

## POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: April 07, 2022

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, Bill Snyder, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Dave DuVal, Dennis Pedersen, Eileen Kallaway, Glenn Meade, Gretchen Meyer, Jacqueline Dompe, Jeanne Walker, Jody Nunez, Les Grober, Marcia Nybakken, Monique Risch-Meade, Paddy Batchelder, Roberta Boomer, Tristan Colson, and Ursula Waskey.

### **1. Review and Confirm of Agenda:**

- a. No changes to agenda.

### **2. Chair's Report: Les**

- a. Meetings have been running about 2 hours; Les wishes it were less. Comment was made that meetings tend to be longer at the beginning of the year.
- b. Parking: Gardeners have been parking too close to the entrance of Sea Ranch Supply. Large vehicles need to get through this entrance; Day Leaders: please tell your gardeners to not park so close to the entrance.
- c. Minimum member participation: Les asked if all days are happy with the participation of their gardeners – e.g. has everyone been showing up reliably in the first month? This is important because expectations were set that gardeners really need to participate especially at the beginning, and some gardeners were discouraged from joining if they couldn't be around at the beginning of the year. No one indicated that there are any issues with this.
- d. Children in the garden: Although we have concerns about young children in the garden, Les pointed out that it is a good thing to be able to introduce young people to gardening, and asked for ideas of what we could do, such as a children's hour when we refrained from using power tools. Many people indicated that they did not want children in the garden, as they would be a danger to fragile plants, it would take attention away from getting work done in the garden, we are not baby-sitters, and the garden is a dangerous place. It was suggested that perhaps we could hold a special children's event once a year.

### **3. Budget/Treasurer: Marcia**

- a. We have lost some members, for a variety of reasons, mostly not for Covid reasons.
- b. The compost bill has been paid (about \$946), and the lease payment.

### **4. Projects: Glenn/Roberta**

- a. Since we don't really have a official projects team, Glenn and Roberta proposed the formation of a 'sub-committee' to compile a list of all candidate projects and help prioritize them. Volunteers include: Jeanne, Linda, Glenn, Roberta, Les, Dennis and Jim.
- b. Anyone with project ideas should send them to Roberta.
- c. The handwashing station is still in progress; next steps are to have Chris install the copper top, and Dave Mitchell to install the faucet.
- d. The new cold frames are complete except for the automatic lifters, which will be installed by Les.

**5. Composting: Dave**

- a. Dave and Les have a proposal for a new sign for the compost bin, indicating what is and is not allowed. Barb suggested that it should also address what to do with large things with lots of seeds, like winter squash.
- b. Dave explained that we do not allow some things, like coffee filters and compostable bags, which might normally be ok in compost, because we just don't have the heat to break them down.
- c. We have less compost this year, no one knows why, although it may just be a seasonal thing. Barb suggests that perhaps more material is being shredded rather than composted.
- d. Dave is to talk to Russ (Thursday gardener) so that they can coordinate and understand who is doing what. For example: The use of cribs vs bins, and who is taking care of the worms and whether we are actually doing anything with them.

**6. Manure from TSR Stables: Gretchen**

- a. Gretchen commented that one of her gardeners says that the Sea Ranch stables have a lot of manure that they pay to take away, and is the garden interested in any of it.
- b. The decision was no – the committee felt that there was too much chance of herbicides and other harmful things in the manure.

**7. Planting Team:**

- a. There is an abundance of cherry tomato starts in 4" pots – discussion of whether we should sell these off to gardeners as a fund-raiser.
- b. The planting team is looking at issues around the greenhouse, especially due to carpenter ant damage.
- c. Monday AM had a question about whether they are doing an appropriate type and number of chores such that the end of the week days still have enough to do. Ursula replied that it doesn't seem to be an issue.
- d. Jeanne talked about the plans for the dry farm beds. In particular one goal is trying to get earlier tomatoes.

**8. Water Team: Bill S.**

- a. There was an issue with variable pressures across the garden; the main pressure reducer was replaced, and now we should be able to maintain a minimum pressure of 25 psi.
- b. Gauges will be moved to the dry farmed beds, so that we don't need the y-connector on the faucets.
- c. Water team is working on dividing flower beds into more segments.
- d. Water team thanks everyone for warning them when an upright has been hit (e.g. by a wheelbarrow) so they can immediately check for leaks.

**9. Comments:**

- a. Saturday watering – gardeners are commenting that all slots are filled, so it is requested to add a third slot on every day.
- b. Les is working with Jody on the watering spreadsheet to add some additional information about total water usage.

- c. A gardener inquired about a memorial plaque for a bench in the garden; it was decided, as it has also been in the past, that the garden will not do specific memorials.

**10. Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday May 5, 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 3-31-22

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 3/31/22  
with 2022 Budget

			2021 Actuals Jan - March	2022 Actuals Jan - March	2022 Budget	Variance under or (over) 2022 Budget	Notes
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
		2022 Membership		19,200	20,000	800	120 memberships (now) for 2022
		2021 Membership	17,600				110 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>17,600</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>2,500</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>							
	JW	Compost/Dirt	0	944	3,800	2,856	
	JW	Cover Crop	0	0	140	140	
	JW	Fertilizer	92	225	450	225	
	JW	Seeds	813	773	1,000	227	
	RB, DP	Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)	74	158	200	42	
		<b>Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>5,590</b>	<b>3,491</b>	
		General Supplies	58	182	900	718	
	LL, BH	Greenhouse Supplies	147	340	1,300	960	
	MN	Lease	0	0	1,500	1,500	Final 5 year lease renewal in 2025
	JN	Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment					
		Equipment, repairs & gas	111	49	700	651	
		Hand tools, wheelbarrows	118	0	300	300	
		Wood, hardware, other	0	395	2,400	2,005	Redwood out of stock until spring
		<b>Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2,955</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	186	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	17	522	1,600	1,078	
		<b>Total Water hardware - irrigation</b>	<b>82</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>1,857</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>20,305</b>	<b>16,893</b>	
		<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>15,743</b>	<b>15,788</b>	<b>1,395</b>		
		<b>Other Expense</b>					
		Capital Projects					
	AVS, JN	Hoop House	339	366	450	84	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		841	841	
		<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>1,525</b>	
		<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>15,404</b>	<b>15,422</b>	<b>(496)</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 3/31/2022</b>	<b>33,581</b>				
		<b>Projected balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>15,162</b>				

**Compost Bins – Yes and No**  
**Compost Bins for Garden Members Only!**

<b>Yes, Do Put In:</b>	<b>No, Do Not Put In:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Coffee and tea grounds (not the filters or bags, please)</li><li>2. Vegetable food scraps</li><li>3. Fruit food scraps</li><li>4. Expired fruits and vegetables (not suitable for eating) cut up into chunks not whole</li><li>5. Crushed eggshells</li><li>6. Houseplant trimmings</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Avocado pit and peels, corn cobs, and pineapple tops and rind</li><li>2. Meat and fish scraps</li><li>3. Dairy products</li><li>4. Sticky labels on the food</li><li>5. Stone fruit pits</li><li>6. Paper towels and napkins*</li><li>7. Coffee filters*</li><li>8. Compostable bags*</li><li>9. Compostable cups, plates, and utensils*</li></ol>
<p><b>The Compost Team and the Garden thank you!</b></p>	<p>* These items need more heat and time than we have here</p>