Manhattan Community Gardens Board Meeting

June 1, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on June 1, 2016, in the UFM Fireplace Room. The meeting was called to order by President Dale Hayden. The minutes from May 5th were approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report: see attached. Linda reported expenses incurred for bales of hay, locks, hydrants, and deposit refunds.

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

Committee Reports

A. Records  Collins is filled as Eli will take B2B. Riley has 1 ½ plots open.
B. Tilling  completed
C. Public Relations  no report
D. Equipment  Riley: fixed tractors and rear tiller, transmission for tiller.
E. Riley  No damage from spraying last month. Elm trees outside fence. Need more hay?
F. Collins  Plots B5 and 6 need plastic to stop bindweed. Board members and Saturday workers will do this on May 7th. Also, mulch pathways, mow, and pick up sticks. Contact J. David about the 2 trees that need trimming of dead branches.
G. Nominations  David Claus will replace Patrick McLaughlin on the Board starting in July.
H. Newsletter  Next newsletters will be June/July and August/September.
I. Correspondence  Nothing to report.
J. Compost  Manure compost needs to be dry, currently too wet.
K. Socials  Someone will pick up water for Saturday social at Riley.

Old Business

A. Dale received email from J. David. The insurance company adjuster is Dean Lederer.
B. We have two letters for weeds for no progress by mid-May. For weeds in fences, general letter. Copies of letters go in gardeners file.
C. Covered above in Committee Reports, F.
D. One and a half plots left at Riley.

New Business

A. Plots A3, 4, 5 are planted with sweet potatoes and other veggies for produce donation.
B. Riley has a list to send letters. Collins is okay for now. For violations, send letter and email with reply requests. Gardeners have 2 weeks from the email date to have the work completed.
C. Jay received permission to plant one row of cedars south of the fence, at Collins Lane, as a windbreak.
D. MCG county lease is due in November. It was suggested that we invite the county to our September Board meeting. Also, invite City of Manhattan to a Board meeting.
E. Nancy at Blueville Nursery said to contact her at end of season for seeds, dated 2016, for next year’s gardeners.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Next meeting is July 6, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Arthur, Secretary