

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:26 pm.

Present: Cathleen Brown, Mary Williamson, Patty Alander, and Marilyn Hunter. Guest: Julie Hines

Minutes: there was a motion, a second and unanimous approval of the August meeting minutes as written.

Financial Reports:

Financial reports: received from CSU Extension on 9/14; there were some discrepancies that Cathleen will address in an email to Travis.

Checks required for bed rentals: In an effort to reduce site coordinators need to handle cash as well as to facilitate site record keeping, a motion was made to require checks for the payment of bed rentals and to strongly encourage checks for any other gardener purchases. There was a second and unanimous approval of the motion.

Check Requests and Deposits: There were some check requests pending, but lacking the appropriate forms this was postponed. Board members need an electronic version of both GCG forms as well as CSU Extension forms. Marilyn will email copies of the current GCG forms to board members. Cathleen will request that the Extension office email their forms.

Report on the website: Mary reports that Jerry Nissen has withdrawn his involvement in our website. Patty has offered to work with Mary on updating the website. Patty suggests that we check the website <http://www.artoutofthinair.com/> that she currently manages.

Report on Facebook: Cathleen reports that she is still trying to add board members as administrators.

Reports on garden sites:

Kremmling: efforts continue to find a site coordinator.

Fraser: Cathleen reports that things are coming to a slow, cold end; a work day is scheduled on 9/27; the hoop house will be taken down sometime in the beginning of Oct.

Granby: Kathy who mows the lawn for the Granby parks has approached Patty about providing gardening classes and Carol Morales has offered to do some canning classes; Patty will continue to gather information on these ideas.

Hot Sulphur Springs: there was an episode of mischief in the garden with vegetables pulled out and thrown on the ground as well as tears in some of the agribon; the gates have been locked and there has been no recurrence. After a 23 degree night the water has been turned off for the season.

Old Business:

Garden to Table Dinner: it was thought to be a tremendous success – the food was great and it was well attended. Patty will contact the chef to find out what GCG's final income for the event was. Patty requests that board members write down ideas for next year while they are fresh in your mind and send them to her. Thank You Patty for organizing this event!

New Business:

Site rental applications: In an effort to keep tabs on how many garden beds have been rented at a particular site the board would like all site applications to go through site coordinators. Mary will make changes to the rental applications to reflect this change.

Kremmling Garden Work Day: Travis will contact the board with information regarding clean-up work and/or need for additional help.

2015 GCG Officers: In advance of the October vote for officers, a discussion took place about who was willing to be officers. Cathleen stated that she would be willing to be President for another year; Patty would be willing to be President-elect; Marilyn is willing to take over the responsibility of writing the minutes.

Possible change to meeting calendar: It was brought up that the Board may consider changing the meeting calendar. Instead of meeting every month it may not be necessary to meet certain months. Months mentioned when a meeting may not be needed included November, December, January and February. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Julie Hines is interested in becoming a Board member. She has previous experience in community gardens, community development and public health. The Board will vote via email on electing Julie to the GCG Board and will notify her of the results.

Review of Assignments:

Cathleen – email Travis re the financial report, the need for the CSU extension payment and deposit forms and Kremmling fall cleanup needs; and continue working to make other board members Facebook administrators.

Mary – will change applications for the 2015 season to read that they should be turned into the site coordinators; meet with Patty re a new website

Patty – get with Mary to do new website with the same address that we have now; call Dino, owner of Brickhouse 40, in morning

Merilyn – minutes; email GCG deposit and check request forms to board members

All – write down feedback on the Garden to Table dinner and send to Patty

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Next Meeting Date: October 20, 5 pm Brickhouse 40

Respectfully submitted, Merilyn Hunter