

Capel St Mary Allotments Association
Minutes of General Committee Meeting
Monday 16 August 2022

Present: CH, MD, DA, AA, RB, TS, ML, PH, WR, DS

Apologies: GC

1. Matters Arising from General Committee Meeting – 22 June 2022

- The position of Site Co-Ordinator was advertised – see below

2. Chairman's Report

- The Picnic on the Plot was a success with 70-80 people attending.
 - 30 tickets were sold for the Treasure Hunt
 - The bar made a profit of £71.21
 - A donation will be made to a local charity
 - Need to consider if we do the same again next year and review the activities eg games etc
- Best Kept Allotment judging took place on 9/6, 7/7 and 11/8 and the winners were:
 - 1st Andrew Tokely 292 points
 - 2nd Gavin Leeks 290 points
 - 3rd Dennis Smith 265 points
 - 4th Sue Whybrow 257 points
 - 5th Graham Leach 250 points
 - 6th Angie Armitage 249 points
- Best Kept Polytunnel – 1st Rob Birnie, 2nd Phil Hickley, 3rd, Andrew Tokely
- Best Newcomer – Lorraine Connolly
- Site Co-Ordinator – to date we have received 2 replies

3. Reports

- **Treasurer and Membership Secretary**
 - Grand total cash £12,861.89 Total available cash £10,750.39
 - Rotovator fund £975.97 Site Maintenance £1,046.30 credit
 - Membership – Membership Year started (Sept 201) with 347 paying and 3 honorary members. We've had 18 new, 23 resignations so current numbers are 342 paying members and 3 honorary.
 - Hut sales to date - £16,652
- **Site Manager**
 - New Mower Shed has been erected – thanks to DS for laying base and installing electrics. Hut has been lined inside, has 2 anchor points fitted. Will be commissioned once new lock in place.
 - The septic tank has been emptied.
 - What's App Group has been set up to ensure polytunnel closed each night.
 - Current waiting list stands at 12 for plots and 2 for polytunnel. ML has inspected site and 4 plots and 2 in polytunnel are not being worked and will look to write to ploholders.
 - No fires are too had on site for the foreseeable future due to exceptional dry weather.
 - Wildlife boards need replacing in wildlife area as faded.
 - ML still to action 'No parking on grass' signs.
- **IT**
 - Printing has been actioned for seed scheme and for most now done for the Show.
 - Website has been updated and regular Facebook posts being made.

- **Seed Scheme / Capel Capers**
 - Seed Scheme – catalogues have been distributed to liaison members to deliver. Some orders for seeds have already been put through.
 - Potatoes – PH has been advised some varieties will not be available this year.
 - PH to talk to GC ref postal members.
 - Capel Capers – Our picture on cover did not happen and August article had been edited with Show info removed. PH to contact them to discuss.
- **Stores Manager / Hut**
 - Onion sets ordered – twice the quantity of last year.
 - A vote of thanks was made to Sue Whybrow for the plants grown for sale outside hut this year. Now need to consider plan for 2023 as SW is not continuing. Maybe look to put together a team to action this. DS will continue to grow plants for Precinct Boxes and there will be some left over from his to sell at Hut.
 - New store are at rear of Hut now completed.
 - Sales have slowed a little but will hopefully pick up in Autumn.
 - DS thanks all who have helped in the Hut this year.

4. General Secretary's Report

- Signage on site. TS reported there is no guidance on NAS website. Advice we have received says that any signs we erect does not cause issues ref liability etc. TS to follow up and talk to PC.
- NAS literature for Show. As unable to contact Tim Fiddy and cost of downloading and printing leaflets from website is prohibitive we will just post up NAS sign.

5. Village Show

- Judges / Stewards rota has been updated and copies to be sent out.
- Refreshments – email had been sent out but no offers had been received to take over this. RB offered to do so.
- WR thanks Jenny Hickley and Beverley Dowsett for choosing subjects for Handicrafts for 2022/23.
- Hall – we need to be cleared up and out by 5pm on Sunday.
- Printer issues. New printer will not print duplex A6. Only solution is to use A5 paper folded in half – agreed to do this.
- Rota for Show discussed and agreed.
- New polo shirts for Committee – agreed we should go ahead. AA to action.

6. Any Other Business

- Defibrillator – taken but not used on 24/6/22. DS has checked pads and all OK.
- New floodlight has been erected at northern end of car park.
- DS has wired up the horsebox with sockets and lights.
- Request from plotholder as to whether we could host a Master Composter Evening. ML to follow up.

Meeting closed at 9.3pm

Date of next meeting: 26 September 2022

Circulation: General Committee members, SB & notice board.

Signed.....