

## POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: March 03, 2022

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.  
Les Grober called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

### 1. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Budget report moved to after planting team report so that budget can be voted on.

### 2. Chair's Report:

- a. Vaccine proof status – 2 people have not provided proof, and some people will show proof to day leaders. Les will be letting people know these names. One member withdrew from the garden, several people sent in their proof but were not pleased, but all other response was very positive.
- b. Parking – Verdant View supported all the cars for the recent work party, so should work for regular garden days. Ok to drive into SRS parking lot to drop off stuff.
- c. Les would like to see more useful information on the website – Monique is interested in helping, so is Roberta and Marcia. Les suggests a separate meeting for people who are interested and will set this up.

### 3. Covid Protocols

- a. So far things are looking good. Masks are optional for working outdoors. Masks should be used for 2 or more people working in an enclosed space. Hoophouse with walls rolled up counts as outdoors.

### 4. New Hoop House

- a. Proposal from Amy and Linda. Have been talking to Peter Gifford about strategies. Is there interest from SC for expanding winter greens, and for supporting more warm weather crops during the year? Need input from Steering Committee and Planting Team.
- b. If yes, would it be a moveable or permanent structure?
- c. They have identified issues with current hoophouse: lack of ability to vent at top, inability to move to allow crop rotation.
- d. They have investigated prefab options – 50', 24', ways of venting, design. Could be a pitched roof, with sides that roll down. Various types of materials.
- e. Do they have any information written down that could be reviewed by the SC? Amy can send something.
- f. Johnny Seed Catalog has information about various types of moveable hoophouses.
- g. They will provide a link to a talk about moveable hoophouses.
- h. Members of the Steering Committee are enthusiastic, and think the gardeners will appreciate the increased warm weather crops.
- i. Some concern about whether there are people who will lead this effort, and whether it can support enough crops for everyone.
- j. We can renew our lease one more time for 5 more years before any negotiation is needed (not necessarily directly relevant, but it came up and is an interesting fact).
- k. Some discussion about the costs – high end could be 10-15K, but Amy, Linda and Peter have done a lot of work in figuring out how to significantly reduce the cost.

- l. Plan: get consensus from the SC, then meet with the Planting Team. No one on the committee is opposed to exploring spending up to \$3k for new hoophouse.
- m. Les proposes that this year we figure out whether we are a year-round garden or not, before the end of the year.

#### **5. Projects**

- a. We need a project team lead. Linda suggests that Les talk to Peter Gifford.
- b. Lauren, Sam, Scott, Dave and Les worked together on improving the safety of the old greenhouse.
- c. Cold frames – Sam and Les and Dave are working on the panels, and hope to get to garden on Saturday to assemble.
- d. Also may work on the washing station. Dave has been taking the lead on this. Copper tops have not yet been ordered. Next step is cutting hole for sink.

#### **6. Planting Team**

- a. Good position due to all the work parties. Consider doing work parties every winter. Monday's work party was well attended.
- b. Jody: blueberries. Bed 51 has been set aside to expand the blueberries. Plan is for 15 plants; typical harvest is 5-7 pints. Blueberry season is typically from June to October. Will be a few years before bushes start producing fully. Jody will be the plant parent. Would eventually be 170 pints total per year (including existing plants). Netting would be such that it is easier to get to the plants.
- c. Question about width of blueberry bushes and spacing – to be determined.
- d. What about existing bushes that aren't doing as well? The ones by the hoophouse do not look as good. Les asks that if we are saying that they are going to look better soon, we need to track the actual behavior and continually evaluate. We should retain the memory of what is happening.
- e. Suggestion made to concentrate on the row we have before expanding. But many people are in favor of proceeding.
- f. What is the missed opportunity cost? What else could we have planted instead?
- g. Timing – we would need to plant them no later than April.
- h. Movement to accept the planting team's proposal and seconded. Les is proxy for Tristan and Water Team as well as himself.  
Note: Secretary taking these minutes cannot see the votes, but it seems to be fairly unanimous.

#### **7. Budget/Treasurer:**

- a. Draft budget included at end of this document.
- b. Estimates for fundraising are somewhat conservative. We do have 2 memberships fewer than estimated, and including the cost of blueberries, we are about \$800 in the red.
- c. Are the amounts adequate for all line items? Seems like yes.
- d. Steering committee voted to approve the budget.

#### **8. Water Team**

- a. Not much to report. Les hopes to have the valve on the water tank replaced with a later valve soon.

**9. Comments:**

- a. From Barb: bucket to store extra produce bags was taken for old tools. This bucket is now in an inconvenient place, and we need to decide what to do with the old tools. Les proposes moving them to the old greenhouse.
- b. From Barb: are the strawberry beds ok? Monique says yes, that is their normal dormancy.
- c. From Bonnie: Tues morning wants to bring a 2 year old to the garden, committee confirms that no children in the garden (no one under 12). A notice should be sent out.

**10. Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday April 7, 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 2-28-22

### Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 2/28/22 with Draft 2022 Budget

			2021 Actuals Jan - Feb	2022 Actuals Jan - Feb	Draft 2022 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2022 Budget	Notes
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
		2022 Membership		20,000	20,000	0	125 memberships for 2022
		2021 Membership	17,280				109 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
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,280</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>1,700</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>							
	JW	Compost/Dirt	0	944	3,800	2,856	
	JW	Cover Crop	0	0	140	140	
	JW	Fertilizer	25	58	450	392	
	JW	Seeds	813	595	1,000	405	
	RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)	0	0	200	200	
		<b>Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>5,590</b>	<b>3,992</b>	
		General Supplies	53	21	900	879	
	LL, BH	Greenhouse Supplies	23	70	1,300	1,230	
	MN	Lease	0	0	1,500	1,500	Final 5 year lease renewal in 2025
	JN	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
		Equipment, repairs & gas	19	49	700	651	
		Hand tools, wheelbarrows	0	0	300	300	
		Wood, hardware, other	0	0	2,400	2,400	Redwood out of stock until spring
		<b>Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,351</b>	
		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	
		<b>Total Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	
	LG	Water	0	182	5,500	5,318	2881 gals thru 2/23/22
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation					
		Backflow Test	65	0	65	65	
	LG, BS, BVS	Water hardware - irrigation - Other	0	0	1,600	1,600	
		<b>Total Water hardware - irrigation</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>1,665</b>	
	LG, GM	Misc - work parties, photos, website	175	164	200	36	Yearly website costs
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>20,305</b>	<b>18,222</b>	
		<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>16,107</b>	<b>17,917</b>	<b>1,395</b>		
		<b>Other Expense</b>					
		Capital Projects					
	AVS, JN	Hoop House	339	0	450	450	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	0	0	0	
		<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,050</b>	
		<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>15,768</b>	<b>17,917</b>	<b>345</b>		
		<b>Balance on hand as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>28,289</b>				Included pre-paid 2021 dues
		<b>Balance on hand as of 12/31/2021</b>	<b>33,401</b>				Included pre-paid 2022 dues
		<b>Balance on hand as of 2/28/2022</b>	<b>36,597</b>				
		<b>Projected balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>17,326</b>				