

POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: January 06, 2022

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.

Les Grober called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In attendance were Amy van Syoc, Barbara Gomes, Bill Mutch, Bill Snyder, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Dennis Pedersen, Eileen Kallaway, Glenn Meade, Gretchen Meyer, Jeanne Walker, Jim Nybakken, Jody Nunez, Les Grober, Linda Lipkin, Marcia Nybakken, Monique Risch-Meade, Roberta Boomer, Roy Leon, Tristan Colson, and Ursula Waskey.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

- a. It was agreed upon that we will dispense with the formal approval of the agenda and the minutes. Since the minutes are distributed after they are written, changes to them can be requested at that time. For the agenda, at the start of every meeting, there will be a chance for anyone to request an addition or a change.

2. Treasurer's Report/Budget:

- a. Profit and Loss report is in appendix.
- b. The garden is in good shape financially thanks to all the fundraisers.
- c. We will be discussing the budget for 2022 in the next meeting. **ACTION:** everyone, provide information to Marcia regarding your projected budget needs before then.

3. Planting Team: Ursula

- a. Seeds have been ordered and received.
- b. Linda is ready to start planting.
- c. Plant parents list have been updated.
- d. The survey results have been reviewed, and the planting team **ACTION** is planning to write up information to send to the gardeners about their decisions.
- e. Team wants to plant another blueberry bed, which would happen in April. **ACTION:** add this to the February agenda to discuss and approve.
- f. The next work party is Wed Jan 12; an announcement will be sent out to all gardeners today. The planting team will make a chore list tomorrow.

4. Water Report: Bill S

- a. No water is being used at the moment; it is all coming from the storage tank.
- b. The only leak remaining is a minor one between the meter and the main garden valve.
- c. A 1" tubing line has been installed from the water tank to the hoop house.
- d. It has been very damp so many of the hoop house watering days have been cancelled.

5. Covid Status: Glenn

- a. It is required at this time to wear masks if you are indoors (greenhouse, hoop house, etc) in the garden. It is not required to wear masks if you are outdoors, as long as you can practice appropriate social distancing. There should be no communal snacks for now. The situation will be reassessed monthly.
- b. We confirmed again that garden members this year **MUST** be vaccinated. After discussion, we decided (unanimous vote) that we will ask that every gardener provide proof of vaccination. **ACTION:** Tristan, Marcia and Les to work out a process for this.

6. Membership Status: Les

- a. There are 91 returning gardeners (households). Approximately 60 new gardeners have expressed interest. The total number that the garden can support is 120. All new gardeners have been instructed to send in an application and check by 15 January. After that, assuming there are more than can be accommodated, a random drawing will be held, and a waiting list created for those that are not admitted.

7. New Members Meeting: Les

- a. We will be holding this on 29 Jan from 2-4 via Zoom. The agenda will be more or less the same as last year. **ACTION:** Les/Glenn to send out more detailed information.

8. Appointments

- a. The following possible project team members/leaders have been identified: Loren Adrian, David Mitchell, Peter Gifford. **ACTION:** Les/Glenn, speak to potential candidates.
- b. Regarding the compost, Barb proposed that the team be David DuVal (Monday AM), Russ Giudi, and Barb. **ACTION:** Finalize this, and formally propose at next meeting.
Note: Barb will be speaking about compost at the new members meeting.
- c. The Planting team will have no formal lead, but will be rotating responsibility around the group. **ACTION:** New members should be encouraged to join the planting team.
- d. Tuesday is recruiting for a 3rd day leader.
- e. The topic of a Saturday work day was raised again. Bonnie expressed willingness to help train/mentor someone if a day leader can be found.

9. Comments and Questions

- a. Les asked about which crops might be discontinued due to survey results. **ACTION:** Roberta is going to write something up to share with all gardeners about decisions of the planting team.
- b. The greenhouse team would like to request that more cold frames be built (once we have a projects team)
- c. Dave Mitchell has said he will take over the completion of the hand washing station. **ACTION:** Les to check on this.
- d. Marcia would like to remind everyone to take photos (and tell your gardeners to take photos) and send them to her.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday February 3, 2022 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom.
- b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tristan Colson, Secretary

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 12-31-21

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 12/31/21 with Approved 2021 Budget

			2020 Actuals Jan - Dec	2021 Actuals Jan - Dec	Approved 2021 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2021 Budget	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense							
	Income						
		2022 Membership		13,760	0	(13,760)	86 memberships for 2022 on 12/31/21
		Calendar Sale/Cookbook Sale	1,677	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	805	0	(805)	
		Honey Sales	388	1,465	0	(1,465)	
		Irrigation Fundraiser		1,433	0	(1,433)	Net proceeds from clothing sales
		Membership	16,480	17,440	16,640	(800)	Budget based on 104, final #109
		Silent/Wine Auction	2,289	0	2,000	2,000	Cancelled
		Total Income	21,331	37,178	18,640	(18,538)	
	Expenses						
	JW	Compost/Dirt	2,730	3,721	3,000	(721)	
	JW	Cover Crop	54	88	140	52	
	JW	Fertilizer	314	425	350	(75)	
	JW	Seeds	759	885	825	(60)	
	RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)		128	100	(28)	
		Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other	3,858	5,247	4,415	(832)	
		General Supplies	818	788	900	112	
	LL, BH	Greenhouse Supplies	1,527	1,036	1,300	264	
	MN	Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	
	JN	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
		Equipment, repairs & gas	249	187	700	513	Lawn mower, weed whacker
		Hand tools, wheelbarrows	152	167	300	133	Ladder, wheelbarrow, etc.
		Wood, hardware, other	2,507	374	1,800	1,426	Redwood out of stock until spring
		Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment	2,908	728	2,800	2,072	
		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	6,362	4,970	6,000	1,030	296,808 gals thru 12/27/21
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation					
		Backflow Test	0	130	65	(65)	
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation - Other	954	1,000	1,350	350	
		Total Water hardware - irrigation	954	1,130	1,415	285	
	LG, GM	Misc - work parties, photos, website	0	175	175	(0)	New website costs
		Total Expenses	17,976	15,681	18,705	3,024	
		Net Ordinary Income	3,355	21,498	(65)		
	Other Expense						
	Capital Projects						
	AVS, JN	Hoop House	1,224	339	350	11	South end panel
	JN	Handwashing Station		368			
	JW	Raspberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
	JW	Blueberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
		Total Capital Projects	1,224	707	350	(357)	
		Net Other Income	2,131	20,791	\$ (415)		Includes \$13,760 prepaid for 2022
		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
		Balance on hand as of 12/31/2021	32,440				Included pre-paid 2022 dues