

In attendance:

Lisa Watkins (co-presiding)
 Johanna Bauman
 Joey DeLeo
 Ruth Manning
 Geoffrey Amend **
 Elissa Edgerton Black **
 Mark Jaffe
 Nora Reilly **
 Melissa Atwood
 Mara Gittleman

Liz Neves
 Ella Morganlander
 Rosemary Palms
 Eric Dryden **
 Laurie Kilpatrick
 Valentine Douglas
 Meredith Slopen
 Jamie McClelland
 Sheridan Black **
 Jean Kahler

Kayla Schwartz
 Lynn Armentrout
 Silke Torras
 Akosua Albriton
 Catherine Orrok
 Traci Nottingham (took notes)
 Jon Pope (co-presiding)
 Jennifer Richman

** -new members

Announcements, Updates and Discussions:

Introductions round robin ; Our primary focus as Garden members is to keep the garden open to the community a minimum of 20 hours per week. Please sign up for scheduled Open Hours on the calendar posted in the bulletin board case. Regarding the Open Access Hours proposal this past April, keeping the Garden open outside of Scheduled Open Hours will not count towards Service Hours, however the info documented will give a good indication of when we should schedule Open Hours to work with people's schedules, so it is strongly encouraged that you sign the list when you are present with the gate open. Service Hours required are 18 hours for box holders and 9 hours for non- box holders per season.

Brooklyn Bears are having their 30th Anniversary Celebration at all three of the Bears Gardens locations tomorrow Sept. 12, 2010.

Ratification of August's minutes- 19 aye, 0 nay, 6 abstain

Treasury Report : Johanna- no new info; excepting last month's dues balance is the same no new expenditures or additions (except dues).

Open Space Institute update : Jon- We are going through the process to be fiscally sponsored by OSI. We are awaiting their approval of our application. OSI's next Board Meeting is Sept. 22, 2010 and if we are approved we will discuss further then vote whether or not to accept them or not later on. A round of applause was given for Johanna's efforts.

Drip Irrigation reinstall in the front Communal Areas- in the April meeting we voted to re-install the drip irrigation system or donate it to another garden by November. James G. was not able to lead that effort this summer, but is still enthusiastically interested if members are. After discussion, there is interest to keep & install the system in the Spring - 26 aye 1 nay 0 abstention. Liz & Lynn agreed to participate & James G. will put out a call for additional volunteers as well. Thanks to Akosua and all those who have watered this hot summer!

Compost Update: Johanna -thanks to Val, Jessica, Lynn, Liz & Grace in cleaning up the compost system. Regarding CSA compost pick-up: because P.S. 9's schoolyard is closed and the CSA compost can't get up the stairs, the CSA people will drop off compost directly in the garden on Thursday evenings. Grace is getting signs to explain how to compost & "Finished Compost". Finished compost is available now in the 'muncher'; the piles in the back are still breaking down. Liz has been collecting sawdust from Audrey's old source. Jon was asked if we were going to participate in the Leaf Collection this year; only if we can shred the leaves as they come in. Stored leaves that got wet were very hard to cut up, but if we got our own mower it could work out. We borrowed a leaf shredder but it really couldn't handle wet leaves. Discussions continued on the sort of mower to get- since gas mowers have too many emissions, need gas, are noisy and need maintenance we decided to get an electric mower for about \$250-300 (about the same as a gas mower). Catherine suggested we have a Compost Give-Away as people brought in leaves. If we are going to collect, it will be soon time to post flyers. Motion for Compost team to buy an electric mower if we participate in Leaf collection this year - 24 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstentions. Johanna invites all to join the Compost Team. Jean requested again that a step be made for easier access into the

compost bins' flip lids. Elissa suggested a woodworking class that needs a civic project that may be able to help. Round of applause to the Compost Team for their efforts.

Master Gardener Updates : Catherine - Again, thanks to those who were diligent in watering and keeping the garden green this summer through the hot periods. We should also schedule a Fall Pruning and Garden Cleanup day soon. Traci - As per Mara's email to the listserve the Campus Road Garden at Bklyn College is closing & giving away all their plants. We can get several for the Flower Cutting Bed project and a few other spots in the garden as we are quite full already. Val volunteered to drive. Compost Field trips are available at the NY Restoration Project's compost facility in L.I.C. if anyone is interested, contact Johanna. The Communal Flower Cutting Bed is open to anyone who wishes to have flowers, however like the other Communal areas, please leave some for others. Round of applause to the Master Gardeners for their efforts.

Service Hours: Jon on behalf of Akiko- Please sign up for Open Hours to keep the garden open to the public. Visitors are welcome to walk around. If a member is leaving the garden, visitors should leave also.

Farming Concrete update: Mara- the Farming Concrete project is logging how much produce is being grown in NYC's Community Gardens. Soon the logs will be picked up for the mid-season report. The data collected will be good to demonstrate to elected officials how good Community Gardens are for the city (hard data vs. anecdotal evidence) which will also help inform policy. Also a link to the Farming Concrete Map (showing gardens, amenities, crops grown, etc.) was sent to the listserve recently; please give Mara feedback on content, map usability, etc.

Lisa created a new Open Hours sign up calendar to pass around. Please sign up for a 2 hour slot. Akosua asked how can we find out how many Service Hours we have done & how many more we have to do? Jon explained that a tracking template has been created but does not know if it is ready. Email the listserve & Akiko will answer. The log is supposed to appear on the website so members can keep track of what they need to accomplish. Service Hrs required are 9 for non-box holders per season, 18 for box holders. Jean asked how did the Open Hours for box holders get to be 18 hours? It used to be 6 times a year which should be 12 hours. Jon noted that our Bylaws currently read 18 & 9 hours and any changes can be addressed at the Winter Meeting. Traci added that in addition to Service hours requirements, members must attend 3 meetings per season too (March - Nov.) and issued a mid-season Attendance Report. Traci explained that the discrepancy probably came with the Rules Committee's revisions (in 2008). At the time Open Hours shifts were 3 hours each and 6 times per yr x 3 hours = 18. Now that Open Hours are 2 hours each there is a mis-match.

Box Coordinator report: Ruth - Box Waiting Lists for 2009 and 2010 and Box Map are available and are posted in the shed. New Members can refer to these to see where they are on the waiting List and everyone can see where member's boxes are. Also, today's new members who wish to be on the Box Waiting list should sign in with Ruth after the meeting. Round of applause to Ruth for her efforts.

Community Event scheduling: Pumpkin Smash Potato Bake Bash - Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 2pm - 5pm Rain date Nov 7, 2010 2- 5 pm. In addition to last month's arrangements, Ruth also offered to do Pumpkin Painting with kids (with pumpkins donated from Kings County Nursery). Contact the listserve if you wish to bring something else (refreshments, desserts, etc). Marcy also volunteered to do tarot card readings for donations to benefit the Garden. Lisa requests all the creative & talented members of the garden bring items for fundraising - e.g. jewelry, herbal sachets, etc.

Jen R. noted that we have gotten some press recently; doing an article about Brooklyn Community Gardens, Discover Magazine came and took pictures of our garden.

Next Meeting: Saturday October 16, 2010 11:00 a.m. Rain date Sunday Oct. 17, 2010 11:00 a.m.

minutes taken & typed by Traci Nottingham, Secretary