

Banff Greenhouse Gardening Society AGM

Oct. 17, 2014

Board members in attendance: Bob Lutz, Audrey Frey, Lorraine Harder, Magda Idasz, Anna Powell, Chad Townsend, Fran & Wayne Milburn, Mari Hirota, (Eustace's wife), Mike Robinson, Pam Traut, Mia Lauzon, Steve Woolard

Finances

- Bottle money from Cascade Mall has run dry. Fran will contact Iris to find out whether she is still interested in doing the runs.
- Look into the bottle depot picking up the bottles for us... Next board to sort it out
- Most subtractions from the budget came from the new beds on the rooftop
- Pam Traut & (?) to sign off on the budget

Clean up duties

- Close the vents before the snow
- Clean out plots that will be reassigned, clean out/tidy up ones that are carrying over

New Ideas

- Move the AGM to the spring?
 - Agreed not to. Leave it in the fall. Have a kick off party in the spring. Pam is keen to spearhead the project.
- Garden maintenance at midseason. Pam also interested to take this on. Choose a date before the season starts.
- As part of having a plot, you must volunteer for certain duties throughout the season. What would these duties be?
- How can we improve the social committee and create interest?
- Shall we have a longer term plot option available?
 - 5 years? Too long? Not mandatory, make it clear.
 - Closed club?
 - 50/50 on short and long term plots in both greenhouses?
 - Email to find out who's interested in more time on a plot
 - New board to figure out in the new season
 - Expectations from TOB of being fair and open to community
 - It's obvious that another facility is necessary
 - (-Canmore has individual plots that are your own. Also, there's a community garden to trade goods. They have 'teams' with leaders and consult amongst the group. It's a way to involve more people.)
- Rec Grounds new master plan on display now at town hall. What this means for our greenhouse is:
 - a/move the greenhouse
 - b/add another greenhouse
 - Town of Banff is still looking at giving more land. We would need to fundraise.
 - The condition on the free land is to create community. Long term vs. short term
 - Cascade Mall's expectations: they wanted more community (people moving through, social sustainability of the community)

-Greenhouse mission/vision:

- What do we want?
- Gardening for all? Or for some over longer time periods?
- Community: what does that mean to us?
- Gardening for seniors: Mt. Edith?
- Drop some of the boxes off their feet in the rec grounds to allow for heat transfer from the ground in the winter.
- Outdoor plots- more fundraising for more new beds (5 more) (about \$700 each)
- Rain collection:
 - We didn't buy the greenhouse with eavestroughs.
 - Where would we store the water that does come down?
 - Insignificant amount of water compared to what we actually need
 - Concerns of pests/mosquitoes etc in the rain barrels

Plants

- Bok choy, tomatoes, cucumbers did well
- Broccoli did not do well
- Peas had a disease in the rec ground
- Tomato seeds to be started in the greenhouse this coming season
- Contact Heather Dempsey for seed survey?
- New board to speak about the pest problem and how to handle it

New Greenhouse

- Interest continues to grow
- Chad mentioned to keep ears open for grants to build the third greenhouse.
- YWCA is interested in building a greenhouse but options are changing.

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