

Eco Gardeners Club Meeting Minutes May 20, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm. A Quorum 11 members were in attendance, constituting a quorum (10 required).

2. The minutes of the March 2024 meeting were read and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Opening Balance \$2725.59
- b. Income \$50.00 (dues)
- c. Expenses \$128.26 (picnic table, returned deposit, potluck supplies)
- d. Closing Balance \$2647.33

4. Old Business

- a) Dave reviewed the current policy regarding the use of garden plots: You are expected to garden on a regular basis, if you are away someone must take care of your garden. There will be exceptions made for inactivity during June, July and August because of the difficulty of growing during these months. Otherwise, you risk losing your plot. There was a motion that the policies and procedures be revised to spell out this regulation. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b) There will be no club meeting in June, July or August. Our next meeting will be September 16.
- c) Dave gave an update on wood replacement – no current progress. He will continue to try to move things along with OTOW. He reminded members that they can request repairs through Resident Services.
- d) The wheelbarrow misuse was discussed as well as non-members roaming in the garden. Richard Kerski volunteered to make some more prominent signs. It was suggested that we consider/discuss locks and/or cameras.
- e) It was suggested that we consider getting a shed for tools. Richard Kerski said that he will keep his eyes open for one.

5. New Business

- a) We now have a picnic table with a donated umbrella
- b) There are newly donated tools. The weed whacker will be given away.
- c) We have the Pool Pavilion reserved for October 14 for another Potluck. That is the 2nd Monday in October. We will decide in September if there will still be a regular October meeting.

6. Remarks for the Good of the Club

- a) Frank Campagna did a presentation to the group regarding growing onions – how to plant and when to harvest. He also shared data that he received at a Master Gardener's meeting warning that manures such as Black Kow often contain herbicides and can kill your plants.
- b) Members were asked to sign up to share their knowledge at future meetings. Only Phil stepped up
- c) Phil said that he has seeds for ground cover that he is willing to share
- d) There was a general discussion of insects in the garden and methods of controlling them.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20