

POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: November 04, 2021

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.

Glenn Meade called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In attendance were Barbara Gomes, Bill Mutch, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Eileen Kallaway, Glenn Meade, Gretchen Meyer, Jacqueline Dompe, Jeanne Walker, Paddy Batchelder, Roberta Boomer, Tristan Colson, and Ursula Waskey.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

- a. The October 2021 Steering Committee Minutes were approved as submitted, and will now be uploaded to the website.

2. Chair's Report:

- a. Glenn congratulated everyone on a great year.
- b. It is not entirely clear that anyone in the meeting knows what is going on in the effort to clean up the tools. Several people spoke up recommending that we not get rid of any tools, since we need them for work parties.
- c. Garden Access/Locked Gate: Several people spoke up saying the gate should not be ever locked, and that there really isn't a problem with unauthorized people in the garden taking the crops. We will be tabling this issue again until some future date.

3. Treasurer's Report/Budget:

- a. Profit and Loss report is in appendix.
- b. It has been a good year for fundraising – especially with sales of honey, clothing, and cookbooks.
- c. ACTION: Day Leaders – there are still 12 jars of honey available for sale, check with your teams to see if anyone is interested in purchasing.

4. Planting Team: Jeanne

- a. Link to full planting team report at end of these minutes.
- b. Zoe Mackey was approved to join the planting team.

5. Water Report: Glenn

- a. None of the water team were at the meeting, but a report from Les is at the end of these minutes.
- b. It is believed that the task of setup to water herbs and flowers is complete.

6. Silent Auction:

- a. Since we did not have a picnic with a silent auction, several people have requested that it be held online. ACTION: everyone, if we are going to do this, we need someone to set it up.
ACTION: Ursula says she will check with Sophia and Marilyn, who ran the silent auction last year.

7. October Meeting Action Items:

- a. Most of these will be addressed in other items on this agenda.

- b. We do still need to replace Jim as head of the projects team for next year. ACTION: all Day Leaders, talk to your teams about any interest in this.
NOTE: Jim will continue working on the handwashing station project through the remainder of this year.

8. Winter Garden: Glenn

- a. Lists of people expressing interest in helping with the winter garden have been collected on paper in the shed.
- b. Jeanne is putting together a notebook of possible individual winter garden tasks, which will be in the shed. She does not see a need for anyone to specifically sign up for, nor check off, these tasks.
- c. After much discussion, it was determined that there will be five work parties throughout the winter, each one targeted to one of the day teams (with Monday AM/PM being combined). The day leader for that team will run the work party, and handle all communication. Jody may be assisting with creation of the email distribution lists.
- d. The dates for these work parties are:
Tuesday 16 November (for Monday team), Tuesday 7 December, Wednesday 12 January, Thursday 10 February, and Friday 25 February (this may be adjusted since the target is to prune the raspberries).
- e. There may be a garden wide email sent to let members of other days join any work party. ACTION: Someone needs to write this email if we want one, and send it to Tristan for distribution.

9. 2022 Garden:

- a. The date of the new members meeting will be Saturday 29 Jan. It was decided that it would be a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting, to be held in Del Mar center.
ACTION: Adding Zoom to a meeting like this will take special equipment and expertise – someone will need to find a resource for this.
- b. ACTION: Glenn to check on the reservation of the room, and on the Sea Ranch policies of holding in-person meetings.
- c. There will be no dues increase.
- d. It was determined that everyone who joins the garden next year must be vaccinated, but we will not ask for proof.
Paddy brought up the question of how to handle the 3 people who are unvaccinated this year, and are very well-behaved. No decision was reached on whether an exception can be made for them next year.
- e. ACTION: Glenn and Les will update the application to add the details about picking rules, and the application will be available by 1 December.
- f. Jeanne requested that verbiage be added about the “voluntary” winter gardening.
- g. Bill Mutch commented that we have received about 25 survey responses so far.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday January 6, 2022 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom.
- b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tristan Colson, Secretary

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 10-31-21

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 10-31-21
with Approved 2021 Budget

			2020 Actuals Jan - Oct	2021 Actuals Jan - Oct	Approved 2021 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2021 Budget	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
		Calendar Sale/Cookbook Sale	1,657	1,575	0	(1,575)	Alinder cookbook sale proceeds
		Donation/Handwashing station	0	700	0	(700)	Donations to Alinder H2O upgrade
		Herbs de Posh	497	470	0	(470)	
		Honey Sales	388	1,285	0	(1,285)	
		Irrigation Fundraiser		1,433	0	(1,433)	Net proceeds from clothing sales
		Membership	16,480	17,440	16,640	(800)	Budget based on 104, now 109
		Silent/Wine Auction		2,000	2,000		Est. net earnings - Remove this?
		Total Income	19,022	22,903	18,640	(4,263)	
Expenses							
	JW	Compost/Dirt	1,799	3,721	3,000	(721)	
	JW	Cover Crop	54	88	140	52	
	JW	Fertilizer	252	389	350	(39)	
	JW	Seeds	759	885	825	(60)	
	RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)		128	100	(28)	
		Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other	2,863	5,211	4,415	(796)	
		General Supplies	727	760	900	140	
	LL, BH	Greenhouse Supplies	1,394	1,036	1,300	264	
	MN	Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	
	JN	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
		Equipment, repairs & gas	249	174	700	526	Lawn mower, weed whacker
		Hand tools, wheelbarrows	152	167	300	133	Ladder, wheelbarrow, etc.
		Wood, hardware, other	2,423	374	1,800	1,426	Redwood out of stock until spring
		Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment	2,825	715	2,800	2,085	
		Services					
	BG	Dump Fees	50	106	100	(6)	
	MN	Bank Fee	0	0	0	0	
	MN	AED	0	0	0	0	
	MN	Office Supplies & PO Box	0	0	100	100	
		Total Services	50	106	200	94	
	LG	Water	5,906	4,819	6,000	1,181	296,036 gals thru 10/27/21
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation					
		Backflow Test	0	65	65	0	2020 testing paid in 2021
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation - Other	925	912	1,350	438	
		Total Water hardware - irrigation	925	977	1,415	438	
	LG, GM	Misc - work parties, photos, website	0	175	175	(0)	New website costs
		Total Expenses	16,190	15,298	18,705	3,407	
		Net Ordinary Income	2,832	7,605	(65)		
		Other Expense					
		Capital Projects					
	AVS, JN	Hoop House	1,224	339	350	11	South end panel
	JN	Handwashing Station		350			
	JW	Raspberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
	JW	Blueberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
		Total Capital Projects	1,224	689	350	(339)	
		Net Other Income	1,608	6,916	\$ (415)		
		Balance on hand as of 12/31/2019	9,518				
		Balance on hand as of 12/31/2020	28,289				Included pre-paid 2021 dues
		Total Balance as of 10/31/21	18,565				
		Projected Balance as of 12/31/2021	15,158				Reduce by \$2K if no silent auction

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

Here is the Treasurer's report for this fiscal year through the end of October. Many thanks go to Mary Alinder for her donation of cookbooks, donations for the Handwashing station, Paddy for the Herbes de Posh, Frank and Ursula for the honey, and Monique for the irrigation fundraiser. With all these wonderful fundraisers we looking very good this year. Thanks to everyone for supporting the fundraisers that all together have raised over \$5,000!

Since Jim and I can't be there we would love to find out whether there will be a silent auction or if we should just remove that line from the budget.

Also, as noted on the spreadsheet, our source for the redwood (Dan Falk) has said that he is currently out of stock but should have more wood available in April or May. So, we may want to carry over at least \$1,000 of the remaining wood and hardware line item to next year.

It has been a wonderful gardening year with such delicious vegetables to eat. And, it's so nice to have more dry farming this year - our water usage total is nearly 90,000 gallons less than this time last year.

Thanks to everyone!!

Appendix 3: Planting Team Report

Click the link to view the report:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1moVrRfkbGMKfRb_nmRWPIf7OxikpEkIR/view?usp=sharing

Appendix 3: Water Report

Bruce has installed a new regulator to improve and control water pressure. Settings are still being fine-tuned but everyone should have noticed improved pressures because of the install and the fixing of water leaks

Only one major leak remains, between the meter and main garden shutoff. Hopefully, the leak is near one end or the other and not in the forest! We are still exploring.

The Planting Team, Water Team, and everyone did a great job saving water. We look to be on track to reduce water use by more than 15 percent compared to last year. For more details see the charts below...

