

Sunriver Community Gardens – March 22nd, 2021, Jill's home 6:20 pm

Attendees:

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- Council Members: Chairperson - Jill Hickson, Plot Registrar - Janet Renfro
- Members at Large: Val Ross, Augusta Popovich, Kimberly Elkas

Regrets: Christine, treasurer/secretary

Motion to Adopt January Minutes - Augusta, Seconded Janet

Motion to Adopt past minutes, February 25, 2021

Reports:

- Plot registration - Janet
 - Lots of new faces this spring at the garden. Nine people on the waiting list.
- Food Chi - Jill
 - Jill attended the Food Chi meeting March 19. She provided an update of what's been happening at the gardens. Jill advised Food Chi that SRG is not in favour of the motion that was presented last month.
 - Discussion regarding the plot holder's money in the Food Chi bank account - as per Food Chi's motion they will not discuss this until the lease agreement is signed. It was decided that Kimberly would look into any legal means of recovering these funds before a meeting involving all of the plot holders is organized (to make sure we have an idea of what our options are before we let people know what is happening).
- Maintenance - Janet
 - Temporary fencing is on hold due to the ground being too wet to dig for cement work. This work will commence once the ground is dry. One tree fell down along the slope. Two more compost enclosures have been made. The compost pile has been turned a couple times by members. During the winter months, there was considerable standing water in plots near and around #30 and all of plot #54 was covered by water. As there is not a budget for remediating the drainage problems in the garden this season, the temporary drainage ditches dug during the winter will be filled.
 - The new hose stand will be placed in Pod 4 soon, and the ditch and prep work for connecting to the closest hose stand will be dug at the next work bee.
 - Parking lot pot holes were filled in by Andrew and Chris. Thank you both for providing the materials and for doing this work.
 - Christine donated four new shovels and four new forks to the garden. Thank you!
 - Augusta and Janet made a monetary donation. Thank you!
- Treasurer – Jill (on behalf of Christine)
 - No new expenditures to report. Still waiting to hear about the district grant applications.

- Growing for Sooke Update
 - As per email from Ellen:
She has one additional volunteer to add to the volunteer group formed in the fall
Seeds have been received from Chris - thank you!
Once the compost arrives she will organize a work bee to prep the greenhouse and beds
Waiting on word of the grant application
- District of Sooke Lease
 - District of Sooke is working on the new lease. We're still waiting to hear from Laura.
- Insurance
 - Motion to leave as is. In November, options were presented. Option 2 to leave the insurance 'as is' for 2021 was agreed on. Council will research options that fit the needs of SRG.
- Garden Access During Covid
 - Covid 19 restrictions that are in place will continue. Council will look into more covid-friendly signs to freshen up the current signage.
- New Business
 - Work bee Sunday, April 11th from 10 am – 12 noon.

Next Meeting: to be announced at a later date

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm