA folks to bring examples of things they’ve tried, Lisa can respond to such inquiries and point to resources. Regional aspect to cover cropping (ie. avail of seed), equipment considerations - ie. how to tailor strategies to unique needs - hand tilling versus machine, etc.;); what to do with bare soil over winter.
   2. Dylan’s talk -30-40 mins – - talk about why soil sampling is a good idea - as well as specifics for how to sample
   3. Reminder that poster needs to acknowledge Denman Works funding
   4. Budget - income roughly equivalent to last year - ~920; expenses ~$835 = profit ~$90 - **MOTION** *(Erika) That GPA board approve the Seedy Sat budget as presented. Doug Seconded. No further discussion. Unanimously passed.*
   5. Seedy Sat/GPA table schedule:
      1. 8:30-10:30 - setup - Naomi, Alan, Peter; 10-1100- Doug; 11-1200-Alan; 12-1 – Enrico; 1-2-Pat; 2-3 –Erika; 3-4:30 - cleanup - Erika et al.
   6. Equipment: VT - nutcracker and seeder; Kate-dehydrator, banner; Dylan - soil probe; cultivator; need future discussion about equip.
   7. Doug will bring info on water licensing.
   8. Raffle basket - donations discussed
   9. E-Mail notice and bulletin board notice (and poster) to be sent to membership and put online.
   10. Erika will coordinate Seedy Saturday 2020 – hall has already been pre-booked for the last Saturday in Jan.
4. Website - Q about why DI Vegan Assoc, SPUDS is not listed on website - VT will let Fireweed know that we have simplified the website and no longer feature /link to other groups.
5. Workshops - Enrico will look into doing well registration workshop - Doug to do signup sheet to gauge interest in a workshop at Seedy Sat. Dylan to do soil testing; Erika applying for freshwater stewardship grant (EcoAction) and would like to engage GPA in a future workshop: requested an endorsement letter from president. Pat to sign. Commitment of $1000 in-kind donation in the form of volunteer hours to help with workshops on freshwater stewardship for farmers.
6. Goals for 2019 - Kate brought handout for discussion. Prioritize for next meeting. Question - what are our values? Fundraising a good idea for community involvement, but need to know what we are fundraising for - events, market, equipment, etc. Enrico suggests we identify things that need fundraising - events are designed to cover costs and add small income - other things are admin or advancing goal of ag on Denman  - cooler expense no longer ours. Scholarships and workshops are ongoing and cost $ - Enthusiasm for dedicated fundraising events may have waned as we have more regular things on our plate - success with events income - Food for families program (under farmers market) – Kate to revisit this.

**For next meeting – all Board members, please fill out Kate’s handout, and think about the following:**

* 1. do we need to set a financial goal to strive for as a cushion?
  2. how do we deal with equipment going forward?
  3. Other ideas? i.e. Could we explore seed funding for value added processing for Denman Is. goods?

1. Farmers Market at Farmhouse (near HI ferry) - can't have markets on private property as it goes against OCP. Discussion postponed for now. Possibly revisit later on when that project is more fleshed out and rezoning happens

**Next Meeting: Feb 21, 2019 - 4:00pm at the Community School**