

Nechako Valley Food Network
Regular Meeting
Thursday April 7, 2011
7-9 PM Vanderhoof CNC

7 PM Start

In Attendance: Andrew Beuzer, Maya Sullivan, Lisa Burgener

1. Agricultural Working Group Report (Andrew)

3 RDBN staff members (including two planners), Rural Area Reps, 1/3 stakeholders
Advised on the Agricultural Plan Survey . . . who it should go to and what questions need to be asked.

Investigating changing zoning bylaws in RDBN for properties not in ALR – smaller size – to allow poultry and livestock on those properties

Increasing places where Farmer's Markets can be – by 5 different zones

Next Meeting: April 13th Andrew will attend

2. Community Clean Up (April 16th)

final decision made on bids – Andrew to contact producers re: results and the process

Lisa to contact bakers re: using local flour – final decision

Andrew to purchase and store food

Maya to drop off cooler for Andrew's use

food safety plan – Andrew

Neighborlink – Act II is open. Someone there will let us in to store food in fridges/freezers.

Condiments – use Dana's + organic mustard and ketchup + one more relish (Lisa)

Lisa to bring knives and spoons as well

Green Event sign (Lisa)

Photos – Lisa contact NVSS senior photography students

3. Producers Directory 2011

community futures funding secured.

Verbal approval from RDBN directors. Formal approval on April 21st

Lisa contact producers in email re: regional directory (still on??)

Maya contact remaining on directory (Lisa send names to her)

Andrew contacts his suggestions

All info to Michelle by April 15

4. AGM: April 16th 1 PM

NVFN report – Lisa to jot ideas, all to edit, Andrew to perfect, send to Richard, and present

Maya will organize and bring the gifts

5. Trade Show

Lisa to check possibilities – chafing dish, BBQ volunteers, then get back to others.

Andrew willing to prepare patties if that is only contribution . . . he will be away

Promote Community Garden at the Trade Show

Promote Community Garden in the Newspaper . . . contact Hannah again!! (Lisa)

6. Community Garden (At Museum)

need soil improvement

next NVFN meeting will create a time line/plan

'Kids in the Garden' wishes to help with whole process . . . every Sat from second week in May onward.

Contacted Keona at CSFSS . . . need to hear back

Katimavik . . . need letter signed by NHCA board by May 1st. Work with Farmer's Market

Katimavik looking for a house to rent . . . does not need to be big

7. Rivers Day Dinner

Budget: \$500 for 200 people.

Typically hot dogs, hamburgers, hearty salads, juice boxes

What role do they wish us to play? Intermediaries , or ???

More discussion needed. Will NVFN take risk of paying up front for produce that may not be covered in the budget . . . Integris??

Sunday, September 25th . . . Katimavik's last work day is 23rd.

8. Farm Tours

District Recreation coordinator requested help for identifying other farms for tours during the summer.

Referred her to the 2010 . . . and upcoming 2011 producers guide

9. Food Security/Justice Workshop May 7

NVFN members asked to attend to share what it happening locally. Circulated email.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 27th 7 – 9 PM CNC