

Goldenrod Community Garden

MINUTES

Board Meeting for 19 August 2025, 7:30 pm

Agenda:

1. Roll call: Sara C, Bryn L, Andrew M, Diane M, Jane O, Tanya S
Regrets: Parminder D, Kumari P, Barbara S
2. Adoption of the agenda: Adopted with the suggested changes
3. Review and approval of 21 July 2025 Minutes: Approved with the suggested changes
4. Reports from Committees:
 - a. President's report (Sara)
 - Insurance documentation was received
 - Confirmed that Just Food's trailer is still available to borrow if required to transport materials; a vehicle with a hitch would be required to pick it up at the Just Food farm
 - b. Treasurer's report (Tanya)
 - The July financial report will be out soon
 - c. Membership (Barbara)
 - No report
 - d. Properties – Build, Maintenance, Soil Building, Pollinator Gardens teams (Andrew)
(with support from: Sara for soil building, Bryn for pollinator gardens)
 - The next Volunteer Day will be Sunday August 31 at 10 am
 - Compost, Anti-Theft Signs, No Water, Community Meals, Surplus signs (37 total) were printed and have been dropped off at the Goldenrod shed
 - An inventory of garden beds with structural issues was conducted at the Goldenrod garden; a total of 22 beds have been identified as needing repairs. Outside bracing will be performed; two heavily damaged plots might require excavation. Requirements are 6 planks for accessible beds (4-high) and 18 planks for low beds (3-high). Rona has planks for \$30 (2x4x12 or 5/4x4x12), for a total of \$300-400
 - e. Bullman Garden Properties Liaison (Kumari)
 - Diane informed that a neighbour of the Bullman garden inquired if kitchen scraps could be delivered to the compost bins, so there is interest beyond the gardeners
 - f. Communications (Parminder)
 - In Parminder's absence, the Board agreed that the August newsletter will be dispatched as soon as a date for the potluck is determined
 - g. Events (Parminder / Barbara / Sara)
 - Andrew informed that gardeners at Goldenrod are keen to have more in-person events. In Parminder's absence, Bryn will host a potluck on Volunteer Day. It will be advertised in the next newsletter

- h. Garden Coordinators (Parminder / Diane)
 - Diane received a suggestion from a Bullman gardener to add a combination padlock to the gate to cut down on potential theft of produce. Some people might have difficulty with this: should we add the suggestion to the fall survey and ask for feedback?
 - The idea was rejected by the Board due to the inconvenience, and as some gardeners risk getting locked in; it would not decrease theft if other gardeners are stealing from the plots

5. Carry forward agenda items

6. New business

- a. Determine a date for the Annual General Meeting and for the closing of the garden
 - Available options at the Hintonburg Community Centre are October 20 and 28. Agreed that Garden closing will be Saturday October 25, weather permitting, and the AGM will be held on Tuesday October 28 at 7 pm, though there might be a light supper offered at 6:30 pm, similar to the PC lasagne and salad last year.
- b. For how many years can we keep the seeds that are in the shed?
 - Diane will add a reminder in the newsletter that seeds are available for a late summer sowing: they are kept in the small shed at the Goldenrod garden and a tray of seeds will be left on a picnic table at the Bullman garden

7. To note from Action items (below)

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm

Update on past Action Items

Action	Assigned	Status
1. Parminder will ask members who self-identified as experienced gardeners in their registration form to give a workshop	27-Mar-25	In progress
2. Parminder will contact Brewar Park Community Garden to inquire about the fencing around the plots	11-Mar-25	In progress
3. Andrew to lead the repair of garden beds with structural issues: will figure out how to fix them, where to source the wood, estimate the cost and determine how many volunteers will be required to carry out the repairs	21-Jul-25	In progress
4. Repair garden plots: Contact was made with the person who repaired the plots at the Nanny Goat Hill Community Garden; Andrew will resume communications with Zach after the garden's closing date	21-Jul-25	Fall 2025

Upcoming business	Assigned	Date to revisit
1. Parminder will forward to the Board links to the bamboo dishware to be purchased for events as well as an estimated total price [Is this still required if we borrow dishware from Jen? - Diane]	09-Sep-24	Spring 2025
2. In the last 2025 newsletter, give a heads-up to the gardeners about the new policy against bird netting, effective Spring 2026	21-Jul-25	Fall 2025

3. [to be assigned] Investigate mini greenhouses for the winter (from the survey). Could suggest row cover until December and for early spring. Will revisit this in the fall	11-Mar-25	Fall 2025
4. Parminder will update the FAQ sheet on the website	08-Oct-24	Fall 2025
5. Parminder: Develop guidelines for SOP about Facebook management	09-Sep-24	Fall 2025
6. Barbara: Prepare separate registration forms for each garden site so that a different Board member can be responsible for the registration process at the Bullman garden	23-Apr-25	Fall 2025
7. Remind gardeners of the new policy against bird netting before the season begins (i.e. do and don't with fences)	21-Jul-25	Spring 2026