

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS/CSU EXTENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

July 21, 2014

Call to Order: 5:20

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

Minutes from the June Meeting

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

Financial Report

Travis was unable to attend and only sent the financials the morning of the July board meeting so most of the board members were not able to review the figures prior to the meeting. Additionally Caroline Smith did not have time to enter all the transactions to make the report that was sent up to date. All board members present expressed concern about not having timely and accurate information. Cathleen is going to draft a letter recording the board's issues regarding the Extension Office GCG financial record keeping and will send a copy via email to the board members for review.

Carol Morales requested that she trade out some of her compensation for mowing grass at the Granby Gardens during the past month for the composter that is not in use. The board previously offered the composter to Carol for \$100.00. The board agreed to Carol's request and Marilyn B. would provide paperwork/transaction instructions to Caroline for the payments owed to Carol and GCG taking a credit against her mowing charges for the composter.

Check Requests and Deposits

Check and deposit forms were reviewed and will be submitted to Caroline.

Email Business

Marilyn H. sent an email out regarding extra cover crop seeds she has available. The offer was appreciated but board members present did not need the seeds for any of the other sites. Additionally, the old fencing in HSS, which was torn down does not have a home at any of the other garden sites. All agreed that Meilyn was free to give the fencing away to those that express interest.

Report on the Website

Mary and Jerry Nissen are working toward removing the registration section from the website but have not yet been successful. The email account of info@grandcommunitygardens.org is no longer being monitored, and needs to be closed out. Debbie is monitoring the active email, grandcommunitygardens@gmail.com. Mary also updated the calendar on the website.

Report on the Facebook

Cathleen will check out the email account associated with the Facebook account

Reports on the Garden Sites

Kremmling - Travis emailed the following:

“Garden is doing good and things are growing just trying to keep things mowed down between beds. The beans have been planted for dinner and are up and growing will be planting lettuce and spinach next. Potato beds are doing good have one complete bed for Purples.

Fraser

The gardens are very productive, gardeners seem happy with results, and the children’s programs are going well. MFC is picking up excess produce on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Granby

No one has yet stepped forward to assume the position of Site Manager and Marilyn B. will be gone for the month of September. All the beds are rented and doing well. A few of the hoops purchased several years ago have been kept at the site while, given space constraints, the remainder have been stored in Kremmling. Carol Morales was able to utilize some excess wood pieces and remove them. Persistence with Preen and Avenger has paid off in keeping the weeds at bay.

Hot Sulphur Springs.

There is a new chain link fence around the gardens thanks to the town of HSS. The old fencing as stated in “email business” is available to anyone that expresses interest. The green beans are growing well using Agribond #19 and water jugs for heat sinks.

Old Business

Garden to Table Diner

The garden space allocated for produce for the dinner is growing well. Patty had a meeting with the Chef at the Brickhouse.40. He is excited about the event and is planning a 4-course tasting menu in addition to allowing for a la carte ordering. The dinner Sept 12th, will be offered from 4:30 to 9:30 and GCG will receive between 25-30% of the proceeds. The board agreed to budget up to \$300. for advertising in the paper and making posters/flyers to distribute. Patty and Mary will work together on this. Patty will also be writing an article for the paper, which will hopefully be published in coordination with the advertisements.

It was proposed that GCG have some sort of display set out on a table at the event to tell the story behind GCG. All garden site coordinators agreed to send photos to Patty.

Patty will communicate with Travis on butchering and freezing instructions for the 4H lamb.

New Business

Travis asked the board to consider having a booth at the Fair this year. The opportunity was declined, as no one was able to commit the time to manning the booth.

Review Assignments

Debbie:

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Send Photos to Patty

Travis:

Update financials

Cathleen:

Letter on financials

Check email account on Facebook

Patty:

Write article for the paper on Gardens and coordinate advertising for the Garden to Table Dinner

Mary: Work with Jerry on any website issues

Adjourn 7:55

Next Meeting Date: Aug 18th @ 5:00 – Brickhouse 40