

POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: July 01, 2021

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.

Les Grober called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In attendance were Barbara Gomes, Bill Mutch, Eileen Kallaway, Glenn Meade, Gretchen Meyer, Harriet Rose, Jeanne Walker, Jim Nybakken, Jody Nunez, Les Grober, Marcia Nybakken, Monique Risch-Meade, Paddy Batchelder, Paul Mundy, Roberta Boomer, Tristan Colson, and Ursula Waskey.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Tristan

- a. The July 2021 Meeting Agenda was approved.
- b. The June 2021 Steering Committee Minutes were approved as submitted, and will now be uploaded to the website.

2. Review Previous Meeting Action Items (Highlights Only):

- a. **ACTION:** No update yet on power tools and how to charge them. Keeping this action item open.
- b. **ACTION:** No update yet on picking rules. Keeping this action item open. Also see discussion later in these minutes.
- c. Document about different kinds of compost has been finalized by Jeanne, and added to the website: <http://www.poshsquash.org/composts.html>
- d. The watering instructions have been updated; expect even more updates shortly to reflect the latest changes.
- e. Regarding unvaccinated people in the garden, at the moment there are no issues with behaviour.
- f. **ACTION:** Tristan to update all changes in responsibilities (new planting team members etc) on Google Drive.
- g. Fundraiser (sale of tshirts etc) is in progress.
- h. **ACTION:** The long term pile has been marked as to where to place items. Tuesday team to review, and make any further marking changes.
- i. AED/First Aid demos are complete, except that through some confusion Monday PM did not get training.
ACTION: Marcia to work with Goldie and Monday PM team to resolve issue of AED training.
- j. Saturday watering signups are online, and all slots have been filled.

3. Chair's Report: Les, Glenn

- a. The fundraiser is in progress, will be active through September.
ACTION: There was a question about whether zip-up sweatshirts could be made available. Monique to investigate. Note that the vendor we are currently using does not offer this choice.

- b. AED demos (see also action item above re Monday PM)
ACTION: Glenn to replace expired medications in first aid kit in shed.
ACTION: Glenn also to mark the first aid kit more clearly (right now it is just a plastic bin, not very clearly marked), and move it to someplace that is easy to find.
ACTION: Tristan to update the sign on the wall in the shed that explains who to call in an emergency.
- c. Acknowledgements: It would be nice if we acknowledged special efforts by gardeners, such as sharpening tools (Connie), hauling away trash (Roy) or dealing with swarms of bees (Frank). Discussed how to do this – perhaps mentioning on website?
ACTION: everyone to think about this – how should we collect “nominations”? how to acknowledge?
ACTION: Les to write up a more formal proposal about this.

4. **Treasurer’s Report/Budget:** Marcia

- a. Profit and Loss report is in appendix.
- b. Tuesday gardeners made a donation of \$500 to the garden in honor of Mary Alinder.
ACTION: everyone, think of an appropriate way to use this.

5. **Planting Team:** Jeanne

- a. Link to full planting team report at end of these minutes.
- b. We are moving into the time period when there will be fewer beds to water.

6. **Water Team:** Les

- a. The watering team has used a deep moisture meter to locate one big leak on the west side, and a couple of smaller leaks on the east side. This reduces our water loss in the garden quite significantly, so we won’t be needing to do the helium test.
- b. We will continue to water only one side of the garden at a time. The valves for these shut-offs have been updated to make it easier to operate.
- c. The money collected by the fundraiser will be saved in a reserve fund earmarked for watering, until the longer term plan has been agreed upon.
- d. Wednesday watering team has a concern that the pressure on the east side seems lower than it should be.
ACTION: Les to investigate

7. **Project Team:** Jim

- a. Work has begun on rebuilding beds 9 and 11. On hiatus for the next few weeks due to travel by the Nybakkens.

8. **Appointments:** Les

- a. Jacqueline Dompe appointed as Supply Coordinator.
Robert Boomer appointed to the Planting Team.

9. **Comments/Questions:** All

- a. There has been another incident where a gardener has been observed overpicking (raspberries this time), and did not seem to feel that this was a problem. **ACTION:** Les to talk to this gardener (from Monday AM).

- b. It was suggested that to help with the berry picking in particular, that we attach a container of the appropriate size as a demo next to the raspberry and strawberry beds.
- c. **ACTION:** Les will work with the Planting Team to put more specific information about quantities to pick in the Crop News.
- d. **ACTION:** Les will continue the process discussed in previous meetings to lay out the rules for overpicking more than once, and will send to this committee for more discussion. In particular, before we implement any penalties for overpicking, we need to make sure all gardeners are aware of the rules.
- e. There was some discussion about whether and when the names of these gardeners should be shared (among the committee).

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 2, 2021 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom. Note that we are skipping the August meeting.
- b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 02:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tristan Colson, Secretary

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 6-30-21

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 6-30-21 with Approved 2021 Budget

		2020 Actuals Jan - June	2021 Actuals Jan - June	Approved 2021 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2021 Budget	Notes	
Ordinary Income/Expense							
	Income						
	Cookbooks/Calendars	0	0	0	0		
	Herbs de Posh	0	170	0	0		
	Honey Sales	0	0	0	0		
	Membership	16,480	17,600	16,640	(960)	Budget based on 104, now 110	
	Silent/Wine Auction			2,000	2,000	Est. net earnings	
	Total Income	16,480	17,770	18,640	870		
Expenses							
	JW	Compost/Dirt	1,793	2,758	3,000	242	
	JW	Cover Crop	0	0	140	140	
	JW	Fertilizer	187	254	350	96	
	JW	Seeds	725	813	825	12	
	RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants) (taters, garlic, etc)		128	100	(28)	
		Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other	2,705	3,953	4,415	462	
		General Supplies	484	287	900	613	
	LL, BH	Greenhouse Supplies	866	700	1,300	600	
	MN	Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	
	JN	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
		Equipment, repairs & gas	189	150	700	550	Lawn mower, weed whacker
		Hand tools, wheelbarrows	152	150	300	150	Ladder, wheelbarrow, etc.
		Wood, hardware, other	2,282	102	1,800	1,698	
		Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment	2,623	402	2,800	2,398	
		Services					
	BG	Dump Fees	30	59	100	42	
	MN	Bank Fee	0	0	0	0	
	MN	AED	0	0	0	0	
	MN	Office Supplies & PO Box	0	0	100	100	
		Total Services	30	59	200	142	
	LG	Water	2,351	2,620	6,000	3,380	158,143 gals thru 6/24/21
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation					
		Backflow Test	0	65	65	0	2020 testing paid in 2021
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation - Other	436	592	1,350	758	
		Total Water hardware - irrigation	436	657	1,415	758	
	LG, GM	Misc - work parties, photos, website	0	175	175	(0)	New website costs
		Total Expenses	10,995	10,353	18,705	8,352	
	Net Ordinary Income		5,485	7,417	(65)		
	Other Expense						
	Capital Projects						
	AVS, JN	Hoop House	1,224	339	350	11	South end panel
	JW	Raspberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
	JW	Blueberry Beds	0	0	0	0	
		Total Capital Projects	1,224	339	350	11	
	Net Other Income		4,261	7,078	\$ (415)		
	Balance on hand as of 12/31/2019	9,518					
	Balance on hand as of 12/31/2020	28,289					
	Total Balance as of 6/30/21	18,727					
	Projected Balance as of 12/31/2021	10,376					

Appendix 2: Planting Team Report

Click the link to view the report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OMZQRDdliG3XZ78CwCrIKFno5HitLVcx/view?usp=sharing>

Appendix 3: Watering Team

Click the link to view the report:

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