

Canberra City Farm: GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Sunday 21 May 2017	
Location:	Dairy Road	
Time meeting commenced:	12:56pm	
People present:	Michele Smith Keith Colls Jodie Pipkorn Cindy Steensby John (Trish) George	Walter Steensby Trish McEwan Peter James Linda Ayliffe Andrew Stefanie Lekkas Danny O'Brien Ren Webb
Apologies:	Danny O'Brien	
Chairperson:	Keith Colls	



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Matters/Actions Arising from the previous Meeting

ACTION	STATUS
1. JODIE to send reminder email about volunteering at the Bungendore Festival.	Complete
2. MICAH to resend the Food Box Initiative to the pilot people.	Complete
3. TRISH to follow up with Food Co-op Shop about the Food Box Initiative and how it might work for them to promote it if they do not want to continue with their current scheme.	Still to do
4. JODIE to send Food Box Initiative to other groups – Slow Food, COGS, SEE-Change, Harvest Festival.	Complete
5. DANNY to consider how to make containers more accessible.	Still to do
6. JODIE to contact Dan Pascal-Harris about the round houses.	Complete
7. JODIE to follow up with school contacts for Peter.	Complete
8. JODIE to get numbers of web and facebook hits.	Complete
9. JODIE to organise with Danny, Linda, Peter and other relevant people the logistics and plan for a launch on 19 November.	Complete
10. MARK to draft a letter on behalf of CCF to send to ANU/CSIRO research hubs.	Complete – needs consideration of whether to send
11. JODIE to send Mark previous letter to use as a template.	Complete
12. JODIE to put a photo request out seeking students or others interested.	Still to do
13. JODIE to follow up with Walter Jehne regarding his research.	Complete
14. JODIE to create a page on the website for all the items we are selling.	Complete
15. MARK to look into online shop options.	Still to do
16. JODIE to confirm with Arian about video.	Complete
17. JODIE to put a brick request on facebook.	Complete – do again

Agenda Items

Update

- There is an offer of compost to members – speak to Linda if you are interested.
- Danny has \$1 bulbs of seed garlic.

Treasurer update

- It is not the right time to buy a mower.
- Income has been fantastic with all of the preserving group and propagation group growing and selling at the Harvest Festival and Bungendore Festival (\$1,000 net).
- The grant is almost completed and will be by the end of the financial year.

Other updates

- We are going to make the end of the toilet a propagation area.
- We have been donated a small glass house by Goterra.
- Membership needs to be renewed by June.
- The commercial kitchen has arrived. There are a few little hiccups with sewerage connection and ACT Health, but all of this should be sorted soon.
- The effort between now and 19 November is to sort the hub area. A task list of what needs doing has been created and this was reviewed.
- We have 3 named saskatoons (berries like blueberries) and there are only 10 in Australia.
- Propagation – need to decide where to put the little glass house. Need to start planning the walkway into a propagation area. Christine Vincent is doing the planning for planting.
- Allotments – Spader work has been done. Walter is working on the rules now. Two expressions of interest have been received at the moment. The COGS magazine with an article about the allotments will be circulated next week. Plots will be \$5-6/sqm. Vaughn has also expressed an interest in a market garden arrangement – Keith is meeting with him tomorrow to discuss this.
- Value-adding – Trish has been away and is now getting back into it. We sold heaps at all the festivals. We are gradually building up stocks again, but need more excess produce to be able to do this and run another workshop. Cindy has done some Yakon syrup, but will try letting them stay out with a few frosts to make them sweeten up. The group is testing how to value-add to the various crops. A preserving session will be held in the lead up to July.
- Food box – Micah is going to be stepping back as coordinator and so CCF is looking for a new coordinator.
- All agreed tools should be bought as they are needed, but it should be coordinated. If anyone wants to purchase some tools, please email the CCF Committee and request approval. The Committee will then approve and the tools be purchased.

Other Business

- Nothing mentioned.

ACTION	STATUS
18. WALTER and CINDY to review grant proposal.	
19. JODIE to put in newsletter a request for excess produce.	
20. VALUE-ADD GROUP to decide what types of jars and size and let people know.	
21. VALUE-ADD GROUP to note for website what is available.	
22. MICAH to consider going onto radio with Keith to promote food box initiative.	
23. LINDA to send through a proposal of what tools she plans to buy.	
24. DANNY to confirm with Allsun where they get their tools.	

Next meeting date: Sunday 18 June 2017. Time meeting closed: 1.30pm.



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