

DCOG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 7th, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Barn

Attendees:

John Kriek, Anna Schoenbacher, Jacob Hayes, Sarah Phillips, Beth Paschetto, Taylor Levinson, Richard Osterholtz, Cyndi McGill

Call to Order: 6:10 PM by Richard Osterholtz

Chairpersons' Report

Presenter: Richard

Topics: Call to Order, Review June Minutes

- June minutes were approved unanimously
- June Garden of the Month: Gertrude West in plot #610
- Pantry & Harvest:
 - Harvest team is going well, summer crops are starting to be harvested
- No update on greenhouse replacement project other than a bid meeting for possible contractors happening on July 20th

Update on Tomato Issues

Presenter: Cyndi

- UGA confirmed the plant material sent off for testing had bacterial wilt
- We don't believe Soil3 is the source due to fewer beds having confirmed cases
 - Some reported plant issues were early blight, not bacterial wilt
- UGA's suggestion is to not plant nightshades in those beds for some time (7-8 years) if possible
- UGA sent samples to the Dept of Ag to see if it's a specific train of bacteria that they are trying to monitor

Treasurer's Report

Presenter: John

Topics: Budget Update, annual dues

- \$26K in the bank
- 2026 projections: \$5K above in revenue, and below expected expenses
- Discussion on dues for 2027
 - Most everyone agreed on need to increase dues citing inflation, and known repairs and projects upcoming
 - A motion was made and approved unanimously to increase the member dues to \$95 for 2027
 - Affiliate members dues will remain the same

Membership Report

Presenter: Anna S.

Topic: Membership Update

- 1 new member #207
- 1 surrender #604
- 23 waitlist
- We had one person just keep their plot thanks to cleaning just before deadline
- 1 paypal return needed for premature paying

Events Report

Presenter: Beth.

Topics: July MG Talk, Water options for barn

- July MG talk should be good to go for refreshments
- Beth presented proposal on some options for a different water solution than our current stocking up on water bottles
 - Suggestion is to get a tankless water cooler/dispenser that can hook into the existing water line
 - Everyone agreed/liked the suggestion and Richard was going to check with city before committing time/resources to make sure it's okay to move forward since we will have to hook into water line
 - Additional point was raised to ask city about installing a water fountain at the garden similar to what is in other areas of park

Secretary Report

Presenter: Jacob

Topic: Website Updates

- Created a duplicate home page to test some updates, notably a picture wheel to allow for more pics to be displayed, will be copying changes to main home page soon

Greenhouse Report

Presenter: Richard

Topics: Greenhouse report

- Soil blocking test update
 - 2 trays are planted out as an experiment and Richard is feeling comfortable with it, will try to do the fall pantry stuff with it
- Pantry bed members are encouraged to let Richard know what plants and quantities are required for fall plantings
- Greenhouse and plots at greenhouse are looking for for summer crops especially the eggplants
- Pole bean seeds are available for pantry bed and garden members (limit of 10 per)

Garden Report

Presenter: Taylor

Topics: Spraying updates, continued wilt discussion

- Spraying pattern seems to be working and Taylor feels comfortable about continuing
- We believe the spraying routine is working align with the trap crops
- While the crop rotation won't immediately solve the wilt issue for affected beds, Taylor mentions being able to do a workshop with members to help them plan for rotation seasonally and year over year
 - Would probably help with some pests/diseases and increase productivity for members
- Plot plumbing still off at time of meeting

Communications Report

Presenter: Sarah

Topics: July newsletter

- July newsletter and Master Gardener emails scheduled to go out, needed pics for the Garden of the Month
- Will include notes about anyone interested in joining the board

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Hayes

DCGO Recording Secretary