

SCG minutes 13-Jul-2021 6:33

John Saulle, Joel Hersom, Karen Martel, Bruce Martel, Walter Buczacz, Bertha Dawn

Joel Hersom, Vice-Chair, officiating in the planned absence of the Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. There were not enough Steering committee members for a quorum at the start of the meeting, but it was agreed the June minutes are satisfactory.

The Treasurer, Joel Hersom, reported \$195 for new mid-season rentals. That closes the fiscal year, which ended June 30. Current balance is \$2236.85. The Clynk account balance is \$184.28.

Joel Hersom reported volunteer activity. Nine (9) SCG members have completed their two volunteer hours, four (4) have partially completed, and forty-two (42) have not started.

There was some discussion of the compost. John indicated there is plenty of room in various bins to move compost around.

Gardener of the month was selected. Congratulations to Lynn Tulip, tending to plot 52.

It was agreed that weather, either heat or rain, has slowed painting (and volunteering in general)

The City of Saco has indicated June is a very busy time for Parks and Rec, so they suggested ending paid registration on May 31 rather than June 30 (the end of the fiscal year) as it has been in past years. They suggested a lottery either from current renters or the waiting list. Either way, no charge. The meeting attendees agreed that the waiting list lottery is best. There was no quorum, so no motion was made.

Theia Murphy joined at 6:54. Quorum! Karen moved to accept the minutes, Bruce seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. There was no formal vote on the waiting list lottery, so it will have to be revisited at the next meeting or resolved via email before then, if necessary.

John Saulle was asked if he was interested in being a member at large. After learning what that entails, he agreed. Bruce nominated John for member at large, Karen seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Follow-up: It was noted a day or two later that there were already five members at large, the most provided for by the bylaws. John would be the sixth. The matter will be addressed at the next meeting.

Compost. Bin 3 is mostly empty (a volunteer moved material from 3 to 4 today). There is now at least some room in Bins 1 and 2. Bruce will check it out, then send email.

There was some discussion of Plot 7, which consists of two raised beds. It was intended for use by someone for whom working at ground level is difficult, but has never been rented by a person with that need. John volunteered to plant in the empty one (the bed farthest from the center aisle from the gate to the shed). Karen moved for that to be approved, Theia seconded, and it passed unanimously. The Steering Committee will look for somebody who is interested in other bed, which had been started by a gardener who is unable to tend to it this year.

The next meeting was set for August 10, in the garden if weather permits.

Bertha wondered about an ice cream social. There was some discussion, during which some attendees expressed hesitancy because of Covid. There was no decision. Bruce suggested checking with Saco Parks and Rec first. It was agreed this was the best course. One suggestion was to have an ice cream truck stop by. John will investigate that possibility.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Submitted for the consideration of the Steering Committee by
Bruce Martel,
Temporary Acting Provisional Recording Secretary