

DRAFT Minutes of the 2/13 TAFM Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Frank Trew, Charlotte Tolly, Hal Pepper, Barbara Garrow, Amy Tavalin, Greer Gill, Debbie Ball and Steve Guttery.

After calling the meeting to order, President Trew noted that our Annual Meeting at the Pick TN 2017 Conference is on Thursday, 2/16, from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Rachel Head will be our speaker.

At the Annual Meeting, Frank will explain why we have not pursued the certification program – primarily because the Board and some members who responded to a survey felt it was better to continue to mentor and provide farmers market support, contribute to educational opportunities, and because we are not staffed to make sure any program put forth would work.

Hal has agreed to brief members on the New York Farmers Market Manager certification program. Their conference is in the first two weeks of November this year but the final dates have not been selected.

At our upcoming Annual Meeting, we will present a slate of candidates. Current board members staggered three year terms are: Barbara Garrow (2016 – 2019); Frank Trew (2016 -2020); Tasha Kennard (2014 -2017); Steve Guttery (2014-2017); and Charlotte Tolly (2014-2017). This is in part based on last year's election and the drawing of straws so that we could have staggered terms. All terms begin and end at the Annual Meeting (for example Frank Trew's term ends Feb. 2021, if the annual meeting is held in February that year).

Proposed board of directors' slate to be voted on at that annual meeting is:

West TN: Steve Guttery, Joni Roberds, and possibly Richard Gallagher

Middle TN: Frank Trew, Tasha Kennard, and Kasi Haire ?

East TN: Steve Brehm ?, Barbara Garrow, and Charlotte Tolly

Barbara agreed to do a ballot for this election and will be bringing a list of members.

Per Amy, 24 folks have signed up for the banquet and 12 for the Tour. It was decided that the Farmers Market Tours on Saturday would not be cancelled even though at this point only 12 are registered.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 Eastern time.