

GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at Maverick's restaurant in Granby, at 5:40pm

**Present:** Board members: Patty Alander, Julie Kirby-Hines, and Marilyn Hunter. CSU Ext representative: Travis Hoesli. Fraser garden coordinator: Deb Buhayar. Guest: Jane Binford.

**Minutes:** The January minutes were approved via email on 2/9/17.

**Financial Reports:** The financial reports were emailed to the Board last week. There were no issues that needed to be resolved this month.

**Check Requests and Deposits:** None at this time.

**Email business:**

The January minutes were approved via email on 2/9/17 by the people attending the meeting.

Cathleen, not being able to be at tonight's meeting sent out this message: I talked with Melinda this week about the spring gardening classes. She said that she'd be willing to teach classes in May if we decide to hold them this year. It seems like we did have a conversation last year about taking a year off due to declining attendance. If we have the classes this year, how do we keep the content fresh & not give the same presentation for the third year as to keep returning people interested? Should we just have the round table forum?

She also tried to find the reappointment dates for board members but didn't find that information at this time.

**Report on the website:** Mary reported that everything is up-to-date on the website.

**Report on Facebook:** Occasional posts by Cathleen and Marilyn. Marilyn will look into "boosting" key posts on Facebook.

**Reports on garden sites:**

Kremmling: Travis proposed an idea to do six weeks of basic gardening classes in Kremmling this spring. They would be Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 7 pm. The classes would cost \$10 per class or \$50 for all classes including a community garden bed rental. For people wanting the included bed rental, \$30 would go to the Community Garden site. Garden bed rentals would be offered in Kremmling and in Hot Sulphur Springs.

Fraser: Deb reviewed upcoming projects including updating the irrigation system, improving the hoop house ventilation system, and creating a new planting area. She also reports that she occasionally mails checks to the Extension office instead of the gardener him/herself. Cash is not to be used but if it can't be avoided make sure that it says on the application that cash was given and both the renter and the site coordinator sign the form. Deb asks if we can have a bed rental application that could be filled out online. Travis will look into this.

Granby: The snow has melted.

Hot Sulphur Springs: Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

2017 Budgets: Budgets have been submitted to Travis.

2017 meeting schedule: Continue with third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.

Spring Gardening Classes: The following suggestions were made: have a round-table format vs. lecture; hold the class on a Saturday from 9am to noon; May 20 was suggested as the date. An earlier suggestion to skip this year was discussed. See Cathleen's comments above under "Email Business". Deb will check for availability of the MPEI community room.

Grand Lake Community Garden: Jane Binford came to the meeting tonight to find out about becoming a part of the Grand Community Gardens. Various topics were discussed including partnership with CSU Extension. Jane and Travis will get together for further evaluation of the Grand Lake site. Deb offered her assistance to Jane.

Garden to Table Dinner: Deb had offered to be the liaison with Tabernash Tavern this year. A discussion followed as to whether or not we wanted to do a dinner again this year. It was mentioned that we didn't make much or any money but was that our intention? What are our reasons for doing the dinner other than awareness of gardening opportunities and possibilities in Grand County? Deb will contact TT to see if they are interested and what they might suggest. We will look at cost/benefit from last year.

**Review Assignments:**

Patty: Email Granby gardeners. Send 2017 budget to Travis.

Deb: Check with MPEI about room availability for gardening classes. Check with Tabernash Tavern to see if they are interested in partnering for a Garden to Table dinner this year.

Travis: Review expenses and income from Garden to Table dinner last year. Plan garden classes for Kremmling and write an article for the newspaper on the classes and on GCG. Look into creating an online bed rental application that can be filled out online.

Julie: Send Garden Board contact information to Jane.

Merilyn: Post on Facebook re website and applications.

**Next Meeting Date**: The next meeting will be on Monday, March 20 at 5:30 pm at Maverick's in Granby.

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

Respectfully submitted, Merilyn Hunter