

Goldenrod Community Garden

Minutes

Board Meeting of 7 September 2023 at 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual.

Attendees: Sara, Barbara, Tanya, Diane

Absent: Dietrich, Parminder

1. Approval of the GCG BOD meeting agenda, with the main focus being to start planning the AGM – Approved with a few additions from Barbara for (a) garden signs, (b) timing for next newsletter, and (c) picnic table offer from Bryn
2. Approval of the minutes of the GCG Special Meeting of August 10, 2023 – Approved with some changes
3. Approval of the GCG BOD meeting minutes on August 21, 2023 – Approved with some changes
4. Business arising from previous meeting:

Business arising	Assigned on	Assigned to	Status
1. MOU with Richcraft: GCG's edits sent to them on Aug 31, awaiting to hear back from them for signature.	Aug 31 2023	Sara	In progress
2. Verified with Just Food who signs the MOU: Dietrich. Richcraft to also sign the GCG Agreement, so both they and GCG will be insured.	Sept 7, 2023	Sara	Complete
3. Vermicomposting workshop being offered to members at 6 pm on Sept 12. Barbara will send out an invitation to members on the weekend.	Sept 7, 2023	Barbara	In progress
4. Barbara will suggest a spare plot to experiment with discarding unchopped material at the end of the season and let it decompose. Members attending the first upcoming event will be asked if they plan to renew, then the request could be advertized in the next newsletter.	Aug 21 2023	Barbara	In progress
5. The piles of soil at the entrance must be cleared. Compost will be used in plots while the soil for the pollinator garden can be raked out in the field. Volunteers will be sought to help dig out the weeds around the piles, as they are too thick for the mower.	Sept 7, 2023	Diane	In progress
6. Ways to get people more interested in volunteering for the Board and committees before the next AGM: a calendar of events might help people determine their	Aug 21 2023	Tanya Parminder	In progress

schedule. Tanya will follow up with Parminder, who couldn't attend today's BOD meeting.			
7. Barbara prepared a list of generic email addresses: the first two columns will appear in the newsletter while the other ones are for our records. This list is filed in the Communications folder. People's permission will be sought before publication, then links will be created and added to the newsletter.	Aug 21 2023	Barbara	In progress
8. Sign-up list was proposed so people can sign up for what interests them. Signup Genius is no longer feasible due to dubious links, will need to search for a different sign-up software.	Aug 21 2023	Barbara	In progress
9. Members unaware that two Facebook pages exist: it will be mentioned in the next newsletter. Parminder volunteered to moderate the virtual groups, perhaps with the help of a member who offered his services – she will contact him.	Aug 21 2023	Parminder	In progress
10. AGM scheduled for Oct 17 or 19. Hybrid meeting preferred. Tanya will ask Events Committee for help: rent a room at HCC, ensure audio and visual capability. Notice for AGM must be ready for beginning of October: priority at next BOD meeting. Ask Hazel to give a presentation on pollinator garden.	Sept 7, 2023	Tanya	In progress
11. Banking: There have been several issues in dealing with Alterna, but other banks don't seem to offer a better value. Continue with Alterna but remain vigilant.	Oct 18, 2022	Tanya	Complete
12. Google (accounts, emails and documents saved): Barbara to close the Inbox account.	Jun 26, 2023	Barbara	In progress
13. Bee house was donated to GCG garden. Research if this is good for the bees.	July 11 2023	Diane	In progress
14. Research fees and beekeeper/pest control company for bee relocation in case it is ever needed.	July 11 2023	Diane	In progress
15. Signs around garden to deter theft: if permanent, need to be approved by Just Food and translated. Temporary ones can be set up in the meantime. Once wording is approved by BOD, approach Kathleen for the design and printing.	Sept 7, 2023	Diane	In progress

4. Updates from Committees:
5. New business:
 - a. Timing for next newsletter
 - b. Picnic table offered by Bryn

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm