

**BEN FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN  
MINUTES OF GARDEN OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** September 20, 2017

**Location:** OBCDC

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Terry opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

In attendance:

Committee members – Jennifer Terry, Mark Tapajna, Mary Ellen Stasek, Elicia Polacek, John Jenkins, Joe Jerdonek, Ken Keckler, Dave Kuebler, Laura Stahl, Lisa Young, Steve Morris, Mike Rompala

Staff – Greg Noeth

**Minutes:**

John moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting and Ken seconded. Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurers Report:**

██████████ balance. Brief summary of fiduciary structure and bookkeeping arrangement. Mark noted that our tax-exempt status at Loew's has expired; Jennifer will alert OBCDC. Laura moved to accept; Mark seconded. Approved.

**Garden Coordinator:**

Greg reviewed the closing procedure. Cleanup days on 10/14 and 10/15 for gardeners who need volunteer hours.

M.A.D. (Make A Difference) Club volunteers picked 500 lbs. of potatoes.

Buckwheat planted in vacated, accessible plots. Will be plowed under.

260 pounds of cover crop purchased.

Honey is in demand and all in the shed is spoken for. Greg has identified an electric 4-frame extractor online for about \$358. Elicia submitted a motion to disburse \$400 for a honey extractor. John amended the wording to "not to exceed \$400" and seconded. Approved.

Mary Ellen inquired about beeswax and Steve inquired about the amount of honey produced. Reserving and reusing wax and honey explained. For reference, honey is \$12 per pound; we have charged \$10 for 12 oz. bottles.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:**

No report from John. Jennifer reported that we netted \$50 after Kim's expenses from the \$75 award from the County Fair.

**Projects Committee:**

Mark has posts and will be working on bins. Will be getting lumber in a couple of weeks. Working on deer-deterring apparatus.

**Governance Committee:**

No new report. Joe inquired about status of the credit card.

**Communications:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

Harvest potluck picnic was held on 9/9 along with Committee elections. Elicia Polacek, Joe Jerdonek, John Jenkins and Steve Morris elected for 3-year terms; Mike Rompala for a 1-year term.

Official introductions of Committee members to new members.

Final Saturday morning coffee was 9/16 with presentation by gardener Kasper on winter seed sowing in plastic jugs.

**New Business:**

Clambake: 67 sold (\$2095 gross, \$1548 cost) so far. Discussion included: liquor license; tents; tables; volunteers; caterer set up at 1pm., serving from 4-6pm.; comping John's dinner for acting as ticket taker; guitarist booked; 50-50 raffle; beverages; kegs and amount to pour and charge; security officer.

Garden closes on 10/14. Survey included with checkout. Discussion of: donation in lieu of volunteer hours; waiting list; additional plots; flyers.

Discussion of fall brush hog, till, cover crop. \$750 allotted. Problem with uncut sweet potato vines, dumped vegetation including infested bean plants in compost.

Summer Sprout renewal received, will be submitted.

Term limits for committee. Mark proposes that we adopt term limits. Discussion of reasons and implications. It would be in line with OBCDC board policy.

Officers will be elected at next meeting. Review of rules. Mark will preside.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Stasek  
Secretary