

# GRAND COMMUNITY GARDENS/CSU EXTENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes  
April 28, 2014

## **Call to Order: 5:34**

Members present: Marilyn Binkley, Cathleen Brown, Debbie Buhayar, Merilyn Hunter, Patty Alander.

## **Minutes from the January Meeting**

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

## **Financial Report**

Travis made a correction to the financial reports that were distributed to the board members via email on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Corrected financial reports will be sent to the board via email. Including the correction the available funds for Fraser is \$4010.68, for Granby \$1962.73, for HSS \$958.48, for Kremmling \$897.74, and for GCG General Fund \$5,848.92.

## **Check Requests and Deposits**

Check deposit forms were reviewed and given to Travis to submit to Caroline. There were no new expense requests to review.

## **Email Business**

The Spring Garden Class Flyer was reviewed per plan from last months meeting. No new email business needed to be addressed.

## **Report on the website**

Mary was not present but Marilyn B commented that Mary has done a very good job of keeping the site current and much better than in the past.

## **Reports on the Garden Sites**

### **Kremmling**

The gardens in Kremmling are definitely thawing out. Travis has been in touch with the West Grand Horticultural class that may provide some labor to prepare beds. Though only three to four beds are rented, there is the possibility some of the beds can be planted for Mountain Family Center donations.

### **Fraser**

All but three of the beds are rented in Fraser. One is being sponsored for Mountain Family Center. Three large beds and 1 small bed are going to be allocated for classes through the Grand Park Fraser Valley Rec Center. These beds will be paid for from the fees charged to those signing up for the class and through the summer camp program.

Of major concern for Fraser is the need to repair the end panels on the hoop house. They did not wear well over the winter and need to be replaced. Debbie has working with Travis, the Joe and Carol Morales, FarmTek, Erick Alander, and John Dickenson to come up with a workable solution. Current bids indicated the cost might be over \$4,000, which would require using some of the General GCG Funds until Fraser could amass more rental income form future seasons.

## **Granby**

Marilyn B. reported that 22 beds are rented. Several of last year's gardeners have not turned in paperwork. There is a workday scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> and an orientation session is going to be offered after the Garden Classes on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Dandelions are beginning to show up again but Marilyn is planning to treat them with Avenger soon to keep ahead of them. The new storage shed is up and being well utilized.

## **Hot Sulphur Springs.**

Merilyn H. reported 11 gardeners have rented a total of 13 beds. The perennials have been removed from the back row of beds, which will now be available for renting or utilized for communal crop. Merilyn is interested in putting up more hoops in the garden and was evaluation a device for bending the electrical conduit. Merilyn has not been able to find someone to sponsor a person that has requested financial assistance, which prompted a discussion regarding those in need being asked to fill out a form to have rental fees waived. Travis reported he had a form that he could forward to the board members.

## **Old Business**

Spring Classes – The logistics and plans for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Garden Classes at the Mountain Parks Electric community room were reviewed. The advertisements in the paper seems to have stirred up some buzz in the community as many of us have heard comments that people were planning to attend. The class materials are complete. Handouts will be duplicated at the Rec Center and in the Extension Office. We will provide water fruit and granola bars.

Lion's Club Flea market – In addition to selling donated tools and gardening equipment, Mary, Marilyn B. and Patty planted starts to sell. Any left over blood meal or YumYum Mix can also be offered. Debbie suggested selling gloves, which Merilyn H. will price out at Costco when she goes this week. Ordering a larger quantity of potatoes this year was thought to be a good idea so we could sell them at the flea market. Travis informed us that we would most likely need to purchase she Masquerades this year.

Garden to Table Diner – Patty is going to coordinate a meeting with Debbie and Mary as well as talk to Dino in the near future. A date needs to be fixed. Menu plans and costs also need to be addressed so we do what we can to grow a substantial portion of what is prepared. Debbie suggested that using a lamb from Jennifer Baker be considered since she is a local supplier.

Hot Dog Sale: The Hot Dog Sale is officially scheduled for Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Review Assignments**

### **Debbie:**

- Run copies of Melinda's hand outs for the Spring Garden Classes
- Work with Travis on repairing the hoop
- Distribute Flyers for the Spring Garden class
- Submit Minutes
- Bring applications a donation basket, snacks, and a clay pot to demonstrate a reuse for plastic water bottles to the classes.
- Pick up key for Garden Class meeting room and have it open by 12:15 Saturday and Sunday
- Contact Raina Bailey for help with kids' classes

### **Travis:**

- Revise financials

Meet with Debbie on Hoop House Repairs  
Copy materials for Saturday Classes  
Bring bottle water to Classes  
Make up evaluation for Spring Garden Class  
Pick up wire mesh from Granby Garden  
Create an application for those seeking subsidies for rental fees  
Order and pick up potatoes

**Merilyn H:**

Research methods to bend conduit  
Price gloves at Costco  
Bring amendments for sale at the garden classes

**Cathleen:**

Coordinate with Travis on Class handouts  
Pick up and American Clay Works orders

**Merilyn B:**

Help set up room for spring garden Class  
Look into Agribond orders

**Patty:**

Bring a sign in sheet to the Spring Garden Classes  
Coordinate meetings on Plant to Plate event  
Determine restaurant meeting place for next board meeting

**Adjourn 7:35**

**Next Meeting Date: May 19 @ 5:30 – Patty will email location**