

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm.

**Present:** Board members, Cathleen Brown, Mary Williamson, Patty Alander, Julie Hines, and Marilyn Hunter. Ex Officio Board member, Travis Hoesli. Fraser site coordinator, Debbie Buhayar.

**Minutes:** there was a motion, a second and unanimous approval of the January meeting minutes as written.

**Financial Reports:** The financial reports were reviewed. A \$5 donation correction for Fraser was mentioned. The dates on the top of the financial need to be updated.

**Check Requests and Deposits:** None.

**Email business:** None.

**Report on the website:** Corrections mentioned at last month's meeting were made to the website. Mary will update the donation information. The Board was very complimentary of the appearance and information on the new website.

**Report on Facebook:** A new Facebook page was created by Cathleen and Julie. It retained the people who had "liked" the page but didn't carry over any photographs. If anyone has photos to share Cathleen asks that we create an album on the GCG Facebook page.

**Reports on garden sites:**

Kremmling: No news

Fraser: Will need new wind fencing of some kind. Marilyn reports that the HSS garden took their wind guard material down a couple of years ago. Debbie will look into using slats in the chain link fence vs. the wind guard material. Debbie is using a new newsletter provider, Mail Chimp. Garden Gab is coming up.

Granby: No news

Hot Sulphur Springs: HSS has had a request from a Town Board member for use of two beds as a tree seedling nursery for two years. Cathleen and Travis recommend placing the seedlings in gallon pots in the beds instead of planting them directly in the soil.

**Old Business:**

Review of the 2015 Garden Rules: It was recommended to change the wording on # 14 to read "Each gardener must clean up his/her rented garden plot(s) by the end of the growing season. This includes removal of plant material and weeds. Any garden material left in the bed must be approved by the site coordinator." There was a motion, a second, and unanimous approval to accept this change.

**New Business:**

Scholarship funding: It was decided to not pursue this option at this time. We will put a statement on the website that will say something to the effect that we are committed to finding a way for those interested in

gardening to be able to do so.

2015 Garden Classes: Classes will be on Saturday, April 18 and Saturday, April 25 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Mountain Parks Electric community room. Someone needs to pick up the key the Friday before the class and return it to the night drop box on Saturday after the class.

- The first Saturday will be a “Boot Camp” that will cover soils, season extension, site selection, and what will grow in Grand County. Travis will teach this class.
- The second Saturday will be an “Experienced Gardeners’ Round Table” that will be part presentation or prepared questions and then have participants write down additional questions. Travis, Patty, Merilyn, Cathleen, and Mary will be on the panel. Julie will facilitate. Debbie will ask Melinda McWilliams to join in.
- Travis will bring bottled water for both classes. Could the Board bring snacks?
- Cathleen will ask on Facebook for questions that people would like to have answered at the classes.
- Mary will make a flyer. Travis will write a press release and submit it to both the Sky Hi News and the Grand Gazette, print handouts, and write a survey for class participants. Patty will put information on the classes in the Sky Hi News community calendar.

T-shirt sales fundraiser: There was a motion, a second and unanimous approval for spending \$50 for logo preparation and \$75-100 for set-up fees. Patty will gather more info and email it to the board for their input. It was suggested that people could pre-order T-shirts for \$12 and then we could charge \$15 after that. It was suggested to put the GCG logo on the front with the saying on back “Gardening with Altitude”.

Garden to Table Dinner: Patty will propose to Brickhouse 40 that the date be Friday, September 11 and will request that there be a vegetarian entrée option. Merilyn offered to grow a mesclun mix and some root vegetables if they are wanted by the chef. Mary offered to grow spinach. Patty offered to grow potatoes.

**Review Assignments:**

Cathleen – continue working on new and improved FB, ask for starter questions, further ideas for round table.  
Patty – classes on community calendar, T-shirts; follow up with Dino at Brickhouse 40  
Mary – work on a newspaper ad for classes, help with development of round table class, minutes and Facebook on website, and replace 2014 Garden Rules with updated 2015 Garden Rules on website.  
Julie – facilitate, work on roundtable class, and inquire about a discount at the Granby Neils Lunceford nursery.  
Travis – prepare boot camp class, write press release for classes  
Merilyn – update garden rules, minutes, work on round table

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be on Monday, March 16 at 5:30 pm at Brickhouse 40.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.