

2/5/2017 Winter Meeting Minutes

President: Terry Keim

Weigh Off Manager: Kevin Companion

Treasure: Ann Squires

Newsletter: Dan Boyce

Secretary: Kerry Young

Attending: 30 members representing Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Canada

Guest Speakers: Matt DeBacco and Steve Connolly

Treasurer's Report

\$9,836-currently, \$3,927 - paid out

Past 2 years-deficit spending (\$1,000 or so a year)

Coffers are down from previous year, competition with area auctions

Membership Total-66 Annual Dues-\$20 raise dues?

Weigh-Off Report

32 members competed, numbers continue to increase

A little congested when picking up pumpkins, strap up away from loading site

Secure a PA system for next year

T-Shirts for volunteers

Pumpkin Volunteers to monitor crowds-Signs with reminders

Create a "photo-pumpkin" for kids to explore

Auction Report

39 lots-Winning bidders from Germany, Italy, and Canada, and 12 states

Positive Comments: Vermonters bidding on VT lots, seeds out quickly (Thanks Dick and Ann)

\$2,335-initial earnings \$2,266-net earnings

Paypal fees: \$25-pretty minimal, most lots were paid within the first 24 hours

Postage: \$43 . Steve Minor's generous seed donations have saved the club many dollars (Thank you Steve)

2018-Volunteers needed to send out bubble to gather seeds (Wendy, Terry, Danny) (addresses, form letter, reimbursement for mailing)

GPC Registration

Communication with clubs is non-existent, Terry's note, regarding an increase in membership without notification, went unanswered.

Terry will explore costs of ribbons and 3 plaques- tabled discussion about membership.

Club Awards and Acknowledgment

- John Young and Steve Minor for Auction Involvement
- Dan and Holly Boyce for newsletter and hosting seed swaps
- Kevin Companion for the Weigh Off
- Ann and Dick Squires for Mailings
- Wendy and Huey Cadieux for hosting the summer BBQ

Election of Officers

New President-Danny Boyce (Thank you Danny)

Secretary-Kerry Young

Dates for 2017 Events

- Summer BBQ-Southern Vermont-Cadieux' s Saturday, August 5th
- CVF August 24
- VT State Fair August 18
- Woodstock, CT August 31
- Tunbridge, VT Fair September 14-17 Pumpkins arrive on the 12th
- Durham, CT Fair September 19
- Big E September 22-pre-registration needed
- Mazza's Weigh Off September 23
- Lennoxville September 24
- Topsfield September 30th

Tabled Discussions for the Board

Sponsors

Increase Membership

Clothing Costs

Mug, banners, t-shirts

