

Project Grow Board Minutes

Oct 14th, 2021

Zoom

Meeting began at 7:09 pm

Board members present:

Calin Sferdean

Royer Held

Joe Schutte

Dan Noble

Joanie Stovall

Eric Meves

Jesse Raudenbush

Phimmasone Kym Owens

Joet Reoma

Dave Corsa

Sharon Fay

also: Kirk Jones: Managing Director

Marilyn Swanson, W. Scott Richardson, Pam Schwarzmman, Mark White,
A. Bilge Ozel

No one absent!

Meeting started at 7:08PM

We started with a complete introduction of all participants.

Calin did a “state of the gardens” describing our year, the wins & losses & thanking everyone, specially Kirk.

We had a discussion about using electric lawn mowers. We decided to move forward with researching the possible options. Sharon agreed to take this on.

Board Elections

Jesse Raudenbush

Sharon Fay

Scott Richardson

We have 3 openings & 3 people running, so there was no election.

Royer Held was elected as President

Blige

Eric Meeves reelected as Treasurer

Dave Cosca reelected as Treasurer

Joe Schutte reelected as Secretary

September board minutes approved

Managing Director Report (copied from report)

Community Garden

I am writing up detailed instructions on how to put up and take down the fence since there were problems this year. Joanie and I did a check of the fencing and I made a 2nd trip to confirm some details. It looks like we have enough fencing even after losing a small section this spring because the garden is a bit smaller than it was.

The fence is coming down on Saturday October 16th, 10am-Noon. No rain date was planned but I assume it would be Sunday October 17th. I could use some help getting the materials out and to Airport.

Joe volunteered to help with Joet as a backup.

End of Year Checking

All the sites need to be checked after closing day to be sure they have been cleaned up and the annual plots are ready to be tilled. Getting all the sites ready matters because Kevin prefers to till multiple sites in a day. I will tell him when most or all of them are ready to go and then he will take care of it,

I can check Buhr, Clague, Hillside, West Park, Zion.

Would these people be able to check their sites?

Eric – Airport, Hunt

Pam – Greenview

Dave – Lakewood

Dan – Chapel Hill, Food Gatherers

Marcella – CSS Kirk will contact the site coordinator

Site coordinators – County Farm, Matthaei, Northside

Joe – Scio

Joet – Leslie

Can someone check

Joanie & Sharon - County Farm Discovery
Ellsworth

Eric will do Johnson & Ellsworth

Checking means the gardens are cleaned up for the year. For sites which are tilled, it means the garden is ready to be tilled. For perennial plots, it means all tender plants like beans, tomatoes, corn, peppers etc. have been pulled out or cut down. Tall weeds should also be cut down. The organic material can either be cut up and composted in the plot or removed. Piles of organic matter like corn stalks or tomato vines should not be in the plot unless they have been cut up. Stakes and tomato cages that are not in use supporting hardy plants should be pulled out and neatly nested.

If a plot is not cleaned up, tell me the plot number. The gardener won't be able to register for next year unless they contacted me and had a good reason for not cleaning up. So far no one has done this.

Stakes marking annual plots need to be gathered after we know which plots were not cleaned up. These can be stored at the site or I can pick them up. I think the only site where I need to do that is West Park.

Plant Sale

The hoop house has been cleared of weeds. I ordered liners and those were delivered. We like to use Fertrell fertilizer which is no longer carried locally so I went to Troy and got 6 bags. This should take care of fertilizer needs for several years. We cannot order grow mix until next spring.

Kirk's retirement/Intern Position

Joanie was nominated & accepted the position to work with Kirk for one year with the intention of taking the position in 2023.

Food Gatherer's Water

The well needs repair. We are the only users of the well. Food Gatherer's has asked for help in the repair & we could pay over time. Eric proposed to pay \$500 this year, then pay \$350 each year moving forward, permanently. Dan will present this proposal to FG requesting that they count the ongoing payments toward the costs of operating the pump (electricity and repair). The ongoing stream of payments builds goodwill but does not totally insulate PG from further water payments.

Outreach Committee

A final inspection is planned for Sunday the 24th of October 10AM. The board members that are planning to attend:

Royer

Calin

Dan

Joe

Scott

Education

Royer is reaching out to Red&Ed about offering classes for the January through March (Winter) term. If anyone is interested in teaching a class, please let Royer know.

New Items

After some back & forth we decided to try & meeting in person in November. Kirk will check with Brittany about the Burns Park Senior Center. We will attempt a hybrid face-two-face/Zoom meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:45 PM.