

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS/CSU EXTENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes
June 16, 2014

Call to Order: 5:34

Members present: Patty Alander, Cathleen Brown, Debbie Buhayar, Travis Hoesli, and Mary Williamson

Minutes from the May Meeting

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

Financial Report

Travis was able to send out the financials well in advance of the meeting, which all the Board members appreciated. The reports presented showed Fraser funds available as \$3,190.54, Granby available funds as \$1,735.67, HSS available funds as \$ 1,034.67, Kremmling available funds as \$ 977.74 and \$ 5,967.13 in the General Fund for a total of \$12,905.75. Fraser presented significant expense requests so the balances will look quite different after they are entered.

Check Requests and Deposits

Check deposit forms were reviewed and given to Travis to submit to Caroline.

Email Business

No email business was reported

Report on the Website

Mary Williamson corrected grammar on some of the postings and reported that Estes Park has used our website as a model. Estes Park has been complimentary of GCG's accomplishments as they look forward to creating a community garden in their community.

Report on the Facebook

Cathleen has continued to post articles and information on the GCG Facebook page

Reports on the Garden Sites

Kremmling

7 beds have been rented and many of the spare beds have been allocated to growing food for the Plant to Plate Dinner planned for the fall. Travis has employed several community service workers to help turn beds.

Fraser

The repair work to the Hoop House is complete and almost all of the beds have been planted. No labor costs have been incurred so there are funds for future repairs. All beds are rented but some gardeners have not for a multitude of reasons planted. The Parent Child class offered through the seeded and growing. The MFC beds are also planted. The season is off and running.

Granby

Marilyn B. reports the grass is being mowed by Carol Morales, the weeds are under control so the garden is looking good. Only 1 or two beds may be available to rent as most, excluding the 7 allocated to community usage have been rented by individuals, Marilyn B. now is able to monitor the sprinkler system independently of Peter, the Granby town employee responsible for the system. Given limited storage space Marilyn wants to move the hoops that are not being utilized to Kremmling.

Marilyn B. then sadly submitted a letter stating she is resigning as site coordinator as of September 1, 2014 due to over-extending on volunteer commitments. She is willing to continue as a member of the board. Marilyn wanted to announce this to the board before trying to recruit anyone to fill the position. No one from the board volunteered to fill the position of site manager.

Hot Sulphur Springs.

Merilyn H. was not present but submitted the following:

Hot Sulphur Springs Community Garden Report

Status of garden beds

15 beds are rented this year – a 66% increase over 2013

3 beds are “shared” beds – previously known as community beds

1 bed still has a few of the town’s perennials; 2 were completely emptied for the first time this year, were weeded and filled with sifted topsoil and compost

1 bed has been emptied and weeded but still needs sifted topsoil and amendments

PVC “hoops” (they are actually rectangular in shape) covered by insect barrier Agribon are being used by many gardeners. Challenges include educating gardeners on how to place hoops and Agribon so as not to interfere with the sprinkler system. The strong winds that we’ve been having every day are a challenge as well. Without a good number of rocks around the edges, the Agribon blows off.

A load of GrandGro was delivered to the HSS site by Granby Sanitation last week.

The Community in the Community Garden

I haven’t been to the garden this year without 2 and usually 3 other gardeners either coming to garden or to visit. One day in 1 ½ hours I was able to plant 6 broccoli plants – that’s it! Lots of questions and lots of education taking place. On our workday last month we had 12 out of 14 gardeners show up!

Garden to Table Dinner

HSS will be responsible for green beans; seeds have been left in Kremmling to be planted later in this summer to be ready for September 12 (hopefully!)

Old Business

Per Merilyn Hunter’s submitted report:

ACE Hot Dog Sales

\$192.37 donated this year

More hot dogs sold this year (108) but lower donations

\$231.81 was raised in 2013 with 100 hot dogs sold; I made note that we would have sold more but that we ran out of hot dogs while someone went to the store to get more

The grilling and table set-up had a different configuration this year with a row of merchandise between the table and the customers – could be that this had some influence

All in all a pretty easy, low stress fund raiser

Flea Market

GCG earned \$350.00 on the Lion's club sponsored fundraiser. Feelings were mixed on whether or not to participate next year if the event is held again. It was a significant amount of work to care for starts and if the event is held any later in June it will be even more difficult to sell starts, as people will have already planted their gardens.

Garden to Table Dinner

Garden plots in all of the gardens have been planted to produce items requested by the chef at the Brick House. Patty will be meeting with Dino to continue to work out the details and options.

Review Assignments

Debbie:

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Travis:

Forward information about the Estes Park Community Garden Project

Cathleen:

Look up and post companion gardening links for the Website and for Facebook

Patty:

Meet with Dino about the Plant to Plate event

Adjourn 7:30

Next Meeting Date: July 21st @ 5:00 – Tabernash Tavern