

# **Bainbridge Island Fruit Club**

Club Meeting of 1/21/2016

(7-9pm, BI Grange Hall)

## **I. Call to Order/Introductions (Darren)**

- ✓ Welcome Members and New Attendees (Introductions) Approximately 17 new and current members and guests were in attendance.

## **II. Club Presentation on Pruning (Chuck Holland)**

Chuck gave a wonderful presentation on “Fruit Tree Pruning Made Easy”. Some of topics discussed/cited in his handout included:

- Prune at the right time to achieve your goal (summer and winter pruning).
- Prune each time with a limited number of goals “remove the 4 D’s “Dead, Disease, Damaged, and Deranged/Dumb branches.”
- Two Threes of Fruit Tree Pruning (Takes 3 years for tree to respond to proper pruning; never prune out more than 1/3 of the exiting tree each year; and never use pruning wound dress...as it prevent healing and creates an environment in which disease can thrive).
- You do not always have to prune out branches—you can train them! Branch Training will increase fruit yield, air movement, and sunlight infiltration.
- Always keep your pruning tools sharp: Use a flat file for dull and pitted blades and Emory cloth or wet/dry sandpaper for daily touch-ups.

## **III. Social Time/Break**

Group sampled some home brewed hard apple cider (made from a kit), apple and fig butter, and slices of yacon.

## **IV. New Business (Darren)**

- ✓ Elections: Darren and Tami were re-elected to their current positions of President and Communications Director, respectively. Jim Ewing and Cindy Anderson were elected to the position of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. JoAnn and Kirk began the second year of their 3-year terms. Still have the following vacancies: Club Vice President and one board member.

- ✓ Annual Membership Renewals in January (\$20/family): Five new members submitted enrollment forms/fees at the club meeting. One past member asked to be removed from club roster and seven members paid renewal fees. (Still need dues or removal requests from nine existing club members.)
- ✓ Next Meeting Topic: Mason Bees and Scion Wood Collection will be the agenda for our next meeting. Jim will be covering mason bees and Darren on scion wood collection. Our March meeting will involve our annual grafting workshop...with members involved in creating their own fruit trees.

Peggi Erickson (new club member) told group that she has a projector that we can use (in conjunction with a laptop) to show videos or power point presentations to the group.

**V. Upcoming Events (Darren)**

- ✓ Peninsula Fruit Club Grafting Show in Bremerton (3/5/16, 10am-4pm)
- ✓ 4-H Grafting Workshop at Yeomalt Cabin (3/14/16, 6-8pm)
- ✓ Seattle tree Fruit Society Spring Grafting Show in Des Moines (3/19/16, 10am-3pm)
- ✓ Home Orchard Society Fruit Propagation Fair (3/\_\_/16, TBD)
- ✓ Any other events?

**VI. Meeting Adjourned at 9pm.**