

Lochiel Park Community Garden Committee Meeting

7:30-9:00pm, Monday February 19th 2018

at John's place

MINUTES

Present: Jenny Bates (President), John Miller, Rayna Schofield, Andrew Adair, Peter (Treasurer) and Julie Larsson, Judy Parker, Katherine Packer (Secretary)

1. Welcome

2. Apologies: Di Sullivan

3. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising

Minutes were moved by Jenny, seconded by Johnw as a true and correct record

2.1 Action items arising from previous minutes were discussed and comments made as follows:

Action Item 1: Completed – (email/facebook re wicking bed working bees)

Action Item 2: Completed – (email reminder about bee hotel making event) See 8.1 below

Action Item 3: Completed – (Inform Bunnings re theft of wheelbarrows) See 8.2.2 below

4. Membership update

Franc and Allison Gaspersic now have plot 28, Josephine Antonino has changed to plot 11. Barb Dickensg has given up her plot (31 which we have planted to cucumbers). Julie will send flowers to Barb (re Chris). The conversion to wicking beds by members is still in progress. Vacant plots were discussed and it was decided that we would not convert spare plots to wicking beds due to the inequity in cost.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1. Accounts: Working - \$877.86 Project - \$8952.64

5.2. Shelter: Chris the builder (local approached by Peter) is not interested in the job. Peter tabled 3 quotes ranging from \$16300 to over \$20000 which is above what our expectations had been for the shelter. Judy mentioned the quote for the Ripples awning from Apex Steel Home Improvements and it was decided to approach this company and possible go through Council as Ripples had done. John will also contact Neville Weber for suggestions.

6. Workplace Health and Safety

6.1. On the (date ?) Anna Fantasia was in the garden and approached a couple who were not members but taking produce. The woman was known to Anna (resident in the units) and had been in the garden previously (and spoken to by Jenny about stealing produce). The woman had a knife and Anna ran from the garden and called the police. According to witnesses, several police cars arrived but no members of the garden committee were contacted so no further action has been taken. Security was further discussed (see 8.2 below).

6.2. Tools in the buckets in the shed: The number of tools has increased and is a safety hazard in the buckets. It was decided to rearrange the shed and create hanging space for the tools in the buckets and move the fertiliser out of the shed to store in large plastic storage boxes. Jenny to investigate boxes and clips for hanging tools. Further discussion on design at the next working bee.

7. Working Bee Task List

7.1. Cut out banana stalks

7.2. Remove all nets

7.3. Prune blackberries

7.4. Trim bushes and tidy verge

7.5. Tidy driveway and remove bushes (to be replaced with rosemary hedge)

7.6. Remove suckers from curry tree

7.7. Design hanging space for tools

7.8. Discuss repair for plots 7,8

8. Other Business

- 8.1. **Bee hotel making event:** Called off due to inclement weather. Katherine attending the Bee B'n'B event on Feb 22nd and will report back before we reschedule our event.
- 8.2. **Garden security:**
 - 8.2.1. It was decided that we need to keep one-sided lock for safety/speed on possible need to exit the garden.
 - 8.2.2. It seems the red wheelbarrow is now missing and it was decided to chain the barrows up near the shed. Rayna to bring chain to next working bee and ways to chain the barrows up to be investigated. Approached by John (re theft of wheelbarrows), Bunnings was once again very generous in giving us a \$250 voucher. One wheelbarrow has been purchased leaving \$130 to spend.
 - 8.2.3. The use of fake cameras was discussed again and the possibility of using Monica's balcony as a site. No decision was made.
 - 8.2.4. The majority of the pumpkins are also missing. We are not sure if this is due to members or theft but it was decided that the rules of the garden need to be revisited and possibly amended to ensure members know when to pick communal produce. Possibly create a brief 'etiquette' form to be sent out with fees once a year to all members to be signed and returned. (Jenny/Katherine to draft)
- 8.3. **Urban Agriculture Network:** Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February were community events focused on Urban agriculture in Adelaide hosted by UniSA Urban Ag Lab, CQUniversity, Adelaide and Mt. Lofty NRM Board. Katherine and Jenny attended (tickets paid for my CCC). While the context of the events was not directly relevant to LPCG, it did establish the need to revisit the aims/direction of the garden in its current form.

9. **Next Meeting :** Meeting closed at 9:25pm. Next meeting 19th March at Rayna's place

ACTION ITEMS arising from meeting

ACTION ITEM 1	Julie to send flowers to Barb
ACTION ITEM 2	Rayna to bring chain to working bee
ACTION ITEM 3	Jenny to investigate cost of plastic storage crates for fertiliser/ clasps for hanging tools
ACTION ITEM 4	Jenny/Katherine to draft rules/etiquette form ?

ATTACHMENT

7.2 amended for Minutes of committee meeting held 9th October 2017

7.2. Bees: (amended) Julie, Peter, Pam and Ken have completed a beekeeping course. Julie has purchased a hive for herself and is happy to share knowledge with the garden community when she has gained some experience. Pam is keen to have a hive in the garden but liability/registration issues need to be addressed first.