

Governing Body Meeting

Wed. March 17, 2010 6:00- 8:00 pm

Attendees : Akiko, Jeff S., Virginia, Ruth M., Jon Pope, Phil S., Catherine, Traci, Will L. , Maria S. & Lisa W. via phone; Jon presiding

Agenda: Winter Meeting minutes need to be revised as there are a few errors; comprehensive Member Directory & recipe swap; reinforcing the New Member process; Box holders compliance.

Member Directory: Various means were considered to accomplish this. In the end, Phil agreed to update the Directory via the info provided on dues envelopes and then send the Directory via email to the members of the garden. The Directory will not be posted on the website! Paper copies will be made available to those without computers.

General Meetings & Membership process: following up the March General meeting the following measures will be implemented; Sign-in sheet will circulate General meetings for the first 1/2 hour only; Dues will be collected in the preprinted envelopes only and members will get receipts in return; New members, only after attending the meeting & paying dues will then get orientation & then their new key (in that order). Virginia volunteers to get receipt book & attendance sign- in book.

Box moves: Another legacy item that was been left out of the 2008 rules is "Members who already have a box & wish to move to another location will have priority according to their seniority in the garden." This will be presented again to the garden for a vote. Process for future box moves was also presented: Box moves for current box holders will be sorted by seniority then by cut off date.

Consideration of Box Holding members:

Meredith's request for box loan & waiver of open hours requirements was granted; Patricia's request for box lending & waiver of open hours requirements was granted. Audrey will be quitting the Garden (shares with Johanna). Meredith however is sharing a box (with Diana) and therefore, according to her place on the Box waiting list will get a full box assigned & then it will be lent out this season. (Half box assignments of 4x8's will be eventually eliminated.)

Delinquent Members:

for Dues: Carl, Joey

for Meetings: Carl, Hanakyle

for Open Hours: Val 10 hrs, Joey 12.5 hrs, Diana 13 hrs, James K. 1.5 hrs, Carl 2 hrs, Ruth 15 hrs, Hanakyle 14.5 hrs, Meredith 13.5 hrs, Laurie 14 hrs, Catherine 14 hrs, Kayla 9.5 hrs, Patricia 10.75 hrs, Maria 5hrs, Cookie 7 hrs

Note: these are open hours only, any service hours outside of open hours may not be reflected in the tally.

Discussions ensued whether or not we should a) drop the Open hours requirement from consideration (rules are rules) and b) as there had been no communication with the members noted there may be extenuating circumstances that prevented them fulfilling their requirements that could be considered by the GB.

Eventually it was deemed there was too much discrepancy in 2009 open hours accounting a motion was accepted to discard open hours as a criteria **for this year only**. A read-only Google Document will be created to have a real time accounting of open & service hours so that members can easily track their status during the season rather than at the end of the season thereby eliminating surprises (Akiko & Will). Announcements will also be made at general meetings.

Letters will be sent via email & USPS.

Joey - send a letter to pay dues for last year & this year, otherwise lose box- unanimous

Hanakyle- send letter regarding meetings non- compliance resulting in loss of box- 10 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstention

Carl- send a letter regarding dues & meetings non- compliance resulting in loss of box- 10 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstention

Maria, Jon & Virginia volunteered to draft the letters to the delinquent Box holders & they will then be reviewed by the GB before sending them out.

The next GB meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 2010.

GB Meeting - Sat Mar. 27, 2010 Noon. Jon P., Ruth, Traci, Lisa, James Goldstein, Virginia

Agenda: Vote on James K. receiving letter for abandoning box.

Review of last GB meeting; at this time we are not considering extenuating circumstances unless a person requests a hearing.

Send letter to James Kendred because of abandonment of bed - 5 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstention