

POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: July 07, 2022

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom. Glenn Meade called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. In attendance were: Barbara Gomes, Bill Mutch, Bill Snyder, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Glenn Meade, Jacqueline Dompe, Les Grober, Marcia Nybakken, Monique Risch-Meade, Paddy Batchelder, Roberta Boomer, Roy Leon, Jeanne Walker and Zoe Mackey.

1. Review and Confirmation of Agenda: Glenn Meade

- a. No changes to agenda or meeting minutes.

2. Chair's Report: Glenn Meade and Les Grober

- a. COVID numbers are increasing but there have been no changes to requirements. COVID precautions will be taken for the Harvest Dinner.
- b. There was no objection to canceling the August meeting. The next meeting will be September 1, 2022.
- c. Consideration of a special project day will be given.
- d. Driving through the Baker property - The homeowner expressed concern about the number of cars coming to the garden through the Baker property. Les and Glenn have reached out to the property owner about installing signs to remind people to drive 5mph. Day leaders are asked to remind anyone who needs to drive to drive slowly. People shouldn't drive there to drop off compost or as a convenience.

3. Budget/Treasurer: Marcia Nybakken

- a. The P&L statement is attached. The garden budget is in good shape.
- b. Marcia has created a card using an aerial photo of the garden to sell as a fundraiser. Five cards for ten dollars is the set price. An email will be sent to the members.

4. Appointments: Glenn Meade

- a. Glenn Meade nominated Robert Boomer to serve as the head of the special projects team. She was unanimously approved.

5. Planting Team: Monique Risch-Meade and Jeanne Walker

- a. Gopher patrol: there is an ongoing problem with gophers. Each team needs to have a few people who can look at and adjust or move the traps. There is a lot of activity in the garden.
- b. Revising the picking tags. The planting team proposes the use four tags (rather than eight). The tags will say "Ready to Pick", "Pick by Head", "Pick by Leaf" and "Last Call". Bids are out for the anodized aluminum that will be used. Care will be taken to avoid damage to the tags and writing due to sun exposure.
- c. Consideration was given to creating a "Do Not Pick" sign but was not pursued.
- d. Deer and rabbit fencing is ongoing. Every team will "own" a section of fencing to clear and install.
- e. Only weeds go onto the Long-Term Compost pile and all crops should be taken to the chipping rack. Lettuce can go directly into the compost bins.

- f. Jeanne Walker discussed the dry farm crops and what we have learned that will help the irrigated crops. Watering is NOT being done on the dry farm crops, they were watered ONLY the day they were planted, and by any rainfall. The plastic covering to heat the ground has provided for robust crops and earlier picking.
We are learning some things that apply to the entire garden as we compare the growth and health of the same crops on irrigated beds: the most important factor to get ALL crops off to a good start is the process of "watering-in" of the seedlings with substantial water from a watering can as soon as each seedling is planted. This is crucial for the success of ALL crops. This prevents root damage caused by air pockets on the root hairs. Dry Farmed crops were each given 2 quarts of water at planting time. The same process and quantity of water needs to be applied to all crops planted from 6-packs or 4" pots; smaller seedlings require 1 pint each.

6. Special Projects: Roberta Boomer

- a. The completed and ongoing projects were reviewed.
- b. The turntable has the original garden logo but is in need of repair. Goldy would be asked to paint the original logo on a new turntable.
- c. Day leaders were asked to see if there are members of their teams who would be interested in doing special projects and, if there are, to send their contact information to Roberta.

7. Discussion regarding an official logo for the Posh Squash to be used on merchandise and website: Glenn Meade

- a. Glenn asked about using a new logo on merchandise, on the website and on all communications. The new graphic is easier to use and reproduce. Discussion ensued about the two logos with preference for both old and new expressed.
- b. It was suggested that the new logo design be discussed with all garden members and to offer both logos for members to choose.
- c. There is a significant cost differential between using the new logo vs. the old given the number of colors in the old logo.

8. Discussion and vote on pets in the garden: Glenn Meade

- a. A vote that includes specific restrictions such as: being on a tight, short leash at all times, dogs are not allowed in the beds, the garden member must remove any pet excrement (and prevent animals from urinating on crops), and no pets during any work shift was unanimously approved.

9. Water Team report: Bill Snyder

- a. There have been new spigots installed. The hand washing station has been completed.
- b. The garden is using less water than in 2021, hopefully due to fixing leaks.
- c. Some equipment that is normally purchased, such as timers aren't available, so care needs to be given until additional equipment can be secured.

10. Harvest Celebration: Glenn Meade

- a. Friday, October 14, 2022 from 4-9pm in the Knipp/Stengel Barn
- b. This will be a BYOB event.
- c. Committee heads: Set-up, Clean-up, Food coordinator, Silent Auction/Raffle and Program. Volunteers are needed to join committees to ensure a successful event.
- d. In previous years, the days were rotated for food. Marcia will find the former rotation and will send it to the SC.
- e. Set up needs to happen on October 13 so permission will need to be secured from TSRA to access the location on that day. Glenn will chair the Set-Up committee.
- f. Each work team will be responsible for decorating their own table and for breaking down their table/chairs after the event.
- g. Marcia will ask Sophia about possibly hosting the silent auction/raffle.
- h. Marcia will create a slide show of photos from the garden.

11. Comments: All

- a. It was suggested that the latching / signage for the garden be added to the special projects list. Roberta will discuss with Jacqueline.
- b. Barb asked about specific instructions for using the 12v pump by the compost. Les Grober will craft and install a sign for the operation of the pump.
- c. Bonny mentioned a gardener who is not attending and would like to submit the name to Les.
- d. Glen and Les will add a discussion about COVID vaccination requirements for the 2023 garden season to the next meeting agenda.
- e. Marcia asked about having a CPR class in the garden this year, and will talk to Goldie about it.
- f. The worm farm was knocked over sometime this week, with no one reporting it. Please encourage gardeners to report such things so they can be dealt with in a timely manner.

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 01, 2022 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom.
- b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Boomer (substituting for Tristan Colson, Secretary)

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 6-30-22

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 6/30/22 with 2022 Budget

		2021 Actuals Jan - June	2022 Actuals Jan - June	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
	Tomato Fundraiser	0	288	0	(288)	Selling tomato orphans
	Herbs de Posh	170	0	200	200	
	Honey Sales	0	0	500	500	
	Silent/Wine Auction	0	0	1,000	1,000	Cancelled in 2021
	Total Income	17,770	19,488	21,700	2,212	
Expenses						
JW	Compost/Dirt	2,758	1,920	3,800	1,880	
JW	Cover Crop	0	0	140	140	
JW	Fertilizer	254	423	450	27	
JW	Seeds	813	773	1,000	227	
RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)	128	158	200	42	
	Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other	3,953	3,273	5,590	2,317	
	General Supplies	255	975	900	(75)	
LL, BH	Greenhouse Supplies	714	519	1,300	781	
MN	Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	Final 5 year lease renewal in 2025
JN	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
	Equipment, repairs & gas	150	761	700	(61)	
	Hand tools, wheelbarrows	150	13	300	287	
	Wood, hardware, other	102	0	2,400	2,400	Redwood order placed
	Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment	402	774	3,400	2,626	
	Services					
BG	Dump Fees	59	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	59	0	250	250	
LG	Water	2,620	2,383	5,500	3,117	135,967 gallons thru 6/28/22
LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation					
	Backflow Test	65	0	65	65	
LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation - Other	610	848	1,600	752	
	Total Water hardware - irrigation	675	848	1,665	817	
LG, GM	Misc - work parties, photos, website	175	164	200	36	Yearly website costs
	Total Expenses	10,353	10,435	20,305	9,870	
	Net Ordinary Income	7,417	9,053	1,395		
	Other Expense					
	Capital Projects					
AVS, JN	Hoop House	339	366	450	84	Replaced north end panel
JN	Handwashing Station	0	439	600	161	Additional costs to complete
JW	Raspberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
JW	Blueberry Beds	0	790	841	51	
	Total Capital Projects	339	1,595	1,891	296	
	Net Other Income	7,078	7,458	(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 6/30/2022	25,537				
	Projected balance as of 12/31/2022	15,371				