

DCOG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Barn

Attendees:

John Kriech, Anna Schoenbacher, Jacob Hayes, Sarah Phillips, Beth Paschetto, Pam Robinson, Taylor Levinson, Richard Osterholtz, Jeff Leech

Call to Order: 6:29 PM by Pam Robinson

Chairpersons' Report

Presenter: Pam

Topics: Call to Order, Review April Minutes, Plant sale

- May minutes were approved unanimously
- June Garden of the Month: Brad and Katie Bartle in bed #313
- Pantry & Harvest:
 - 65 lbs of food harvested week of 5/27
 - Should be plenty in the greenhouse to harvest 6/3
 - Trap beans throughout the garden will be harvested
- Keller Williams flower bed looks great
- No update on greenhouse replacement project

Treasurer's Report

Presenter: John

Topics: Budget Update, new projects, annual dues

- Jeff found another mowing company that will cut mowing costs in half, mowing will happen 10 days
- Possible water dispenser for barn being investigated, may be a couple hundred dollars
- John asked about possibly raising dues some, up to \$100 maybe
 - Some discussion was had on this but wanted to wait until closer to annual meeting and let missing board members join in

Membership Report

Presenter: Anna S.

Topic: Membership Update

- 1 new member #306
- 1 surrender #207
- 22 waitlist

Events Report

Presenter: Beth.

Topics: June MG Talk, Annual meeting scheduling

- Beth will be away for the June MG talk, Richard to cover having refreshments ready for it
- Annual meeting will be on 27th of September 4-7pm

Secretary Report

Presenter: Jacob

Topic: Website Updates

- Garden map legend was updated
- Did a handful of site health updates recommended by WordPress, shouldn't be any noticeable changes, but is supposed to help with search engine optimization and just keeping things up to date
- Began work on dedicated page for the HGG area, going to try to meet with Taylor and Cyndi when everyone is in town
- Gained some understanding of how Wordpress works and should be better able to allow myself to set up pictures on the homepage and other areas

Greenhouse Report

Presenter: Richard

Topics: Greenhouse report

- Whiteflies in greenhouse are handled, but they are still in the back beds
- Going to be trying a pelleted neem product for the back beds that should hopefully disrupt the lifecycle in the soil like a drench
- Found one squash bug, but no evidence of eggs/larvae
- Will be trying out soil blocking for the fall greenhouse/pantry bed starts to see if it will be viable for all greenhouse production, will require some cost to invest in materials ~\$60-75
 - Reduction in plastics used
 - Air pruned roots should lead to better established rootballs and lessen transplant shock
 - More space efficient

Garden Report

Presenter: Jeff, Taylor

Topics: HGG Update & Plot inspections

- Jeff got new mowing company to cut garden upkeep costs
- Beetles have been found on trap crops, population does seem to be more concentrated in one corner of the garden
- Choosing more pest resistant squash varieties seems to be working with no to minimal damage
- Another round of neem spraying coming in 2 weeks
- July 1st bean date still set
- Tomato wilt does seem to be a problem but unsure the source as it's not consistent across entire garden
 - Soil3 said that they are not aware of any issues with their batches
 - Waiting to hear anything back from UGA Extension office

Communications Report

Presenter: Sarah

Topics: June newsletter

- June newsletter and Master Gardener emails scheduled to go out, needed pics from the Keller Williams work day flower bed
- Will coordinate and join on discussions on comms and website updates for the HGG topics and send Jacob the HGG logo we have currently

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Hayes

DCGO Recording Secretary