

**Kootenai Valley Nursery Growers**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Thursday, July 22, 2010 1:00 p.m.**  
Held at Circle D Farms coinciding with the 2010 INLA North Chapter Event

Thanks Circle D Farms & Stephen Acker for the hospitality & tour! Also, thanks to all for making it a successful luncheon.

- Minutes from 2/19/10 meeting were accounted for and accepted.
- Old Business:
  1. Webhost
    - Voted by email to hire Holland Web Works as host.
      - Votes were 5 for Holland Web Works & 4 for North Idaho Photography.
  2. Membership Vote
    - Little John's Tree Spade-Jamie A. Brebner-Libby, Montana
      - We voted in as a Supporting Member upon receipt of dues.
        - Did receive dues.
  3. Tradeshows – Idaho, Montana Jan 5-6 Billings, & Utah Jan 25-26 Sandy
    - We voted to reserve booths & pay deposits for these three shows.
      - Idaho-no paperwork as of yet-deposit not paid-pay in full upon receipt.
      - Montana- due in full 7/1/10-paid in full.
      - Utah-deposit paid-pay balance.
  4. Website
    - We voted to include KVNG contact information on Website.
      - PO Box 1211, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
        - 7/22/10 not on website, will have added with next update.
  5. Sandpoint R&E
    - Eric Madson & Jennifer Jensen gave a brief update 7/23/10.
      - Center is shutdown, University plans to keep the property & maintain minimal maintenance, Dave Brooks has been retained on contract for some of the wheat trials, Dan Barney was not kept locally as originally anticipated, Paradise Nursery has the best of the Corkbark & Sub-Alpine specimen that were tested.
- New Business:
  1. Treasurer's Report

Year Begin 1/1/10	\$4,861.51
Mtg. Balance 2/19/10	\$4740.47
Receipts     \$50.00	
Expenses     \$1260.07	
End Balance 7/22/10	\$3480.40
  2. Workshop Topics Needed prior to December
    - a. Jennifer Jensen asked that we start thinking about topics and speakers now.
  3. EQIP & Energy Efficiency Programs
    - a. EQIP
      - i. Jennifer was asked, by Mike Gondek, to try to get nurseries involved in this program. They would like to make KVNG members more aware of using NRCS for conservation projects. Some of the cost share programs may be helpful for the growers.
    - b. Energy Efficiency-Audit
      - i. Deadline would be for next year.
        1. Is open to all Ag Industry.
  4. Farwest Show
    - a. Ann Bates has agreed to have our 2009 Catalogs at the INLA booth in Portland.
  5. INLA News

- a. Ann & Julie are in the process of receiving a specialty crop grant that they wrote. This grant will be used to make copies of the Plant Buyer's Guide & Wholesale Map. Approximately 5000 will be printed during the first press and less the second.
    - i. They hope to have the funds in time for the next Tradeshow season. Fliers will be direct mailed to retail garden centers & landscape contractors in MT, UT, & ID.
      - 1. Suggestion was made to include Eastern Washington & Eastern Oregon in the mailing.
      - 2. Please verify that your information on both of these fliers is correct.
        - a. Email- Ann Bates [abates@inlagrow.org](mailto:abates@inlagrow.org)
          - i. Information corrections to fliers & other locations that you are doing business so they may also be included in the mailing.
            - 1. The goal is to increase our customer base!
  - b. Bob Reggear-(Current INLA President) wants input as to how INLA can better serve its' members.
    - i. Mentioned possibly utilizing a "Truck Blog"
      - 1. Members could post footages and destinations.
        - a. Other members would be able to respond if they also had a truck needing more footage heading the same direction.
6. KVNG 2011 Membership Mailing
  - a. Watch for your new application, they will be in the mail prior to September. Dues must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - i. KVNG treasurer will purchase more stamps & envelopes for this mailing.
  - b. Many members still have not included a nursery description or picture for our website.
    - i. Please send to [cristinat@cliftyview.com](mailto:cristinat@cliftyview.com)
- **Next Meeting** will be in **September**, location & date to be announced.

Meeting Adjourned Cristina Tuttle, Treasurer/Secretary

In attendance: Cristina Tuttle, Eric Madson, Stephen Acker, Jennifer Jensen, Bette Poss, Barb LePoidevin, Rod LePoidevin, Tad Hansen, Larry Champ, Kevin Merrifield, Mary Taylor, Eric Taylor, Daren Studer, Christine Braumiller, Bob Reggear, Mike & Joan Mount, Ann Bates, Dennis Clark, Cherry Clark & Dave Colson. Also in attendance, Gene & Pat Andrews & Cathy of Bonners Ferry Nursery.