

Prospect Heights Farm

April Meeting

April 12, 2008, 2 pm

Minutes compiled by Traci Nottingham and Jean Kahler

In Attendance:

Lisa Watkins\*  
Stan Baum  
Kayla Schwarz (presiding)  
Frances Norwood  
Karrie Cornel\*  
Tanja Vulin\*  
Philip Silva  
James Goldstein\*  
Patricia Slee  
Redelia Nottingham  
Traci Nottingham (took notes)  
Lauri Kilpatrick  
Aldo Mendoza  
Catherine Orrock  
Kate Skeelee\*  
Jessica Ling\*  
Rosemary Palms  
Elizabeth Howart\*  
Jillian Gladstone\*  
Nicole Gates\*  
Ben  
James Kendred  
Torild Strey  
Jean Kahler (took notes)  
Akiko Kato  
Joey DeLeo

\*New member

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### **Introductions**

Lots of new and familiar faces.

### **Dues Reminder:**

Dues are now, well, due. All members should pay Stan. Dues are \$5-25, pay what you can.

### **Compost Compartment Reminder:**

Please do not leave plastic bags, etc., by the compost bins after you bring in your scraps. Compost donations should be added to the bin to the far left. Please then turn the compost.

### **Explanation of Open Hours:**

In keeping with our agreement with Green Thumb, the garden will have open hours this season on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays (same schedule as last season). Calendars for April and May were circulated and later posted in the bulletin box. Members who have not signed up for hours in April and May should sign up on the posted calendars so that they get credit for open hours worked. More than one member may sign up for a given shift.

### **Review of Open Hours Requirements for Box-holding Members**

As voted last spring, members who hold boxes must:

- Work at least one open-hours slot per month (6 total)

### **Open Hours Requirements for Non-Box-Holding Members (who wish to remain on the waiting list for a box)**

Work at least one open-hours shift every other month (3 total)

Jean K. Will compile a list of all requirements for members and post them in the garden.

### **Officer Nominations**

Co-treasurer (Stan will stay on for a season to help): Phil & Esther

BQLT Reps: Carl & Liz (together)

Secretary: Traci & Jean K. (together)

Co-coordinator: Joey & Virginia

Box Coordinator: Redelia

All agree to elect all nominated except for Co-coordinators. Virginia, Joey, Esther not present (*Joey arrived later*), but are provisionally accepted until they can say no in person.

### **New Bed Rule proposal**

Kayla proposes a new rule for bed-holding members:

A bed-holders may “sublet” their beds for not more than one season to the next person on the bed waiting list, in the even that the bed-holding member is unable to garden for one season. Motion seconded and passed by majority vote.

### **Discussion of potential changes in bed-allotment**

Kayla introduced a discussion of other ways to allot garden space in future years. Some gardens allow members to maintain beds for only a set number of years before they automatically rotate to others waiting. Some gardens do not have private beds at all but only communal vegetable space, shared by all members.

Those interested in further discussion of changes to the bed-allotment system are invited to research these and/or other models, and to present their findings or proposals at the next meeting.

### **Discussion of rule enforcement**

The garden voted on requirements for bed-holding members last spring, including voting on penalties. Group consensus was that those penalties should be enforced. (No vote taken.)

### **Street Tree Boxes**

Phil, who is taking a class on street tree care, volunteered to take over care of the street tree boxes from Jean K., who happily accepted.

Those interested in caring for street trees throughout the neighborhood should email Phil for more information: [philip.silva@gmail.com](mailto:philip.silva@gmail.com)

### **May 1st Tilling Reminder**

All bed-holding members must till their beds by May 1st.

**Next Meeting is Saturday, May 3rd, at 2pm in the garden. Raindate is Sunday.**