

Minutes for 10/23/2014 AgCom meeting

Present: Andrew Rodgers, Leslie Thomas, Judy Asarkof, John Lee, Peter Mastromarino
(Also present was Mosquito reporter Cynthia Sorn)

Old minutes were read and accepted.

Old business: Update on summer web survey. There have been 5 respondents so far. It was suggested that we may need to more actively seek inputs from those we know.

- Rooster incident: It was agreed that we should make ourselves more widely recognized as a potential resource for such issues. Judy agreed to draft a letter to the editor for future publication in the Mosquito.

- Discussed animal predators that are out and about, including bear sightings and coyotes that are hunting in more pack-like behavior -- people with sheep and goats should be aware!

- GMO issue: After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this was an important topic that, for now, we will track & follow for possible action in the future.

- Invasives: This was brought up as another concern.

- Movie showings: There was unanimous support for more showings of movies dealing with agricultural issues. We will work to make these more regular in the future, partnering with others like Clark Farm. Speaker engagements are also a possibility. It was decided that Leslie will begin to compile a list of movie suggestions.

- We concluded the meeting by voting on the list of goals previously identified at the last meeting. The results of that vote will be mailed out separately.

Action items for next meeting:

- Judy: What info does the Open Space Board have on who farms in Carlisle?

- Judy: Will draft a Letter to the Editor for the Mosquito on how the AgCom is available to help mediate & advise on farming & farm animal related issues, and how to contact us if anyone in the community has any questions (CarlisleAgCom@gmail.com).

- Leslie: Research some titles of possible ag-related movies to show.

- ALL: Think of suggestions for future movie viewings on agricultural education topics.