

Banff Greenhouse Gardening Society AGM

November 6, 2013

Board Members In Attendance: Bob Lutz, Fran Milburn, Audrey Frey, Lorraine Harder, Magda Idasz, Connie Brill

Budget:

- Bank balance \$6,274.32
- Still need to pay Rec ground water bill (~\$100) and website fees (<\$100)
- We can expect an approximate \$2400 balance from here on in (coming from plot fees, application fees etc.).
- Bottle returns will have to be looked at. The reason for returning recyclables from the Cascade food court is to collect money to cover the insurance costs (~\$1100). If we exceed this amount, the money can be put in to the reserve fund or put towards new projects.
- Panels will need replacing (approx every 8 years) on each greenhouse. We need a reserve fund for this. Something to think about for the future.
- 2 people to sign off on the budget: Iris and ?

Bottle Return at Cascade Plaza:

- Ideas are needed. Should there be a sign up sheet for weekly returns throughout the summer?
- Iris has volunteered to do it through the winter, but as a back up plan (as this is quite the dirty job) we can work with the bottle depot trucks. Have them pick up for us for a \$25 fee and see if this is something we would like to carry on with throughout the summer.

Cascade Greenhouse

- Who wants to stay?
 - Who wants to change greenhouses?
 - We will adopt the same system as we did at the Rec grounds, having 50% of folks able to stay on for a second year from the original lottery winners, (optional. If we exceed the 50% then there will be a separate lottery to find out who will keep plots) and have a new lottery for the second half (previous plot holders that did not win in the original lottery can re-apply) to ensure there are some folks with experience in the greenhouse. From this season on, lottery winners will be able to keep plot for 2 years.
 - Drain issues are still prevalent. We will have to readdress this. Bob reapplied caulking 2 weeks ago with no avail. Any ideas?
 - Get quotes for
 1. Raised floor
 2. Another drain
 3. Tarring the outside to keep the water out.
 - Winter Gardening: Pam and Kasia will do a test run this winter to see if anything will grow.
- ### Problems:
- Aphids near the end of the season, but did not seem to have an infestation
 - Purchase metal hangers for the hanging pots and/or rope to hang them properly

-Too much compostable material being left to rot inside the greenhouse. From this point on, folks will be responsible for taking out their own compost. We will put signs up reminding people of where the bins are.

Outdoor beds at Cascade Greenhouse:

- Small project, lower costs. Do we want cold frames (Hoop tunnels)? Hinged plastic covers that are attached to the box to avoid blowdowns/aways?
- Limits what we can grow but still gives options to community to garden.
- Make beds available to non-greenhouse plot holders
- Everyone wants a piece of land. General consensus at the meeting is to put the money in to more gardening spaces, including outdoors.

Rec Grounds Greenhouse:

Problems:

- 1 mouse in the beets, no end result. Anyone know what happened to the little guy?
- Fix up the path with more recycled asphalt. Spring project.

Soil:

- Consensus is good. More compost needed every year and maybe having some available throughout the growing season.

Derelict Plots

- What can we do? Ideas?
- Contact the board to contact the plot holder.
- Once a plot holder has given up on the plot, it's generally too late to give the plot to someone new. Items may need to be pulled out to avoid pest infestation. More to come on this, in the new season.

Other things:

- Speaker series, community programs, events. Who wants to help? Kasia, Pam, Kirstie.
- Call out for a volunteer or volunteers that know their gardening info to give out email address for questions from gardeners...
- Forum/Blog on website
- Mid season clean up to get people together and involved?
- Once a month meet up at each of the greenhouses, again to get people together and talking.
- BBQ, Community Potluck, other food related events to get people out and talking.

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