

## **Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: 2/20/26

Time: 7:30am

Location: Online

### **Advisory Board Members Present:**

1. Misse Axelrod
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### **1. Welcome and Overview**

How to recruit more advisory board members

Ideas: Cody from CDA Maple, 1,000 Stone Farm, Hillside Botanicals & a local dairy.

### **2. Review of Program and Board Responsibilities**

### **3. Program Demographics**

- Enrollment (start of year): 9
- Enrollment (end of year): 8
- Gender split / other relevant demographics: 5 Girls, 3 Boys
- Comments / notes: 12 Signed up for next year so far.

### **4. Content, Certifications, and Trainings**

- Description of credential/training completed: Over halfway IRC iCEV Plant Pathology Course.
- Description of credential/training in progress/pending: Game of Logging in Spring, CCV Intro to Environmental Studies to start asap once all students registered.
- Maple Field Trips & Suggestions of ways to teach unit and who to connect with.
- Misse will connect me with VT Maple Assoc.

### **5. Current Industry Trends**

She suggests a flame thrower for the seed pressure on our farm.

## **6. Equipment and Program Needs**

- Equipment needed:
  - Flame weed eater
  - New Apple Press and Grinder
  - Wood splitter
- Proposed purchases: see above
- Comments/decisions: Misse has a flame thrower for sale.

## **7. Looking Ahead**

- Leadership/Instructor changes (if any): VP RTCC position eliminated.
- Program priority changes: -Next year start IRC's asap right away.

## **8. Marketing and Outreach**

- Ideas discussed: Create a flyer to share with all sending schools (Misse will share with all her contacts at local HS's.
- Amp up social media presence
- Plan visits this Spring to local schools
- Hold a community Maple Day at Braintree (maybe at our shack also)
- Perhaps a pancake event?

## **9. Open Discussion and Adjournment**

- Ideas for spring farming.
- Ideas for next school year, what can be improved.

Time adjourned: 8:05am

Minutes recorded by: Annie Massie