

Taproot Community Farm

# March 03/08/24

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08 March 2024 / 7 PM / Room: Seven Embers Coffee shop

## ATTENDEES

Board: Jeri Wendt, Jason Wendt, Martha Rypstra, Aaron Schulist, Jennifer Schulist (All present, via role call)

Other:

Public:

Head Count: additional public 5

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. April Board meeting will be April (5th) Time: scheduled for saturday the 6th (unanimous) Location: at the farm
2. Sponsor a tree has been posted to our facebook page. Hopefully we will get a variety of native plants to start our food forest. We will be choosing a date sometime after the pick up day (last day for pick up is april 28th) (Will choose a planting date when able)
3. We won 2nd place in the Firestations UPlift Campaign. We are expecting a \$500 check in the near future. It was alot of fun participating in their campaign.
4. Sow Right Seeds sent us many seed packets, and some useful content for our social media. (hand-outs available)
5. Clean up days shall start early spring.
  - a. Next clean up days will be filling holes, and removal of barbed wire/posts. There is still some trash around that was frozen to the ground. Waiting on warmer weather

b. Contact thrivent/ace to see if they will help with shovels/rakes/wheelbarrows for an upcoming clean up day. (who wants to take the lead on this?) JERI/MARTHA

c. Trail situation??

i. Keven, have you been able to find out any information from the DNR on them helping with keeping the smaller, farther back trail open and insured?

-Keven was not present, Emily from Mac's Creek Foundation sent Jeri contact information for DNR officer Ryan McGillvairay out of crystal falls- Jeri to follow up with him.

6. Our Website is up and running!!! Thanks to some very generous donors.

7. We still need to schedule a time to get the tractor, and look at attachments. Will have to be in March: The Lafaves, who donated equipment will have a large tractor up here soon-ish, and will help us load them.

-We have been waiting for availability and weather. Hopefully this will be done in april

-Aarons Dad has a steal carport he is donating to us, which will be great to keep the tractor in.

8. Driveway updates: Miss dig is scheduled to come out

-Martha: Miss did has been out there to mark the site, waiting on things to thaw and dry out enough to do so.

-Aaron and Jennifer brought up pollution caused by vehicles driving on the land. We will be looking into liners for said driveway

9. Martha: Are there any updates on the school gardening club?

-Martha-Not as of yet.

10. Jennifer- How did the first round of our Rooted fundraiser go?

- a. Our supplier Bein' Crafty has been working hard and will have our big order sent out soon! We will let everyone know as soon as they are ready for pick up/Delivery.

**-Jennifer: Our first round of rooted apparel should be delivered next week or so. Dad hats have been discontinued. We have made roughly 767.36 on this first round.**

## **New Business**

- Our current bank balance is: 2,419.59
  - Board order check has been sent for \$323.69 (has not been cashed)
  - Rooted fundraiser will owe Bein'Crafty: \$ **waiting on invoice**
- Insurance is due:
  - We will owe insurance in the amount of \$76.50 around March 21st
- We have an individual interested in becoming a board member.
  - Renae is a grant writer

**-Board is looking into how to change/add board members. Board would also like to get to know Renae before making the change.**

- We are in the process of applying for a \$5,000 grant to help with gravel for the driveway

**-We applied march 1st we are awaiting response from covantage**

- UP FOR VOTE:
- We were given first dibs on a shed- Its not a full year old, it was next to the house that exploded in Iron River. Pictures on the next page, pain for the shed would be included.
  - Dimensions?
  - Price: **750\$**
  - Motion to accept/deny made by: **Aaron made motion to accept/contingent on her accepting offer**
    - 2nd by: **Jeri**
    - **YES**      NO

**- Pick up would be by the end of march if accepted.**



- Community Events:
  - Foraging (Mushrooms/Medicinal and edible herbs) **-August/September (Brody is going to look into getting certified via MSU extension)**
  - Prep work for the driveway **-Filling holes**
  - Preparing the pocket park for spring planting (**-Scheduling a work day at the pocket park**)
  - Other:

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## NOTES

- We are looking into the financial restrictions of our nonprofit filing type... If we are cleared, we hope to apply for 3 large usda grants.

-Jeri called the IRS- we are clear with no restrictions

## ACTION ITEMS - things to be accomplished:

- Board to check into Meister app- Luke to manage.

## NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Follow up on above items
- Mac's Creek board meeting april 3rd at 11 am, Tall Pines Amasa

-Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Aaron, Martha 2nd... meeting adjourned.