

# GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS/CSU EXTENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes  
March 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 February minutes as corrected.

## **Financial Report**

Travis was not able to attend but sent reports via email just before the meeting. In the future, the Board would like to have the financials a week or at least several days prior to the meetings to allow us to review them, clear up questions, and make corrections before the meetings. It was noted that the budgets, which were not fully available in February, were not included for this March meeting either.

## **Check Requests and Deposits**

Debbie presented one deposit sheet for Fraser bed rentals. Patty will be able to deliver the deposits to Kremmling on Thursday.

## **Email Business**

A flyer for the upcoming Spring Garden Classes was circulated for review.

## **Report on the website**

Mary will be updating the front page with the Spring Garden Class Flyer as soon as the final version is approved via email.

## **Reports on the Garden Sites**

### **Kremmling**

Travis forwarded the following information about Kremmling in an email: “ In the Kremmling garden we are starting to get some plot applications in but no one has stepped up as garden coordinator. I am going to over and turning the beds for the season. I think the Beds will not need any amendments this year but we will make some in the beds in the Greenhouse to loosen the soil up. We will also be adding irrigation in the greenhouse this year it will be a minimal cost of a garden hose timer and some drip line supplies probably less than \$100.”

### **Fraser**

Debbie has held 2 Garden Gabs and is working to fill up all the garden beds for the season. At this time there are 9 beds available. Debbie Young is sponsoring one bed for Mountain Family Center. Three other beds will be allocated to family gardening education through the Rec Center. It is possible for us to charge for those classes and cover the rental fees. Newsletters to the Fraser Valley gardeners have started up again.

### **Granby**

Marilyn B. reported that 11 beds are rented with 5 new gardeners in the mix. A “Granby Garden Gab” is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and will be put on the community calendar.

Marilyn is looking for someone to mow and trim for the season. The person who did it last year will not be available this year.

### **Hot Sulphur Springs**

Merilyn H. was contacted by an interested gardener, but that person needs sponsorship. Merilyn will explore possibilities for sponsorship by asking around in the HSS community and other contacts she might have.

### **Old Business**

Each of the garden sites needs to renew the lease agreements held with their respective landowner entities. Additionally, Travis needs to send proof of insurance to each of those entities. Debbie will follow up on this task.

### **New Business**

**Spring Garden Classes:** Mountain Parks Electric has again been reserved for the Garden Classes. Cathleen and Melinda will be meeting this week to finalize the wording on the flyer we will use to distribute and advertise the classes in the Sky Hi Daily News. The board approved \$300.00 be allocated for advertising costs. Mary will take responsibility for submitting an ad to the paper. Securing ¼ page spots running in both Wednesday and Friday papers 2 weeks prior to the classes is what the board felt would be most effective. Debbie will look to see she has the electronic files from the past Power Point presentations to forward to Cathleen.

**Lion's Club Flea Market:** The Lion's Club is taking the responsibility for collecting sales tax for all the participating non-profits, which makes the event a lot easier for us. Cathleen will look into ordering bulk seeds to sell and Debbie suggested purchasing garden glove 6-packs from Costco to resell.

**Garden to Table Fundraising Dinner:** Dino from the Brick House 40 did contact Patty and said he was indeed interested in a Garden to Table Event. The details can be worked on after the season gets up and going in each of the sites

**Hot Dog Sale:** The Hot Dog Sale is officially scheduled for Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. There was some discussion about offering carrot dogs along with hotdogs provided by Ace but Merilyn suggested that might present unnecessary complications. The idea was tabled.

### **Review Assignments**

**Debbie:** See if the next meeting can be rescheduled to April 28<sup>th</sup>

Submit Minutes

Work with Travis on Additional Insured documents for each garden site

**Travis:**

Resend financials with complete Budgets for all garden sites

Update and provide documentation for "Additional Insured" for each garden site

**Mary:**

Update the front page of the website

Finalize Spring Garden Class flyer after Cathleen and Melinda make revisions

Place Ads in the paper for the Spring classes

Send out final version of the flyer for each site Coordinator to distribute

**Merilyn H.:**

Place garden meetings in the Ski Hi Community Calendars

Seek sponsorship help for interested gardener

**Cathleen:**

Work with Melinda McWilliams on the Spring Garden Class presentations

Send Travis a reminder for Financials a week prior to next board meeting

**Patty:**

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

**Adjourn 8:00**

**Next Meeting Date: April 28th @ 5:30 PM at HSS Town Hall**