

## POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: October 07, 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, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Bruce Carlsen, Dennis Pedersen, Eileen Kallaway, Glenn Meade, Gretchen Meyer, Jeanne Walker, Jeff Blair, Jim Nybakken, Les Grober, Marcia Nybakken, Monique Risch-Meade, Paddy Batchelder, Roberta Boomer, Tristan Colson, and Ursula Waskey.

### 1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Tristan

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

### 2. Chair's Report: Les & Glenn

- a. Hand tool maintenance / Tool Retirement update : Not a lot of progress this last month, but work will continue. Also planning a deep clean of shed overall to get more stuff organized and off the floor.
- b. Garden Access/Locked Gate: It is noted that some realtors are including photos of the garden in their propaganda, which may be encouraging more non-gardeners to visit (and possibly pick). Next month will discuss and revisit the question of whether to lock access to the garden (Last year we voted to put a lock on the gates, but then tabled the matter with no action.)
- c. We plan to put the usual announcement about joining the garden in the Info Alerts, but not go overboard on advertising other than that, since we are close to capacity.  
ACTION: Need to pick a date for new members meeting, and schedule a room (in case we decide it can be held in person) [Les/Glenn]

### 3. Treasurer's Report/Budget: Marcia

- a. Profit and Loss report is in appendix.
- b. Honey sales are currently in progress.

### 4. Planting Team: Jeanne

- a. Link to full planting team report at end of these minutes.
- b. There is potential for free compost (aka decomposed chips), which Jeanne is looking into. This may reduce the need to buy as much commercial compost. The Steering Committee expressed support for this.
- c. Planting Team changes: Jeanne is stepping down from leadership of the planting team, and will focus more on the dry-farmed tasks. We all offer sincere thanks to Jeanne for all she has done to make the garden what it is today.  
ACTION: Les to help recruit more members for the planting team.

**5. Water Report: Bruce**

- a. The east side of the garden is leak-free, and the west side is much better. "Doctor" Carlsen and his stethoscope are investigating a possible leak near bed 66.
- b. A timer/drip system has been added to one of the flower beds, and additional ones will also be added to other flower beds.

**6. Project Team: Jim**

- a. Report on the handwashing station: Lumber has been ordered (cost \$350), a custom copper surface will be fabricated by Chris A, we are using a sink donated by the Alinders. Total cost estimated to be about \$900. This uses the funds specifically donated for this project, plus a little from the profits for the cookbook sales, which was agreed to be fine by the committee.
- b. ACTION: Jim to send email to solicit more feedback on the details, since several people had suggestions.

**7. Harvest Picnic: Glenn**

- a. Date will be Sunday 17 October at One-Eyed Jacks
- b. Glenn is in charge of the clean-up crew, and will also designate someone to be in charge of the setup. A number of tables will be required for eating, food, silent auction, cookbooks. ACTION: Glenn to organize set-up and clean-up crews
- c. The remainder of the Alinder cookbooks will be brought to the picnic, and will be sold for whatever people want to donate.
- d. There will be a silent auction ACTION: Glenn to figure out who is in charge/how it will work.
- e. Everyone to bring their own place servings, utensils, napkins, glasses and drinks.
- f. Per a vote taken during this meeting, you must be vaccinated to attend the picnic.
- g. Herbes de Posh: will be sold to gardeners as a fund-raiser, \$10/jar, 4oz jar. ACTION: Day Leaders, find out how many gardeners want to buy these.
- h. Honey sales are happening this week and next in the garden; any remaining honey will be brought to the picnic to sell.

**8. Picking Rules: Les**

- a. Les updated the picking rules and they were discussed during the meeting.  
Some of the topics discussed:
  - \* Details about how many "strikes"
  - \* Whether picking rules apply during the winter period
  - \* Add a section about appealing to the Steering Committee in case of disputes
  - \* Whether a gardener who has been asked to leave may ever rejoin the garden
- b. A vote was taken with no dissenting votes to adopt the picking rules (as published in appendix)

**9. Winter Garden:** Glenn

- a. The topic of the “winter garden” was brought up. There seems to be three separate topics:
  - \* The Winter Hoophouse (run independently by Amy Van Syoc)
  - \* The crops that are being planned to overwinter
  - \* The maintenance on the garden that happens during the winter in order to get it ready for spring
- b. There is some mismatch between the expectations / stated garden time period of Feb -> Nov, and a belief that the garden does/should run year round
- c. ACTION: The planting team, in conjunction with Glenn, to make a plan to plant crops and maintain the garden (separate from the Hoophouse), identify what is actually needed/wanted, and communicate it
- d. ACTION: Day Leaders: Collect a list of gardeners who are interested in working on the garden throughout the winter in some capacity

**10. Action Items from July and September:** Les

- a. This was skipped.

**11. Appointments and Announcements:**

- a. Jim Nybakken is stepping down from the Projects Team
- b. Harriet Rose is stepping down from being a Tuesday Day Leader
- c.

**12. Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday November 4, 2021 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom.
- b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tristan Colson, Secretary

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 9-30-21

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 9-30-21  
with Approved 2021 Budget

		2020 Actuals Jan - Sept	2021 Actuals Jan - Sept	Approved 2021 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2021 Budget	Notes
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
	<b>Income</b>					
	Calendar Sale/Cookbook Sale	1,117	1,575	0	(1,575)	Alinder cookbook sale proceeds
	Donation/Handwashing station	0	700	0	(700)	Donations to Alinder H2O upgrade
	Herbs de Posh	366	170	0	(170)	
	Honey Sales	0	0	0	0	
	Irrigation Fundraiser	0	1,433	0	(1,433)	Net proceeds from clothing sales
	Membership	16,480	17,440	16,640	(800)	Budget based on 104, now 109
	Silent/Wine Auction			2,000	2,000	Est. net earnings
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,963</b>	<b>21,318</b>	<b>18,640</b>	<b>(2,678)</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
	JW Compost/Dirt	1,793	2,758	3,000	242	
	JW Cover Crop	0	85	140	55	
	JW Fertilizer	241	347	350	3	
	JW Seeds	743	862	825	(37)	
	RB, DP Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)		128	100	(28)	
	<b>Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other</b>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>4,180</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>235</b>	
	General Supplies	727	760	900	140	
	LL, BH Greenhouse Supplies	1,348	1,036	1,300	264	
	MN Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	
	JN Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
	Equipment, repairs & gas	214	174	700	526	Lawn mower, weed whacker
	Hand tools, wheelbarrows	152	150	300	150	Ladder, wheelbarrow, etc.
	Wood, hardware, other	2,423	372	1,800	1,428	
	<b>Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment</b>	<b>2,789</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,104</b>	
	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	
	<b>Total Services</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>142</b>	
	LG Water	4,110	3,915	6,000	2,085	241,112 gals thru 8/25/21
	LG, BS, BVS Water hardware - irrigation					
	Backflow Test	0	65	65	0	2020 testing paid in 2021
	LG, BS, BVS Water hardware - irrigation - Other	773	912	1,350	438	
	<b>Total Water hardware - irrigation</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>438</b>	
	LG, GM Misc - work parties, photos, website	0	175	175	(0)	New website costs
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>14,054</b>	<b>13,298</b>	<b>18,705</b>	<b>5,407</b>	
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>8,021</b>	<b>(65)</b>		
	<b>Other Expense</b>					
	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	
	<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>11</b>	
	<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>2,685</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>\$ (415)</b>		
	<b>Balance on hand as of 12/31/2019</b>	<b>9,518</b>				
	<b>Balance on hand as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>28,289</b>				Included pre-paid 2021 dues
	<b>Total Balance as of 9/30/21</b>	<b>19,331</b>				
	<b>Projected Balance as of 12/31/2021</b>	<b>13,924</b>				

## **Appendix 2: Planting Team Report**

Click the link to view the report:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/11PVwQd8AkJ3XoshZJi6qByOL7t\\_pHJb/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11PVwQd8AkJ3XoshZJi6qByOL7t_pHJb/view?usp=sharing)

## **Appendix 3: Picking Rules**

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