

**Manhattan Community Gardens
Minutes of May 1, 2013, Board Meeting**

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

Leila called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the UFM meeting room. Future meetings will be at UFM using either the meeting or conference room.

Ron was nominated by J. David for Vice-President and was seconded by Max. Motion carried.

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

Linda gave the Treasurer's report. Through consensus, the Board determined the amount for reserves is adequate for now but will be evaluated at years end or around January, 2014. John moved approval of the report, J. David seconded, and motion carried.

Committee Reports

Compost & Mulch-Max noted all compost and mulch supplies are in good shape.

Newsletter-Leila reported the next newsletter is scheduled for mid-June. Any items should be sent to Leila.

Tilling-Pat noted the committee is current. Non-rented plots at Riley and Collins with weeds will be tilled.

Equipment-John noted the Snapper rear tine is still at the repair shop. It was noted again too much oil was placed in a tiller. The Board agreed signs need to be posted.

Correspondence-Cybil reported considerable emails were generated this last month on a variety of subjects.

Riley Lane-Ron noted he had been in contact with the gardeners that had not shown any activity. The Board determined Ron will send the gardeners on plot 57 the first violation letter. Seven to ten high school students, with Ron's supervision, have volunteered assistance on May 3rd. Cybil will email Chuck to include an item about gardeners being responsible for their own trash and debris.

Collins Lane Long Range Planning-Ron reported a meeting has been scheduled for May 13th.

Records-Kruger noted there are 121 returning gardeners and 54 new gardeners plus 4 projects or institutions. One plot remains at Riley and 4 half plots and 6 full plots remain at Collins.

Rules & Safety-No report.

2014 Plot Registration-No report.

Public Relations-Kruger reported he posted an announcement regarding garden plot availability.

Collins Lane- All gardeners will be emailed about the availability of the free fire wood. It was noted the new shed could be moved to the east side of the gardens making four plots available if the need exists. A motion made by Cybil that a moratorium be put into effect that no additional changes be made until the Long Range Plan is received was seconded by Max and the motion carried.

Old Business

Two riding mower training sessions have been scheduled.

Ron noted the improvements for Riley plots 73 and 110 have been finalized. Raised beds will be constructed. The Board concurred rubber mats be used on these plots.

Chuck Marr provided information on the Kansas Community Garden Conference sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation scheduled on July 8-9. More detail information will be presented later. Board members or gardeners can participate or may be requested to provide assistance.

Linda reported that she and Max met with the County Commissioners. A new agreement concerning the amount and cost of mulch provided to the gardens has been drafted and is awaiting signature. Linda will obtain of the status.

J David reported the special needs parking sign at Riley has been installed.

New Business

Board Job Descriptions were distributed for information. Blank Committee assignments were distributed for Board members to complete and return.

The Riley and Collins May workday and social activities were discussed by Cybil and Pat.

Leila reported on the CROP walk meeting she attended.

The Collins waterline settlement was discussed and is being addressed.

An informational sheet prepared by Cybil on trash pickup and porta-potties was reviewed. Through consensus the Board agreed to discontinue trash service at Riley with Mallons but Howies would begin the service. See attachment.

Through consensus the Board authorized the purchase of 5 industrial garden hoses from Sams.

Through an approved motion and second by J. David and Ron, the Board approved the Men's Garden Club members to mentor Boys and Girls Club members at their Riley plot. John will post the Garden Club members.

The June Garden Board meeting was moved to June 4th and the July meeting to July 10th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm through a motion made by Ron, it was seconded by Pat and the motion carried.

Porta-Potty Information

Provider: A-1 Rental, 785-842-2988 or 785-478-3788
Cost: \$80/month for each unit (Collins & Riley = \$160/month)
Service: On site March 1st through the second week of November. Will empty once per month during the last week of each month so that it will be clean for the Socials.
Extra Service: During the hot months, if unit becomes too smelly, all we need to do is call and they will service the porta-potty an extra time for a \$20 fee.

Trash Pick-up at Collins

Provider: Howie's Trash, 785-776-8352
Cost: \$25 each time it is emptied
Service: On call only, not regular schedule. They are currently providing a small dumpster, approximately 192 gallons (the equivalent of 2 large rolling trash cans)

Trash Pick-up at Riley

Provider: Howie's Trash, 785-776-8352
Cost: \$5/empty for one can (plus one garbage bag, if needed.)
Service: Call as needed for service. They provide free a 96-gallon rolling can.