

## POSH SQUASH STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: September 01, 2022

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom. Les Grober called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. In attendance were: Barbara Gomes, Bill Mutch, Glenn Meade, Gretchen Meyer, Jacqueline Dompe, Les Grober, Linda Lipkin, Marcia Nybakken, Monique Risch-Meade, Paddy Batchelder, 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: Glenn Meade and Les Grober**

- a. Developing Day Leaders for Next Year – If you are considering stepping down from your day leader position, please don't wait until the start of a garden year to announce it. All Day Leaders should continuously work on developing new Day Leaders amongst their day.
- b. There is a continuing need for new Planting Team members. It would be ideal if we had at least one member from every day.
- c. Role of Plant Parents: Les attempted to clarify the role of the plant parents, and that they are ultimately in charge of their crop. Monique says that the planting team is "actively part of the process" as well. Marcia suggested that we keep the list of plant parents on the website updated.
- d. Parking and SRS: The fate of the cones at SRS still remains somewhat unclear. Please do not complain to Stacy at SRS about the cones. The committee is in agreement that anyone who climbs over the gate when SRS is closed is trespassing, and may be terminated immediately from the garden.
- e. Member sign-ups for next year: Les has proposed an online form to express interest in joining the garden next year, and that we also put the actual application on-line. The planting team would like to add a place for members to list their gardening skills to the application; Les expressed concern that the sign-up application is already pretty long, and that maybe that should be a separate form after the garden sign-up. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.
- f. Glenn would like to deal with "dead beat gardeners" by putting them lowest on the list to be readmitted into the garden. There was some concern about that definition, especially since it can apply to people with health/medical conditions who can no longer garden. Les pointed out that he has been asking all year for names of anyone who is not contributing appropriately, so that expectations can be set as we go along.
- g. Covid requirements: we will continue to require the primary covid vaccines to join the garden, but will not attempt to track booster status.
- h. The last day of gardening will be 4 November.

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

- a. The P&L statement is attached. At the moment we are spending more than we have, but there are a number of fundraisers still coming, including the sale of honey, herbes de posh, notecards, and the silent auction.
- b. Quickbooks now has a monthly fee and Marcia would prefer not to use it, so we are looking for an alternative. She would also like to find someone else to be 'co-treasurer'.
- c. Jim commented that the Volunteer Fire Fighters use Square to accept credit card payments, and that this might be of interest to the garden as well, especially with the silent auction coming up.

**4. Appointments:**

- a. Ursula has volunteered to be the Election Coordinator, since all positions on the Steering Committee are up for election for next year.

**5. Planting Team: Monique Risch-Meade**

- a. We are starting to work on fall and winter bed prep.
- b. Have had much success with weed cloth and chips, especially under the cold frames.
- c. Solarization with plastic to reduce insects continues.
- d. Bed 15 rebuild is complete, and the new bed design is good.
- e. There are some tests going on in the raspberry beds.
- f. There are lots of strawberries!

**6. Special Projects: Roberta Boomer**

- a. The bunny fencing is mostly complete.
- b. The fence by the hydrangeas will be removed.
- c. Roy is working on a hitching post design for holding the wheelbarrows.
- d. The new fence and gate in the upper yard are complete.
- e. The bay laurel tree has been cut back.
- f. For the remainder of the year, they are looking for low or no-cost projects.

**7. Water Team report: Les**

- a. Attached is a water usage graph showing garden usage over the last few years – we are definitely reducing the amount of water we use.

**8. Harvest Celebration: Glenn Meade**

- a. Friday, October 14, 2022 from 5-9pm in the Knipp/Stengel Barn confirmed
- b. Need two volunteers from each day to help set up tables and chairs at 11am on 13 October.
- c. Additional tables for silent auction items will be needed; it was suggested that we can get them from Ohlson house.
- d. Sophia will not be there on 14 October; Marcia and Marilyn will be in charge of the auction.
- e. Monique has raffle tickets and plans to raffle off small garden logo items.

**9. Winter Garden and Hoophouse: Linda**

- a. If gardeners choose to participate in the winter garden / hoophouse, they will have picking privileges on all winter crops.
- b. Linda and the Planting team will be working on a plan for the winter garden, and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. We won't be soliciting interest in the winter garden from gardeners until mid-October.

**10. Comments: All**

- a. Monique asked if anyone knows why there is a buried hose coming out of the old greenhouse. Marcia suggested asking Goldie (former head of greenhouse).
- b. There is now a blue folder in the project binder in which invoices for Marcia can be placed.
- c. There is an effort going on to terrace the cold frame area; Monique is planning to use some of the timber by the sign shed unless someone has objections.
- d. There is a continuing effort to renovate the cold frames; Linda suggested we might want to purchase some of the components. This falls under the special projects category and will be put on the list.
- e. The garden survey will come out late September or early October.
- f. For three potato beds, we will need a special cover crop seed, and also more top soil is needed.

**11. Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

- a. The next meeting will be on Thursday October 6, 2022 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom.
- b. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tristan Colson, Secretary

Appendix 1: Profit and Loss as of 8-31-22

Posh Squash Profit and Loss as of 8/31/22  
with 2022 Budget

|                                |             |   | 2021<br>Actuals<br>Jan -<br>August | 2022<br>Actuals<br>Jan -<br>August | 2022<br>Budget | Variance<br>under or<br>(over) 2022<br>Budget | Notes                                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b> |             |   |                                    |                                    |                |   |                                       |
| <b>Income</b>                  |             |   |                                    |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                |             | 2021 Membership                               | 17,600                             |                                    |                |   | 110 memberships for 2021              |
|                                |             | Cookbook Sale                                 | 1,559                              |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                |             | 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                                  | 0                                  | 500            | 500   |                                       |
|                                |             | Irrigation Fundraiser                         | 1,433                              |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                |             | Handwashing Station                           | 700                                |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                |             | Silent/Wine Auction                           | 0                                  | 0                                  | 1,000          | 1,000   | Cancelled in 2021                     |
|                                |             | <b>Total Income</b>                           | <b>21,462</b>                      | <b>19,898</b>                      | <b>21,700</b>  | <b>1,802</b>                                  |                                       |
| <b>Expenses</b>                |             |   |                                    |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                | JW          | Compost/Dirt                                  | 2,758                              | 2,915                              | 3,800          | 885   |                                       |
|                                | JW          | Cover Crop                                    | 0                                  | 0                                  | 140            | 140   |                                       |
|                                | JW          | Fertilizer                                    | 284                                | 560                                | 450            | (110)   |                                       |
|                                | JW          | Seeds   | 816                                | 858                                | 1,000          | 142   |                                       |
|                                | RB, DP      | Non-seeds (Plants, taters, garlic, etc)       | 128                                | 158                                | 200            | 42  |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Total Compost, cover crop, dirt, other</b> | <b>3,987</b>                       | <b>4,490</b>                       | <b>5,590</b>   | <b>1,100</b>                                  |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>General Supplies</b>                       | <b>697</b>                         | <b>2,183</b>                       | <b>900</b>     | <b>(1,283)</b>                                | Includes rabbit fencing, picking tags |
|                                | LL          | Greenhouse Supplies                           | 965                                | 519                                | 1,300          | 781   |                                       |
|                                | MN          | Lease   | 1,500                              | 1,500                              | 1,500          | 0   | Final 5 year lease renewal in 2025    |
|                                | RB          | <b>Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment</b>       |                                    |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                |             | Equipment, repairs & gas                      | 174                                | 253                                | 700            | 447   |                                       |
|                                |             | Hand tools, wheelbarrows                      | 150                                | 0                                  | 300            | 300   |                                       |
|                                |             | Wood, hardware, other                         | 244                                | 3,122                              | 2,400          | (722)   | Redwood purchase, raised beds         |
|                                |             | <b>Total Maintenance, Supplies, Equipment</b> | <b>568</b>                         | <b>3,375</b>                       | <b>3,400</b>   | <b>25</b>                                     |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Services</b>                               |                                    |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                | RL          | Dump Fees                                     | 59                                 | 57                                 | 150            | 94  |                                       |
|                                | MN          | Office Supplies & PO Box                      | 0                                  | 0                                  | 100            | 100   |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Total Services</b>                         | <b>59</b>                          | <b>57</b>                          | <b>250</b>     | <b>194</b>                                    |                                       |
|                                | 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   |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Total Water hardware - irrigation</b>      | <b>977</b>                         | <b>952</b>                         | <b>1,665</b>   | <b>713</b>                                    |                                       |
|                                | LG, GM      | Misc - work parties, photos, website          | 175                                | 164                                | 200            | 36  | Yearly website costs                  |
|                                |             | <b>Total Expenses</b>                         | <b>12,842</b>                      | <b>16,832</b>                      | <b>20,305</b>  | <b>3,473</b>                                  |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>                    | <b>8,620</b>                       | <b>3,066</b>                       | <b>1,395</b>   |   |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Other Expense</b>                          |                                    |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Capital Projects</b>                       |                                    |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                | 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  |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Total Capital Projects</b>                 | <b>339</b>                         | <b>3,283</b>                       | <b>1,891</b>   | <b>(1,392)</b>                                |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Net Other Income</b>                       | <b>8,281</b>                       | <b>(217)</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 8/31/2022</b>        | <b>18,463</b>                      |                                    |                |   |                                       |
|                                |             | <b>Projected balance as of 12/31/2022</b>     | <b>16,382</b>                      |                                    |                |   |                                       |

Appendix 2: Water Usage

