

## Eco Gardeners January 15, 2024 Minutes of Meeting

### 1. Quorum

23 members were in attendance, constituting a quorum (10 required).

### 2. Minutes of December Meeting

The minutes of the December 2023 meeting were read and approved.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

a. Opening Balance	\$2149.56
b. Income	\$150.00 (dues, deposits)
c. Expenses	<u>\$169.68</u> (vole traps, website annual fees, hose washers)
d. Closing Balance	\$2129.88

### 4. Old Business

Reminder that the annual dues (\$25) are due to be paid by January 31.

### 5. New Business

Plot Wood Replacement Update:

- The board is scheduled to meet with Shannon Prince on January 24. The items to be raised for discussion is to request that OTOW address the following items:
  - 1.1. Wood replacement around plots. 2" x 8" two layers high.
  - 1.2. Plumbing additions, to be able to drain each plot's water line during periods of freezing weather
  - 1.3. Install an Owl Box, at least 12' high near garden for the purpose of mitigating voles and other small animals
  - 1.4. Pot hole repair of the entry driveway

Sonic Vole Traps

- A discussion was held regarding user's experience with the sonic vole traps purchased by the club. The comments are noted below.
  - 1.5. The traps are working and appear to be effective.
  - 1.6. The club has additional traps available and can be provided upon request
  - 1.7. The club should consider installing an owl box to mitigate adverse effect of small animals (see item 5.1.3 above)

### 6. Remarks for the Good of the Club

- The disposition of excess harvest was raised for discussion. Meals on Wheels was suggested, as well as local churches.
- The following plants are being started from seed, per the club's more experienced members:
  - a. Tomatoes
  - b. Peppers
  - c. Cucumbers
  - d. Eggplant
- The possibility of relocating the main gate to the middle of the garden plot for the purpose of expanding the number of individual garden plots was raised. The board will take this issue under advisement.
- Pat Morrison will investigate the possibility of obtaining pine straw for mulching the garden plots.