

MINUTES – 2013 ANNUAL MEETING
South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust
South Bay Grange, Olympia WA
March 15, 2013

5:30 – 6:30 Membership and supporter sign-in. Local agricultural agencies and non-profits tabling and networking session. In attendance: 19 farm and food organizations and 85 members and supporters of SSCFLT.

6:30 POTLUCK DINNER

7:00 – 7:45 BUSINESS MEETING. Welcome and Introductions. SSCFLT Chair, Ben Dryfoos-Guss

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the January 2012 Annual Meeting. APPROVED.

2. 2012 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT. Copies of the Annual Report were distributed to membership A summary of the 2012 budget was presented to the members. Total income for the year, \$54,629; total expenses, \$53,761; reserves as of December 31, 2013, \$43,383.

3. FARM LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE. Mary Ann Swain, Grant Writer and Project Development Coordinator summarized progress on two on-going acquisition projects: Scatter Creek Community Farm and Urban Agriculture Land for GRuB.

4. BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2013-15. Copies were distributed to the membership and made available on SSCFLT's website (communityfarmlandtrust.org).

5. PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES proposed by the Board of Directors, February 14, 2013.

- a. AMEND Article II) Membership; Section 3) Rights of Active Members; Subsection b).
- b. AMEND Article VII) Ownership of Improvements; Section 3) The Resale Formula.
- c. AMEND Article VII) Ownership of Improvements; Section 4) Procedures for the Adoption of Resale Formula.
(a, b, c, above needed to give Board of Directors to have more flexibility in negotiating and determining conditions of Agricultural Lease Agreements with prospective farmer lessees of SSCFLT- owned farmland)
- d. AMEND Article II) Membership; Section 4) Membership Meetings; Subsection a). (Acknowledges that e-mail notification is sufficient to communicate with members)
- e. AMEND Article III) Board of Directors; Section 1) Number of Directors. (Reduces required number of Board of Directors from 9 to 6)
- f. AMEND Article III) Board of Directors; Section 6) Terms of Directors; Subsection d). (Allows Directors to be elected to consecutive 3 year terms by the membership)
- g. AMEND Article IV) Officers; Section 1) Designation. (Clarifies of Officer Responsibilities. The Offices of Chair and Treasurer may not be simultaneously held by the same Director. This is a requirement for some of our financial institutional accounts.)

ACTION: Amendments were considered in two motions:

The amendments related to the resale formula (a and b and c above) separate from the remaining procedural amendments. Following discussion and an agreement to report back on the actions taken by the board regarding the resale formula agreed to for the leaseholder owning buildings at the Scatter Creek property the membership approved bylaw changes a, b and c. In a separate motion, the

membership approved amendments d, e, f and g. The amended version of Bylaws are available on SSCFLT's website, communityfarmlandtrust.org).

7:45 PRESENTATION: Ruth King, Thurston County Historic Barn Documentation Project.
<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/historic/historic-barns.html>

Legislative updates:

- a. 2nd SHB 1437 Nancy Laich - small farm tax equity
- b. SHB 1188 - Lucas Patzek -Washington Department of Agriculture to conduct an inventory of idle western WA agricultural lands
- c. 1276 - Loretta Seppanen HS dropout prevention through farm engagement pilot project (GRuB replication)

8:00 ELECTION OF 2013 BOARD: A slate of nominations was presented to the membership and was approved. Marcie Cleaver, Rancher; Jodie DuBois, a community member involved in farm succession research; John C. MacLean, a community member interested in finance structuring/packaging of land acquisitions; and Jim McGinn, farmer were elected as new Directors. Re-elected for another term on the Board are Ben Dryfoos-Guss, Russ Fox, Pat Labine, and Steve Scheuerell. Continuing members of the Board elected in 2011 are Holly Born and Loretta Seppanen. Thanks were acknowledged to outgoing 2012 Board member's Ann Vandeman and Nicci Johnson.

8:15 PRESENTATION: Mary Beth Lang, Bioenergy Coordinator & WSDA historian, Changes in Agriculture during the 100 year of the WA State Dept. of Agriculture.

Meeting adjourned and the dancing began, featuring the music of the Grizzle Grizzle Tune Snugglers.