

DRAFT January 12, 2022
Agriculture Club
General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am by Jesse Ruskowsky.

Board members present: President, Jesse Ruskowsky; Vice President, Hazel Swailes; Treasurer, Chuck Inman; Secretary, Sandy Miller; Plot Manager, Jim Gricol; Plot Monitor, Bob Fanciullacci; Member at Large, Sarah Burbank; Board members absent: Members at Large, Judi Lauletta and Plot Monitor, Mike Schumacher.

A quorum was not established with 32 members present. The November 18, 2021 minutes will be sent to all members requesting approval via email.

Several new members introduced themselves. They were welcomed by the attendees. New Board member, Plot Monitor, Bob Fanciullacci was introduced and welcomed.

1. Old Business:

- a. **Membership Dues Collection process:** Jesse, President, reports there remain about 80 members who have not yet paid their dues. Jim, Plot Manager, is doing his best to take care of them by adding some additional days in January to pay dues. Those remaining days to pay are Jan 15, 19, 22, 26, 29, 9-11 am at the patio, and today after this meeting.
- b. **Rototillers.** All rototillers have been purchased. We now have 1 small and 2 large ones that are ready for use. The old motors have been sold for about \$90 and the money received has been turned over to the Treasurer. The remaining scrap metal will be taken down for recycling. That'll bring in a small amount of money.

2. New Business:

a. Reports from Board members

- i. **President, Jesse – Facebook and Webpage thank yous.** We have a webpage and are working with the Rec Center to have member, Denise B, manage it for us. Hopefully, that'll be happening soon. Member-at-Large, Sarah B., is handling our Facebook page and is updating that pretty regularly. Go check it out to see pictures of member's crops, plots, and events. Thank you, Sarah! The webpage and Facebook can both be found by searching Sun City West Agriculture Club.
- ii. **Vice President, Hazel –** The Spring Picnic has been changed to April 12, 2022, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Beardsley Ramada #1. We've moved it because it was on a Sunday and we were not sure we'd get many people on that day in April. Hazel would like volunteers to help plan and run the event. If interested, please be in touch with her. Johnson Smith, Rec Center employee, takes pictures of the Rec Center with drones. He took some pictures. (Hazel shows pictures on overhead).
- iii. **Treasurer, Chuck –** Chuck reports we have \$7,653 in checking, \$15,443 in money market, \$817 inventory, cleaning deposits of \$7,700, club cage deposits of \$200, and key deposits of \$885. That totals \$8,785 liability and overall total of \$15,129.
- iv. **Secretary, Sandy –** Sandy thanks Diana and John A. for hosting the Coffee on the Patio on Jan 1 and encourages members to sign up on patio to host another Saturday Coffee on the Patio event. She thanked those who are signing in and out of the garden and encouraged them to continue to do so for both club viability and safety.

- v. **Plot Manager, Jim** – Every garden plot is in use. We are resorting to breaking new ground to add more gardens. Plot 170b is the newest one. If any members would like to share their plot, and so workload with another gardener, please let Jim know.
- vi. **Plot Monitor, Bob** – Gardens are looking good.
- vii. **Member-at-Large, Sarah** – No news.

b. Comments/Questions from members

- Q: What happens if members don't pay their dues?
- A: If dues are not paid by February 28, 2022, they are no longer a member of the club and cannot use the facilities. The garden will revert back to the club.
- Q: Can we get copies of the drone pictures of the garden? Will they be online?
- A: The Board will look into ownership of the pictures and our ability to post and share the pictures. More information will be coming.
- Q: What's going on with the gate? It's so hard to open.
- A: The Rec Center has been contacted and they have taken pictures of it. We want them to fix it, not just repair it. It is used extensively, opened about 1,800 times per month. The parts of the gate are welded, so it's a major undertaking to fix it right. In the meantime, please continue to help one another when opening/closing the gate, but don't leave it open.
- Q: Is there a community compost bin in the garden?
- A: Most gardeners who compost do it in their own plot. There is not now a community compost.
- Q: Before our General Membership meetings, can we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
- A: That will have to be looked into. The Rec Center will need to approve any changes to our Rules and Procedures and Bylaws, if that's what results.

Jesse closed the meeting at 9:52 am.

Sandy Miller, Recording Secretary

Jesse Ruskowsky, President