

Eco Gardeners November 20, 2023 Minutes of Meeting

1. Quorum

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

2. Minutes of May Meeting

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

3. Treasurer's Report

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| a. Opening Balance | \$1987.07 |
| b. Income | \$ 200.00 |
| c. Expenses | <u>\$ 137.94</u> (deposits returned, tire, birdbath, potluck supplies) |
| d. Closing Balance | \$2087.64 |

4. Old Business

- Unused/Unmaintained Plots: 7 plots were re-claimed and assigned to new owners. Some people on the waitlist declined to own a plot when offered. The waitlist has been reduced to 5 people.
- Replacement of Garden Plot Wood: All members interested in requesting OTOW to replace the rotted wood were encouraged to sign the petition to OTOW by the end of the meeting.
- Webpage Modifications: The contact/Join pages were modified to provide the club's email address for interest persons to be able to contact the club. A motion was made to modify the plot map to indicate the first & last name of each plot owner – the motion passed unanimously. The board was requested to provide an update monthly regarding issues raised to the club via email.
- Nominations for December 2023 Elections: Members were advised that nominations will be closed at the end of the November 2023 meeting. Anyone desiring to run for office was encouraged to write their name on the nominations sheet. Elections will be held at the December meeting 2023 meeting.
- At Large Board Members: At Large board members will be appointed by the club president to serve on a rotating basis.

New Business

- The problem of moles/voles in the garden plots was discussed. Members noted that Voles are always a problem, while most moles are actually beneficial. Members did not want to use chemicals at this time, preferring other methods to remove voles. A motion was made to spend up to \$50.00 to purchase vole traps. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remarks for the Good of the Club

- The shoe cleaning brush at the plots has gone missing, but will be replaced.
- Phil Karcheski is working on obtaining a speaker from the UF Extension for an upcoming meeting.
- Only club members are allowed in the garden plot area. Any non-members should be politely request to leave the plot area.
- Water leaks at individual plots should be shut off & reported to the board at the club's email address: gardenc58@gmail.com.
- The plot luck get together was fabulous (including the pumpkin pie).
- The pothole at the entrance to the garden plot was briefly discussed. The board will look into this with OTOW.
- OTOW fence cleaning has damaged some plots on the periphery of the garden area. The board will request OTOW to advise when they plan to clean fences to allow members to provide protection from the power washer spray.
- Members requiring seeds (including rare seeds) might find them online at "Rare Seeds". A link will be provided on the club website.
- Members that are having a problem with bugs/diseases in their plot should contact Phil Karcheski via the club email (gardenc58@gmail.com) to determine causes & possible solutions.