

Lochiel Park Community Garden Committee Meeting

7:30-9:00pm, Monday April 9th 2018

at Julie and Peter's place

MINUTES

Present: Jenny Bates (President), John Miller, Peter (Treasurer) and Julie Larsson, , Andrew Adair, Judy Parker

1. Welcome

2. Apologies: Di Sullivan, Rayna Schofield, Katherine Packer (Secretary)

3. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising

Minutes were moved John, seconded by Peter as a true and correct record

ACTION ITEM 1

Rayna to bring chain for wheelbarrows to next working bee - Ongoing

ACTION ITEM 2

Peter to check requirements in shed for tool rack – Completed. Thanks to Bruce R and Peter for construction of the tool rack. Materials at hand were used. It is very functional and easy to use, also much safer

ACTION ITEM 3

Jenny to purchase seedlings for working bee – Completed. Some planted out, the rest potted up and being cared for by Jenny at home to be planted in clover-leaf bed once wicking bed conversion completed

Action Item 4: Ongoing (review of garden aims/info for new members at AGM?) – Ongoing from last meeting

Action Item 5: Fertilizer purchased from Neutrog

4. Membership update

- Pam (MIL of possible new member) and her husband visited last working bee. No application received as yet
- Barb has confirmed that she will give up her plot for now (#31)
- #7 and #8 still available
- Frank and Alison #29 – busy renovating their home garden. Plan to install a wicking bed
- Rod #28 – has been under plastic for over 12 months. Jenny to contact to discuss if he can plant it up or not.
- Pam and Ken will be offered a second bed with considerations decided previously – Jenny to contact
- Plot #1 (disability plot) seem to be challenges in finding a suitable group. Peter to contact COMPASS group worker (group leasing plot #5)
- Jenny to discuss promotion of vacant plots on website and Facebook with Katherine

5. Treasurer's Report

1. Accounts: Working - \$1021.79 Project - \$8952.64
2. Fee reminders have been sent out – good response to invoices so far
3. Books to be audited in time for AGM

6. Workplace Health and Safety

1. Jenny disturbed a black snake in one of the compost bays. We thought once this current spell of hot weather over, snakes will head into hibernation. No need for sign to be put up.

7. Working Bee Task List

1. Plant coriander and dill seeds in the vacant blueberry bed as a trial to see how they grow there. Jenny to buy dill seed – Andrew has coriander seed
2. Finish clover-leaf shape bed conversion to wicking bed
3. Harvest rest of pumpkins. Jenny to bring the pumpkins harvested last time to the working bee with a cutting board and gladwrap to share out. Priority to those who attend working bees or do other work regularly.
4. Fertilize fruit trees. Jenny to make an info sign re use of fertilizers to be put under lid of box
5. Garlic to be planted in back bed, and possibly plot #1, Andrew to buy garlic
6. Pull out pumpkin and zucchini plants and chop for compost or green bin if diseased
7. Check for gall wasp again and light prune to citrus if needed
8. Espalier cherry trees. Andrew to buy suitable wire ties
9. Discuss way forward for planting boxes in front of fruit trees -? replace or remove? convert to wicking beds? placement of beds? Material to use? – we have had some more timber donated to the garden. May be CCA treated pine - prefer not to use in contact with garden beds or soil due to possible arsenic leaching. Noted research found greatest danger to small children who play on treated timber and then put hands in mouth etc.

8. Other Business

1. **Native Bee Hotel event:** CCC is organising an event for Sun July 1st to make a structure for the butterfly garden area in LP as part of the plan to have them all along the Torrens. Jenny to send out info when available.
2. **AGM:** date set for May 27th after the working bee. Katherine to organise paperwork for nominations etc, and notify membership. Peter to work towards completion of audit of financial records.
3. **Shelter:** John seeking info from the builder of his house. Peter to seek a quote from Apex – Judy to email details. Noted that Dave P knows appropriate people in council to contact re getting council to make payments so we can be GST exempt.
4. **Bunnings vouchers:** John still has vouchers – he will purchase a couple of good quality garden forks, and hose nozzles, pruning saw if man=ey left, otherwise these could go on ‘wish list’

Action Item 1	Rayna to bring chain for wheelbarrows to W/B
Action Item 2	Jenny to contact Rod re plot
Action Item 3	Jenny to contact Pam re extra plot Peter to contact COMPASS re disability plots
Action Item 4	Jenny and Katherine to promote vacant plots on website and Facebook
Action Item 5	Jenny to produce fertilizer guide for box
Action Item 6	Jenny to buy dill seed
Action Item 7	John to buy forks with Bunnings vouchers
Action Item 8	Katherine to notify members re AGM and send out appropriate forms.
Action Item 9	Andrew to buy wire for espalier, garlic bulbs, provide coriander seeds
Action Item 10	Peter to contact Apex re quote for shelter, John to follow up with his house builder

Next meeting: 7.30 pm May 21st at Jenny's place