

## **BC GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 13, 2019**

### **Financial** (Laurie Leichman)

The club has \$4,800 in the bank. This is a healthy position since we will soon see revenue from member dues for 2020 and our only anticipated 2019 expenses are for Fall planting, the Harvest Dinner and some minor irrigation system supplies.

### **Planting** (Laurie Leichman and Mike Gorman)

If we can clear the two rows at Boulder between the flowers and the sweet peppers, we can plant collards and beets now. Fall greens (i.e., lettuce, spinach, kale, arugula, bok choy) and turnips will follow around Sep 1. Garlic will be planted in October.

We discussed the weed situation at Boulder with a few outside experts to determine possible strategies for clearing the large bed once the squash dies back. We determined that we have a mix of both annual and perennial grasses, some of which aggressively reseed. We need to eliminate the grass before it goes to seed. Tilling is not an option because it will not prevent reseeding. Digging out the grass and excavating is very tough work and will, in the process, remove too much of the good soil that we've worked hard to amend. Burning the grass might be the best option. Our small propane torch is inadequate but Larry Pflum will investigate the cost of buying a larger torch.

### **Fundraising** (Neil Pedersen)

Our Fall fundraiser will be a flower bulb sale with bulbs provided by Tera Ceia Farms, NC. We will offer several single species options and two mixed bulb collections. The sale will run from Sep 30 – Oct 28, and bulbs will be available for pickup at the clubhouse on Nov 14. Leila McKay, Liz Rolison and Laurie Leichman are also on the bulb sale team.

If you would like to get involved, please reach out to one of these team members.

**Social** (Laurie Leichman)

Meeting participants who attended the Brie Arthur garden tour and Dan Taylor cooking class gave both social events high marks. The group strongly endorsed the idea of asking Dan to do similar events in the future. We have two upcoming events – Matt Jones , Chatham County Cooperative Extension, talking about herbs at 7 pm on Sep 12 and the annual Harvest Dinner on Oct 26.

**Safety** (Marcia Rackliffe)

Marcia Rackliffe is our Safety Officer, a role mandated by our Charter Club status. Marcia has purchased two first aid kits and will put one in each shed. Kits include band aids, antiseptics, splints, etc. She will leave incident report forms next to the kits in each shed. An incident report must be completed and given to Marcia if a medical situation in either garden requires calling an ambulance.

**Elections** (Laurie Leichman)

We will take nominations for club officers for 2020 at our Oct meeting and officers will be elected at our Nov meeting. In Sep, we will start accepting member dues for 2020. Members who have paid their 2020 dues by Nov 7 are eligible to vote at the Nov meeting for officers for the new year.

We will need a full slate of officers – President, Vice President (or two Co-Presidents), Treasurer and Secretary – since none of our current officers will be running for another term. If we cannot find new officers, we will have to formally disband the club as dictated by BC Charter Club policies.

A current club member has expressed preliminary interest in serving as Co-President. This person has expertise in planting/engineering and is seeking a partner who could oversee finance, membership and social events.

Anyone seeking more information about potentially running for office can contact Laurie Leichman or Liz Rolison in confidence.