

Manhattan Community Gardens Board Meeting

July 6, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 6, 2016, upstairs at UFM. The meeting was called to order by President Dale Hayden. The minutes from June 1st were approved as corrected. Treasurer's Report: see attached. Linda reported that we have 116% of expected revenues received and 41% spent. Deane moved, Jay seconded the approval of David Claus for 2 ½ year Board term.

Board Members Present: Dale Hayden, Cheryl Arthur, Deane Lehman, Susan Schoneweis, Travis Kummer, Linda Teener, Eli Martinson, Steve Williams, Gary Schwandt, Jay Guarneri, David Claus, and Carol Barta.

Committee Reports

- A. Records No plots remaining. A Riley gardener will be put out again for lack of weed control. Susan will take over the plot. A discussion was held regarding clarifying rules for red-flagging a gardener's folder indicating the gardener cannot return, even as a "new gardener". Jay and Deane will work on rules on this topic. Ruth Rosenblack, an herbalist, is growing mullen and wild lettuce in a Collins Lane plot. Both are on the Kansas noxious weed list. Dale will tell her she must put bags on seed heads to prevent weeds in neighbor-gardener's plots.
- B. Tilling completed
- C. Public Relations Board to invite Riley County to our September meeting for Collins Lane and invite City of Manhattan officials to our October meeting for Riley gardens.
- D. Equipment Riley: Craftsman tiller still needs repair. Collins: Discussion regarding a gardener's plot that cannot be reached by water hoses, B1B, B2A, B7B. Dale to order commercial grade hoses for both gardens.
- E. Riley Letters sent regarding weeds and things improved. Group emails were sent regarding weeds in pathways, no improvement. Eli will send general email to remind all gardeners of pathway care. An extensive discussion on weeds occurred.
- F. Collins Mowing is an issue. There are 4 assignments per month (2 riding/2 push). A list of who signed up for these tasks? Workday to clean area around compost. If needed, RoundUp will be applied around road edges mid-July.
- G. Nominations Board members asked to start thinking of replacements for Dale, Carol, Steve and Bob.
- H. Newsletter Working on it.
- I. Correspondence Nothing to report.
- J. Compost Concern expressed that manure compost is source of bind weed. Leaf compost possible source of burmuda grass. Wood chips coming to both gardens before July workday.
- K. Socials No Saturday workday socials in July or August.

Old Business

Some gardeners have received payments from herbicide incident on June 26th of last year. The insurance company is contacting gardeners individually to settle the amounts of approximately 20 claims. We received a letter from the Kansas Department of Agriculture stating “violation occurred” with the spraying of atrazine and 2-4-D.

New Business

Saturday workdays, July 9th, will be covered by Deane and Gary.

Jay moved and Eli seconded motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Next meeting is August 3, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Arthur, Secretary