

POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: October 06, 2022

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom. Les Grober called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. In attendance were: Barbara Gomes, Bill Mutch, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Gretchen Meyer, Les Grober, Marcia Nybakken, Roberta Boomer, Roy Leon, Tristan Colson, and Ursula Waskey.

1. Review and Confirmation of Agenda: Les

- a. No changes to agenda or meeting minutes.

2. Chair's Report: Les

- a. Member participation seems fine without making any process changes
- b. A new member interest form is available on the website, and has been mentioned in both the Info Alerts and the Bulletin; so far 19 people have signed up to receive info.
- c. We are planning to put the new and returning member applications online to make it easier to collect the information without a lot of manual entry.
- d. It was mentioned again that the planting team would like to see members fill out a list of the skills; the prevailing opinion is that this will be done separate from the application form, because the form is already quite lengthy, and we don't want to give gardeners the idea that any particular skills are required.
- e. The last day of gardening will be 4 November.

3. Budget/Treasurer: Marcia

- a. The P&L statement is attached.
- b. We are hoping to raise at least \$2000 at the silent auction to supplement the budget.
- c. Marcia thanks the people who are taking photos and sending them in throughout the year, and encourages more people to do so.

4. Planting Team: Ursula

- a. We have a new member for the planting team: Kelly Colburn, a Wednesday gardener.
- b. Marcia commented that the planting team members on the website should be updated.
- c. This led to a discussion of whether there are any phone numbers on the web site, and the decision that we will not continue to post the chore lists, etc, because they do contain phone numbers.
- d. Chores to shut the garden down for the winter continue. There will be clover cover crops only on the mounded beds, but not the raised beds. Pea shoots and fava beans will also be planted as cover crops.
- e. It is important to fill out the garden survey (coming soon) before the planting team purchases seeds for next year.

5. Winter Garden:

- a. We are planning to do winter gardening in much the same way as last year, with 4 – 5 work parties through the winter months, each one hosted by one of the days. One of them will be about raspberry pruning.
- b. Anyone who comes to at least two work parties will have picking privileges in the garden throughout the winter.

- c. Some discussion about whether to ask people to sign up to be notified about winter garden activities, or whether to just email everyone in the garden. The decision appears to be to notify everyone.
- 6. Special Projects: Roberta**
- a. The greenhouse team and the compost team will be asked to provide a list of projects in their area.
 - b. We may need to buy a new chipper at some point.
- 7. Water Team report: Les**
- a. We are seeing a fair number of pressure gauges failing, and have been replacing them. They are getting more expensive; if anyone has a good source for them, please let the water team know.
 - b. Question about how the project to redo the labels on the hose systems is going; Bill S is in charge of this.
- 8. Harvest Celebration:**
- a. Glenn (who is in charge of this) not at the meeting.
 - b. Some confusion about the start time – 4 or 5?
 - c. There was a request this week for all the information to be reiterated to all gardeners – start time, food assignments, etc.
 - d. Day leaders are encouraged to send to Glenn a rough count of how many gardeners will be attending, and who will be helping with setup.
- 9. Election: Ursula**
- a. For the next two years, the ballot for the executive committee is: Les Grober, chair; Roberta Boomer, vice-chair; Tristan Colson, secretary; Marcia Nybakken, treasurer.
 - b. Note that Marcia is looking for an assistant, who can eventually take over as treasurer.
 - c. We will do an official vote on this at next month's meeting.
 - d. Some discussion about reaching out to all gardeners, to help train them for Day Leader positions and officer positions.
 - e. Roy volunteered to be a co-leader of Special Projects.
- 10. Comments: All**
- a. Roy is planning a dump run for the garden sometime this month; please let me know if anything else needs to be included.
 - b. Bill Mutch will be distributed the garden surveys shortly. Day Leaders – encourage your days to fill them out and leave them in the shed. They will be collected on 10/20.
- 11. Next Meeting and Adjournment:**
- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday November 3, 2022 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom.
 - b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tristan Colson, Secretary

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 9-30-22

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 9/30/22
with 2022 Budget

			2021 Actuals Jan - Sept	2022 Actuals Jan - Sept	2022 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2022 Budget	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense							
	Income						
		2021 Membership	17,440				110 memberships for 2021
		Cookbook Sale	1,575				
		2022 Membership		19,200	20,000	800	120 memberships (now) for 2022
		Note Card Fundraiser		410			
		Tomato Fundraiser	0	288	0	(288)	Selling tomato orphans
		Herbs de Posh	170	0	200	200	
		Honey Sales	0	1,095	500	(595)	
		Irrigation Fundraiser	1,433				
		Handwashing Station	700				
		Silent/Wine Auction	0	0	1,000	1,000	Cancelled in 2021
		Total Income	21,318	20,993	21,700	707	
Expenses							
	JW	Compost/Dirt	2,758	2,915	3,800	885	
	JW	Cover Crop	85	0	140	140	
	JW	Fertilizer	347	598	450	(148)	
	JW	Seeds	862	858	1,000	142	
	RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)	128	158	200	42	
		Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other	4,180	4,529	5,590	1,061	
		General Supplies	760	2,218	900	(1,318)	Includes rabbit fencing, picking tags
	LL	Greenhouse Supplies	1,036	569	1,300	731	
	MN	Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	Final 5 year lease renewal in 2025
	RB	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
		Equipment, repairs & gas	174	282	700	418	
		Hand tools, wheelbarrows	150	0	300	300	
		Wood, hardware, other	372	3,140	2,400	(740)	Redwood purchase, raised beds
		Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment	696	3,422	3,400	(22)	
		Services					
	RL	Dump Fees	59	57	150	94	
	MN	Office Supplies & PO Box	0	0	100	100	
		Total Services	59	57	250	194	
	LG	Water	3,915	3,593	5,500	1,907	211,664 gallons thru 8/15/22
	LG, BS, B	Water hardware - irrigation					
		Backflow Test	65	0	65	65	
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation - Other	912	952	1,600	648	
		Total Water hardware - irrigation	977	952	1,665	713	
	LG, GM	Misc - work parties, photos, website	175	164	200	36	Yearly website costs
		Total Expenses	13,298	17,003	20,305	3,302	
		Net Ordinary Income	8,021	3,990	1,395		
		Other Expense					
		Capital Projects					
	RB	Capital Projects 2022		1,688	0	(1,688)	Cold frames, GH Repair, Upper Gate
	AVS	Hoop House	339	366	450	84	Replaced north end panel
		Handwashing Station	0	439	600	161	Additional costs to complete
	PT	Raspberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
	PT	Blueberry Beds	0	790	841	51	
		Total Capital Projects	339	3,283	1,891	(1,392)	
		Net Other Income	7,682	707	(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 9/30/2022	19,388				
		Projected balance as of 12/31/2022	16,035				