

Sunriver Community Gardens – February 25th, 2021, Zoom 6pm

Attendees:

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- Chairperson - Jill Hickson, Plot Registra - Janet Renfroe, Secretary and Treasurer Christine Eastgaard. Members at Large: Val Ross, Augusta Popovich, Kimberly Elkas
- Regrets: Chris Broysiak

Motion to Adopt January Minutes - Proposed Val, Seconded Janet

Reports

- Plot registration – Janet
 - 12 people on the wait list
- Orchard – Glenn
 - No update
- Food Chi - Jill
 - Update on board meeting, Christine and Jill presented on the membership funds in the Food Chi bank account.
- Maintenance - Janet
 - Pencil posts have been installed, clean up of the salmon berries and trees around the old fence as per Westshore fencing asks. Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up to help with cleaning. Thanks to Jim took down the trees that were leaning towards the children's play areas. Steve will start the work on the fence on Monday March 1st.
 - Action: Kimberly to make signage "please keep out, unsafe area"
 - Chris had feedback on creating a wooden pile to grow food as opposed to burning the wood.
 - Action: Janet and Chris to search for a place to set up.
 - Second compost system to be set up beyond the greenhouse.
 - Action: Janet waiting on the weather to improve before reaching out to volunteers to install
 - New hose stand to be located at the end of plot 108. Jim has offered to put the piping in and Janet will get volunteers to dig the ditch. Cost for materials would be part of the budget originally allocated for the plumber.
 - Action: Janet to talk to Jim about costs for the piping and will organize ditch digging as part of the March work bee
 - Rat infestation continues to be a challenge at the gardens. Traps have been set and Bernie brings his terrier through the gardens regularly but we are still having issues
 - Action: Include clear description of the rat issues and steps that plot holders need to take to help us manage the rat problems
 - Wood pile is being restored with the new trees that have been taken down recently.
 - Getting tools ready for spring
 - Action: Janice will talk to Maurice about the tool maintenance. Kimberly will move the green wire shelves and put them into the greenhouse and then will start working on organizing the tool shed.
- Treasurer – Christine
 - No expenses incurred since the last board meeting, Christine is meeting with the bank to be added as a signator.
- Secretary - Christine

- o Website, post office box, grant applications

District of Sooke Lease

- Discussion with the District is ongoing and the plan is to have a signed lease presented to District of Sooke Council on March 22nd

Surplus membership funds in the Food Chi Bank Account and discussion of the Food Chi Board motion

- Jill and Christine presented to the Food Chi board and outlined the estimated surplus funds based on partial account information provided by Food Chi. The board asked a variety of questions and said they would provide a motion by March 5th. The following is the motion based by the Food Chi Board:

MOTION: *That the Food CHI Board continue working with the District of Sooke to determine the structure of the Sooke Food CHI Society/Sunriver Community Garden Society Licences of Occupation Agreement. Once the Licences of Occupation responsibilities are confirmed, the Food CHI Board and the SRCGS Board/Council will create a separate working agreement of responsibilities that would include reviewing the SRCGS request for funds.*

- SCG does not agree that the membership funds are connected to the lease negotiation.
- Action: Jill and Christine to provide the SCG presentation and associated documentation to Food Chi as well as provide SCG view that the membership funds are not associated with the lease, and formally request a current bank statement from Food Chi.

Growing for Sooke

- Action: Jill to talk to Ellen about the volunteers for the Growing for Sooke, where they are coming from, are they plot holders.

Insurance

- Discussion about the insurance and what the insurance covers. General public are welcome at the gardens but are not covered under our insurance
 - o Action: Christine to follow up with BC Council of Gardens regarding plot holders what the insurance covers in terms of additional gardeners

Work bee

- Sunday March 28th Workbee
 - o Action: Janet to put together the March newsletter for the second week of March. Board to send articles to Janet for newsletter

Next Meeting: March 25th - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm