

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm at the Tabernash Tavern.

Present: Board members: Patty Alander, Cathleen Brown, Julie Kirby-Hines, Merilyn Hunter and Mary Williamson. Fraser site coordinator: Debbie Buhayar.

Minutes: there was a motion, a second and unanimous approval of the October meeting minutes as corrected. (There was no November meeting).

Financial Reports: The financial reports were received. Cathleen would like to know what the “other fundraising expense” of \$70.02 refers to. We need Travis to explain what this means.

A question came up about using Community Garden reserve funds. If a garden site wants to use some of the reserve funds, they would need to make an application to the GCG Board and have the use approved through a vote.

Check Requests and Deposits: Debbie applied for a grant to Fraser River Valley Lions for \$1200 to help with hoop house improvements. A deposit in the amount of \$1200 was circulated and signed. Other requests were circulated and signed.

Email business: When to have the annual meeting was discussed via email but not voted on. Receipts from Alpine Lumber for Granby bed replacement materials were circulated and approved via email.

Report on the website: Mary will put gardening class information on the website. She will also update the bed rental applications based on the board feedback.

Report on Facebook: Cathleen and Merilyn post to the GCG Facebook page from time to time.

Reports on garden sites:

Kremmling: No one present to report on the Kremmling site. The Board discussed writing an article for the Grand Gazette about the garden trying to recruit a coordinator and gardeners.

Fraser: Fraser is raising money to add an automatic ventilation system to the hoop house. Budget presented. Will promote that returning gardeners will have until March 31 to request and pay for their site.

Granby: Jerry Pierce replaced about a third of the beds at the Granby garden in 2015. The rest will need to be replaced this year at a cost of around \$1000. There are old, rotten boards from the beds that have been replaced that Patty is looking for a way to dispose of. Will need to find a new person to mow in 2016. Will be investigating using mowing for weed control vs chemical herbicides. Mary suggested raising the pay for someone to mow.

Hot Sulphur Springs: Budget presented and will be emailed to Travis.

Old Business:

Garden to Table Dinner Review: No funds for either reimbursement of the cost of lambs or a share of the evening's income have been received. Invoice, including a copy of the check, for the lambs was mailed in October. Patty will write a letter on CSU letterhead explaining our expenses and our request for payment. The letter will be sent via certified mail.

New Business:

2016 Garden Classes: The classes will be on one day this year. Selected date March 19. Suggested time 10-12 and 1-3.

Review Assignments:

Cathleen – draft an article to go in the Sky Hi News about the community gardens

Patty – will email Travis with Cathleen's budget question; letter for Brickhouse 40 regarding payment for the Garden to Table dinner

Merilyn – Minutes; draft article for Grand Gazette highlighting some possible "deals" – free garden bed for site coordinator and two beds for the price of one for others, resources of CSU nearby.

Mary – Update website; add photo release to the bed rental application; update 2016 applications

Julie – talk to a possible interested Kremmling person about getting involved in Kremmling

All – Come up with ideas for an article to promote specific community gardens; email ideas to Cathleen; email 2016 budgets to Travis.

Deb – send website person's name to Mary

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb 15 at 5:30 pm at the Tabernash Tavern.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Merilyn Hunter