

POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: May 05, 2022

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, Bruce Carlsen, Dennis Pedersen, Eileen Kallaway, Glenn Meade, Gretchen Meyer, Jacqueline Dompe, Monique Risch-Meade, Roberta Boomer, Roy Leon, Tristan Colson, Ursula Waskey and Zoe Mackey.

1. Review and Confirmation of Agenda:

- a. No changes to agenda.

2. Chair's Report: Glenn

- a. Pets in the garden: recently a bed of onion plantings was dug up by what appears to be a dog, initiating a discussion about whether pets should be allowed in the garden, and under what circumstances. The consensus appears to be that members may bring their pets as long as they are kept under control, but that non-members may not bring their pets.
- b. This led to another discussion about whether locks should be placed on the gates of the garden – it was agreed that we will try this on a trial basis to see if it keeps unauthorized picking, dogs, compost deliveries out. It is understood that this is just a deterrent, and not a fool-proof way of securing the garden. Researching the locks will be added to the list of garden projects.
- c. This is a bad year for pests in the garden – especially gophers, but also rabbits, mice and rats. Planting team has proposed that someone on every day team should be responsible for setting traps and checking traps. There is information on the website about how to set traps correctly.
It is suggested that the gophers removed from the traps be placed on the roof of the compost chipper shed to provide food for the Ravens.
Owls in the garden were also brought up, and the possibility of a barn (garden) cat. Roberta will talk to Laura Bridge about this latter. [Editor note: Discussion of the pros and cons of a garden cat have been brought up in the past also.]

3. Budget/Treasurer:

- a. Marcia was not at the meeting to make a report, but the profit and loss statement is attached at the end of these minutes.

4. Projects: Glenn/Roberta

- a. A group of volunteers has put together a (3 page) list of projects for the garden, which is referenced at the end of these minutes.
- b. It was proposed that we could hold special work parties for some of these projects, and/or that in the summer, when garden chores are lighter, we could incorporate them into regular chores.

5. Composting:

- a. New compost sign has not yet been posted. Barb strongly suggested that this sign should also address what to do with large things with lots of seeds, like winter squash.

6. Planting Team: Ursula

- a. The commercial compost is now available to be used in the garden.
- b. Forest compost should be used as bed mulch, and chips should be used as path mulch.
- c. The planting team is looking at issues around the greenhouse, especially due to carpenter ant damage.
- d. Tomato fundraiser continues and there are more tomato plants to sell.
- e. It is bee swarm time (there were two swarms yesterday). If a new swarm is seen, please text Ursula.
- f. The Planting Team is attempting to build good communication channels with all the days, especially those that don't contain a planting team member right now. Each day should forward any questions to their liaison, unless it is a question about dry farming; those questions should go to Jeanne.

7. Water Team: Bruce

- a. The water sheet has been updated to reflect the minimum PSI of 25.
- b. Some of the other information in the same section is also out-of-date, and will be updated soon.
- c. The labels on the watering systems are getting hard to read; we discussed how to improve the labels, with a label maker and/or laminated signs.
- d. There was a question about the status of the pump for the tank by the compost bins – apparently Les is the person to ask about this.

8. Harvest Celebration (early discussion): Glenn

- a. Glenn will be checking into whether we will be allowed to use the White Barn for this; if not, Del Mar was suggested, although it is most likely too small a venue.
- b. It was proposed that we hold this in October rather than in November; Friday October 14 was suggested.
- c. We should be thinking about what committees are needed: setup, teardown, food, silent auction, ??

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday June 02, 2022 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom.
- b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tristan Colson, Secretary

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 4-30-22

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 4/30/22 with 2022 Budget

			2021 Actuals Jan - April	2022 Actuals Jan - April	2022 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2022 Budget	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
		2022 Membership		19,200	20,000	800	120 memberships (now) for 2022
		2021 Membership	17,600				110 memberships for 2021
		Donation/Handwashing station	0	0	0	0	Donations to Alinder H2O upgrade
		Herbs de Posh	0	0	200	200	
		Honey Sales	0	0	500	500	
		Silent/Wine Auction	0	0	1,000	1,000	Cancelled in 2021
		Total Income	17,600	19,200	21,700	2,500	
Expenses							
	JW	Compost/Dirt	2,696	1,908	3,800	1,892	
	JW	Cover Crop	0	0	140	140	
	JW	Fertilizer	163	328	450	122	
	JW	Seeds	813	773	1,000	227	
	RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)	74	158	200	42	
		Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other	3,746	3,166	5,590	2,424	
		General Supplies	103	479	900	421	
	LL, BH	Greenhouse Supplies	427	422	1,300	878	
	MN	Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	Final 5 year lease renewal in 2025
	JN	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
		Equipment, repairs & gas	128	111	700	589	
		Hand tools, wheelbarrows	150	13	300	287	
		Wood, hardware, other	0	0	2,400	2,400	Redwood out of stock until spring
		Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment	279	124	3,400	3,276	
		Services					
	BG	Dump Fees	0	0	150	150	
	MN	Bank Fee	0	0	0	0	
	MN	AED	0	0	0	0	
	MN	Office Supplies & PO Box	0	0	100	100	
		Total Services	0	0	250	250	
	LG	Water	1,144	947	5,500	4,553	44,209 gallons thru 4/26/22
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation					
		Backflow Test	65	0	65	65	
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation - Other	211	811	1,600	789	
		Total Water hardware - irrigation	276	811	1,665	854	
	LG, GM	Misc - work parties, photos, website	175	164	200	36	Yearly website costs
		Total Expenses	7,650	7,613	20,305	12,692	
		Net Ordinary Income	9,950	11,587	1,395		
Other Expense							
		Capital Projects					
	AVS, JN	Hoop House	339	366	450	84	Replace north end panel
	JN	Handwashing Station	0	0	600	600	Additional costs to complete
	JW	Raspberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
	JW	Blueberry Beds	0	349	841	492	
		Total Capital Projects	339	715	1,891	1,177	
		Net Other Income	9,611	10,873	(496)		
		Balance on hand as of 12/31/2020	28,289				Included pre-paid 2021 dues
		Balance on hand as of 12/31/2021	33,401				Included pre-paid 2022 dues
		Balance on hand as of 4/30/2022	33,151				
		Projected balance as of 12/31/2022	19,282				

Appendix 2: Garden Projects

Attached is the prioritized list for the maintenance/infrastructure/expansion projects for the garden. Please excuse me if I have missed anyone. If you have other projects that should be included, or have any comments or thoughts about who may have expertise with a project, please let me know.

Thanks to Glenn, Les, Jeanne, Linda, Dennis, and Jim for working on this!

Click here to view the list:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jTVbJTR5sfbCuP5ogt6O17accS9fY0my/view?usp=sharing>