

Goldenrod Community Garden

MINUTES

Board Meeting for 12 February 2024, 7:30pm

Agenda:

1. Roll call: Sara C, Andrew M, Diane M, Barbara S, Patrick W.
Regrets: Parminder D, Tanya S.
2. Adoption of the agenda – Adopted with suggested changes
3. Review and approval of Minutes: 22 January 2024 – Approved with suggested changes
4. Reports from Committees:
 - a. Bullman Garden Liaison (Patrick / Sara)
 - Richcraft has provided some initial information on the garden plots. They will likely go with the Nanny Goat design, and the beds will be lower than the Goldenrod beds. They aim to be ready for the May 24th weekend.
 - Insurance is confirmed starting 1 Feb 2024. Awaiting the certificate.
 - b. Communications (Parminder)

A link to the draft newsletter was provided by Parminder

 - Patrick will add an item to recruit outreach volunteers
 - Include the results from last fall's survey
 - Insert a link to the waiting list: existing plot holders may choose to relocate to Bullman without registering
 - Sara will include a short update on Bullman and the NCC
 - Diane to insert link to Just Food's Garden Guide, as their planting guide will be useful.
 - Directors to add input to draft newsletter by Saturday evening, Barbara will send it out on Sunday February 18.
 - c. Compost (Andrew with support from Sara and Patrick) – nothing to report
 - d. Events (Patrick)
 - Waiting on survey results from the upcoming newsletter to gauge interest in a seed swap/potluck, likely to be held in late March, early April
 - Will contact Kate (CGN coordinator) and Senior Organic Gardeners Association (from Tricia M) for guest suggestions
 - Weeknight evening online webinar on garden planning and seed starting in early March
 - Check potential dates with Tanya
 - e. Fundraising (not active this year)
 - f. Garden Coordinators (Parminder / Diane) – nothing to report
 - g. Membership (Barbara with support from Patrick) – nothing to report
 - h. Pollinator Garden Liaison (Hazel with support from Diane) – nothing to report
 - i. Properties (Andrew) – nothing to report

- j. Treasurer’s report (Tanya): Draft 2024 Budget was provided by e-mail on 30 January 2024 as well as different fee scenarios for the plot rental, based on estimated open date for the Bullman garden
- k. President’s report (Sara)
 - Awaiting a response on the query about renewing our lease with the NCC
 - Received a survey and request for information from Just Food, that she forwarded to the Directors. Three replied; last chance for the others to forward their input to her
 - Directors agreed that a pdf version of the summary of GCG’s Fall 2023 survey could be shared with Just Food
 - The final minutes from the 2021 AGM are not posted on the website, as well as the slides from the 2022 and 2023 Annual General Meetings. Andrew volunteered to go through these documents to remove surnames, for privacy concerns. He will save them as pdf and send to the President for posting on the website, and will copy the Board of Directors on that email for a final review.
- 5. Carry forward agenda items
- 6. New business
 - a. Budget
 - Approval required to transfer \$2,300 from Special Projects to the Reserve Fund – Approved
 - Agreement of new plot fee for 2024: \$55 per plot – Approved
Bullman fee will be lower if plots are not available by the end of May
 - Approval of the 2024 budget – Approved with one change: Communications to be reduced to \$350
 - Benches for the Bullman garden will be paid out of the surplus funds; signage will be provided by Richcraft
- 7. To note from Action items (below)
- 8. Next meeting: Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Action Items

Action	Assigned	Status
1. Parminder will post a calendar of events on the website the week of January 22; she has no access to the two Facebook groups. One is for the organization, the other is for the gardeners to connect. Sara informed of the name of the owners in a recent email.	22-Jan-24	In progress
2. Barbara is sorting out the Google Inbox account. Waiting to see if Evan can get into the account with the new password she sent him. Will wait one more week to give him a chance to reply. Will check mail that arrived in the last three months, not trying to save everything in the account.	26-Jun-23	Completed
3. Tanya will prepare scenarios about different plot fees to be discussed at the February 12, 2024 meeting.	22-Jan-24	Completed

Upcoming business	Assigned	Date to revisit
1. Events Committee: Webinar on garden planning and seed starting, as for the last two years, as per Tanya's email of Nov 22.	22-Nov-23	Mid-February
2. Events Committee: Rent a room in the spring for a seed and seedling swap event.	03-Oct-23	Spring
3. Events Committee: Sara proposed teaching members how to compost in their households.	13-Nov-23	Spring
4. Membership Committee: Barbara to create a sub-committee tasked with recruiting members amongst low income neighbours for the sliding scale plots.	22-Jan-24	Spring
5. Membership Committee: Parminder will reach out to Cornerstone; her neighbour works in Social Services and could make recommendations. Wabana Centre is another possibility.	22-Jan-24	Spring
6. Properties Committee: Kimo will design a map to break down the mowing chore to help balance the task.	03-Oct-23	Spring
7. Properties Committee: Need a system to channel the water into the rain barrel at the new tool shed.	03-Oct-23	Spring
8. Properties Committee: Levers missing on two rain barrels, might have broken – new taps are being considered. The ends of the hoses screw off, so it's a non-issue. Platform needs to be leveled as well so that both secondary tanks get water.	03-Oct-23	Spring
9. Properties Committee: Add hatches to the fencing so that water tanks can be more easily accessed without risk of injury or getting drenched.	13-Nov-23	Spring
10. Properties Committee: Put cardboard and landscape fabric under the bike rack to control weeds. Do the same under the bales of straw.	13-Nov-23	Spring
11. Compost Committee: Reach out to Akil about when/how to get the worms going again.	04-Dec-23	Spring
12. Andrew will remind Kimo about sharpening the lawn mower blade and will inquire what he intends to do with the stain in the new shed. He will follow up once an opening date is established for the GCG garden.	13-Nov-23	On hold (spring)