

**Manhattan Community Gardens  
Minutes of April 3, 2013, Board Meeting**

Present: Leila Maurmann, Ron Downey, Linda Teener, Kruger Bryant, Pat Butler, Cybil Perkins, J. David Mattox, Max Urick, Dean Zollman and John Drach.

Leila called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm at the UFM meeting room. Ron noted the meetings are taking too long and recommended they be shortened. All agreed.

Gardener concerns were addressed. Linda will keep separate documentation.

The Board President had resigned so an election was required. Nominated were John R, Leila, and Ron. Ron withdrew and Leila was elected as president. The Vice-President election will be next month.

Time was provided for prior Board minutes to be read. Ron moved approval, Linda seconded, and the motion carried.

Linda gave the Treasurer's report. John moved acceptance of the report, Dean seconded, and motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Compost & Mulch-Max noted two large and eighteen small square free bales of hay will be delivered.

Newsletter-Leila reported the next newsletter is scheduled for mid-June.

Tilling-Pat noted more than normal plots to till had been requested. They are current.

Equipment-John provided a written report. Max moved we complete the Snapper rear tine tiller engine repair of approximately \$320.00 plus tax. It was seconded and motion carried.

Correspondence-Cybil reported considerable emails were generated this last month.

Riley Lane-Ron and John noted a number of tasks have been outlined for the April work day.

Collins Lane Long Range Planning-Ron reported it is work in progress.

Records-Kruger noted records are being kept up to date.

Rules & Safety-No report.

Plot Registration-It was noted for 2013, two full plots remain at Riley, ten full and five half plots remain at Collins.

Public Relations-Linda will continue to work with local radio and newspapers to disseminate the word that some garden plots remain.

Collins Lane- April work day events are scheduled.

Old Business

The new shed at Collins Lane has been delivered. A lock is in place. It was decided no ramp is necessary at this time.

Linda noted she will make the contacts to get on the County Commissioner meeting agenda to update them on 2013 gardener registration.

J David reported traffic control will install the special needs parking sign for Riley gardens to be located for the parking space adjacent to lot 73 (old 66).

#### New Business

J David, if necessary, will become familiar with and coordinate the Riding Mower training. Training dates will be announced later.

Additional tiller training will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at Collins Lane at 10:00 am. Additional dates will be announced later.

An inquiry was received about the MCG Facebook page. It was decided to not disseminate email addresses of gardeners. The MCG Facebook page does not represent the Manhattan Community Gardens and the Board does not support it. Leila will request the page be taken down.

The Kansas Community Garden Conference is scheduled for July 8-9. More discussion will occur later. Board members or gardeners will be requested to provide tours.

Beekeeping at the Collins Lane site will move forward. Ron will contact Amy Barnes. It was strongly suggested the bees be located as far as possible from the garden sites.

Big Lakes provided notification of the improvements they intend to make on plot 110 at Riley Lane.

Drinking fountains or a method to provide drinking water on Riley Lane was discussed. It was decided to install a Y with a shut off on the hydrant by the storage shed. Pat will complete.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm through a motion made by Ron, it was seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm.