

Call to Order: 1:15

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements from the President

The club has 2 new members. All plots are filled. We have 5 or 6 people on the waiting list.

The president spoke with a supervisor from maintenance to make sure they were not having any problems. Maintenance reports no problems.

OTOW rules supersede our rules. The requirement that we have nothing on the outside of the plots is a requirement from OTOW. The restriction on lattices in the garden is a requirement from OTOW.

Hive Report – Leslie presented a report on the status of the hive.

She is working to change the physical structure of the hives. She has combined the previous two hives into one and will work to get another Queen for the second hive.

Leslie has harvested honey and passed some out to members as they signed in.

Minutes

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

April 2026

4/1/2026		
Opening Balance		\$6,301.69
Dues/Deposits collected	\$100.00	\$6,401.69
Expenditures- No Dog Sign	\$10.72	\$6,390.97
Deposit Refund- Caron	\$25.00	\$6,365.97
Reserve for Deposits	\$2,050.00	\$4,315.97

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Old Business:

The proposed changes to rule 11 of the Policies and Procedures were briefly discussed.

Proposed Additions to Rule 11.

- a. **All metal fence posts in and around the garden plot that measure 4 ft. or less must be capped with a protective device to protect people from injuries**
- b. **Plots that have fencing must have a gate or access point to enter as a matter of safety.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the change. The Change passed.

NB: The secretary will update the Policies and Procedures on the club Wed site to reflect this change.

Remarks for the Good of the Club

The Club will not meet in June, July and August. The next meeting will be Sept. 21st.

There was a discussion on the feasibility of obtaining a shed for tools. The consensus was that OTOW will not support a shed financially. We should consider whether we want or need a shed. Any shed we install will have to meet guidelines from OTOW. We have not yet seen these guidelines. A straw poll indicated that most members think a shed would be a good idea.

A Gopher Tortoise was seen on the fence line. It was recommended it be left alone.

Adjourn and Speaker

Jeremy Rhoden from Marion County Extension presented a talk on Florida Garden Diseases.

The meeting adjourned to the Garden for additional discussion on Plant disease.