

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS/CSU EXTENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

February 17, 2014

Call to Order: 5:35

Members present: Marilyn Binkley, Cathleen Brown, Debbie Buhayar, Merilyn Hunter, Patty Alander, Mary Williamson.

Minutes from the January Meeting

A motion was made and approved to accept the January minutes as corrected.

Financial Report

Travis was not able to attend but sent reports via email, noting that not all of the budgets for each site were included in the reports. Travis committed to sending the full budget reports in a subsequent email. Out of the total funds of \$11,625.80, Fraser holds \$2,875.68, Granby holds \$1,322.73, Hot Sulphur holds \$7,58.48, Kremmling holds \$819.99, and the general fund holds \$5,848.92.

Marilyn suggested someone speak with Caroline about making the Memo/Descriptions on the financial reports for plot fees consistent.

Check Requests and Deposits

No Check Requests or Deposits were reported.

Email Business

Merilyn H. sent the approved, final version of the Procedure for Selling Surplus Assets and an updated list board member email addresses.

Debbie wrote and asked for comments on a press release for the Sky Hi Daily News column, which features a Grand County non-profit each week. A final version of the release was forwarded to the Stacy Starr at the Grand Foundation who is coordinating all the non-profits for the paper.

Report on the website

Mary reported that she has updated the site per the suggestions last month. Cathleen noted that two of the minutes posted do not link. General consensus was that only 12 months prior minutes need to be posted on the website and if any one wanted to see minutes older ones we would be able to accommodate such requests with either our electronic files or paper copies saved in the GCG notebooks.

Reports on the Garden Sites

Kremmling

No Report.

Fraser

The first Garden Gab of 2014 was held Tuesday the 11th and was attended by 6 or 7 people. Plans are to hold the meetings every other week for the next few months. Debbie B. is looking for teaching assistance with children's classes this summer. Patty A said she would contact Amy Benson as a potential person.

Granby

Marilyn B. sent out her first newsletter of the year and said she has scheduled a 3-hour work-day for May 22nd. Mary suggested that when a garden is left in bad shape from a previous bed holder, that it should be the responsibility of the next renter to put the bed back into shape. Mary felt was too much of a burden for the others who have been responsible to take on the task of cleaning multiple beds. Debbie commented that we do need to be mindful of keeping our sites presentable for each of our respective communities but it is worthwhile to continue to try and place the maintenance responsibility with the renter.

Hot Sulphur Springs

Merilyn H. had no site activity to report.

Old Business

Merilyn H. gathered Election Dates and Terms for each Board Member, which are as follows:

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
4/11	Merilyn Hunter	4/14
6/11	Cathleen Brown	6/14
4/12	Mary Williamson	4/15
3/13	Marilyn Binkley	3/16
3/13	Debbie Buhayar	3/16
10/13	Patty Alander	10/16

President and President-Elect are elected in September and take over in November

Cathleen Brown was elected President-Elect 10/12 and became President 11/13

Debbie Buhayar was elected President-Elect 10/13 and will become President 11/14

New Business

Spring Garden Classes: The dates for the classes were changed from the last weekend in April to the first weekend in May so Melinda McWilliams would be available to present. Cathleen agreed to be the other presenter and will coordinate topics to cover with Melinda.

Mary (with some help from Patty) volunteered to be responsible for publicizing the classes. Debbie will revise last-years flyer and send it to Mary for distribution and secure space at either the Granby Fire Station or Mountain Parks Electric for May 3rd and May 4th from 1:00PM to 4:00PM each day.

Lion's Club Flea Market: The Fraser River Valley Lion's Club is sponsoring a community Flea Market on June 14th at Grand Park for non-profit organizations in Grand County. Non-profits are invited to set up a booth to sell items of their choosing to raise funds and awareness for their organization. The board decided to participate and sell starts, a few garden-themed gift baskets, used garden equipment/tools, soil amendments, seeds and whatever other items we can gather from our participating gardeners, friends, and neighbors. Cathleen suggested we buy bulk seeds from Johnny's and repack them for sale. Mary and Marilyn B. volunteered to grow starts for sale and Merilyn H. volunteered to make up a garden gift basket to sell.

Garden to Table Fundraising Dinner: Patty tried to get together with Dino at Brickhouse but has not yet been able to make direct contact with him. She will continue to try and set up a meeting.

Review Assignments

Debbie:

Correct January Minutes send out February minutes for approval.

Contact Caroline about memo consistency and including who has paid for bed rentals on the financial reports

Forward GCG emails to Mary W.

Find a meeting room for the Spring Garden Classes

Send Mary an updated flyer for the classes

Travis:

Resend financials with complete Budgets for all garden sites

Mary:

Update Minutes on Website – Clean location for the Applications

Work on publicity for Garden Classes

Grow starts for the Flea Market

Merilyn H.:

Place garden meetings in the Ski Hi Community Calendars

Contact Ace in Granby to schedule dates for a Hotdog Sale

Make a garden Gift Basket for sale at the Flea Market

Cathleen:

Work with Melinda McWilliams on the Spring Garden Class presentations

Marilyn B:

Grow starts for the Flea Market event

Patty:

Contact Amy Benson as a potential teacher for Kids Garden Classes in Fraser

Contact Dino regarding a Garden to Table event in the Fall

Adjourn 7:30

Next Meeting Date: March 17th @ 5:30 PM at Brickhouse 40 in Granby