

Goshen Farm Preservation Society

Meeting Agenda

Called by:	Board	Type of Meeting:	Monthly Membership
Facilitator:	Pres. Barbara Morgan	Recorder:	
Date:	Wednesday, May 15	Time:	
Location:	Cox Room of the Clubhouse		
BOD Attending:			
Members Attending:			

Agenda

1. Welcome of new members or visitors: Please note that we are here to discuss Board and Chair issues. If you have a comment on or question we ask that you hold that until the floor opens at the end of the meeting.
2. Review of April Minutes
3. Audrey L. and Brigit A. – to present May Day basket money

1. Committee Reports: Please read reports ahead of time- each committee will have 5 minutes to discuss any issues and answer questions.
 - a. Finances (Rhonda): Financial Summary attached
 - b. Building (Stu): report not submitted yet
 - c. Membership (Becky): report as submitted
 - d. Communications (John): report as submitted
 - e. Sharing Garden (Nicole) nothing to report
 - f. Grounds (Roy): report as submitted
 - g. Events/Fundraising (Karen): report attached
 - h. Oral History(Patty- seeking new chair):
 - i. Caper Article: June completed
 - j. Special Projects:

2. On-going Business:
 - i. Discuss member-tiered Friends of Goshen Farm vs corporate-tiered sponsor
See attached changes and proposed levels
 - b. From the Floor-

3. New Business:
 - a. Letter from Preservation chairman for Anne Arundell Town Questers
 - b. From the floor
4. Review of Actions – see November Minutes for comprehensive list
5. Meeting is adjourned

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GFPS Financial Report – May, 2013 (April 16-May 10)

Account Summary:

Savings (restoration, matching funds)	\$34,879
Checking (operational/maintenance)	3269

Income Summary: \$1,162.74

Open House	<u>\$752.74</u>	Additional	<u>\$410.00</u>
Memberships			
Family Memberships (2 CSC; 1 Other)	105.00	(2 CSC; 2 Other)	140.00
Individual Memberships (4 CSC; 0 Other)	80.00	(1 CSC; 0 Other)	20.00
Individual donations	100.00		
Corporate donations	250.00		250.00
Garden Donations	32.00		
T-shirts (6), Sweatshirts (1)	105.66		
Books (4)	65.08		
Kayak Raffle	15.00		

Expense Summary: \$684.75

BGE	9.28
Credit Card processing fees	1.68
Mower part	3.79
Kayak raffle tickets	50.00
2 Kayaks and Paddles	620.00

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

May 15, 2013

Submitted by Becky Benner

(May 9, 2013)

MEMBER TOTALS for 2013

• Members who either joined or renewed since September 16th and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2013.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 21

Resident Households = 60

Corporate = 5

Includes

4 new Individual members

1 renewal Individual members

3 new Household members

1 renewal Household members

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1 new Corporate members

Total = 86 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 23

Non-resident Households = 20

Corporate = 5

Includes

2 new Individual members

0 renewal Individual members

3 new Household member

1 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

Total = 48 non-resident members

2013 Total = 134 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Acknowledgement letters to renewals and/or new members
- Update membership database as receive renewals and/or new membership forms
- Corporate sponsors' membership year terminates one year from date of donation, based on discussion during Board meeting.

TO DO ITEMS

- Continue discussion of member-tiered Friends of Goshen Farm based on proposal generated by Lou Biondi (VP).

NOTE

- May 2012 = 100 overall memberships; May 2013 = 134 overall memberships
- April 2012 = 92 overall memberships; April 2013 = 118 overall memberships
- March 2012 = 63 overall memberships; March 2013 = 112 overall memberships
- February 2012 = 46 overall memberships; February 2013 = 92 overall memberships
- January 2012 = 39 overall memberships; January 2013 = 64 overall memberships
- 2013 Treasurer's goal = 128 overall memberships

Communications Chair Committee Report 3/16/13 - 4/14/13

Accomplishments

Post - Clean up day

Email - Updated Halloween List

Website - Added By Laws

Email - Orlando Ridout V

Email - Apr minutes, open house photos

Post - Open House

Website - Uploaded Com, and Minutes

Kayak Flyer Edits

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Traffic Report

Jun - 189

Jul - 274

Aug - 347

Sep - 520

Oct - 452

Nov - 148

Dec - 143

Jan - 296

Feb - 219

Mar - 300

Apr - 373

Planned activities or undertakings

Kayak Email and Post

Strawberry Festival Email and Post

Place a "Donate" button on the website.

Patty recommended having a link on each newsletter that would allow someone to make a donation.

- To create a member registration page on the site that accepts PayPal based on the meeting held on 5/10/12 with Karen Bailey, Rebecca Benner, Barbara Morgan and myself. This will be the most difficult part of the overall website project.

- Continue to add content submitted from other Goshen Members to the Blog and Social Media.

Several items are on the list to be added.

- Add more photos to the content of the website.

Grounds Committee Report

May 15, 2013 Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman 5/9/13 to Barbara Morgan

Accomplished:

1. Grass cut.
2. Fire Department had to cut the driveway gate lock on Sunday (4/28/13) to fight a brush fire at night.
3. I contacted the Cape Fire Department and the Fire Marshal on how to eliminate this in the future. The Fire Marshall's Office sent me information on and "Authorization" to purchase a "Knox Padlock" that all the Anne Arundel Fire Companies would have a key to, which would speed access to our site and eliminate them having to again cut the lock in the future. The Padlock cost \$85.00 and is an exterior – all weather condition lock. See www.knoxbox.com model #3770.
4. I spoke with Wolford Well and Pump Services, Inc. of Pasadena, Maryland. Specifically Robert Copsy, who was drilling a well on River Bar Road, to get an estimate for a new well at Goshen Farm, when needed. He indicated, since the House was at elevation of approximately 80 feet above sea level, he (and AA County) would require the well to be drilled to the 275 foot depth aquifer. He estimated the cost at \$6,500.00. I thought it would

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be good to have this figure in mind as we proceed on the remodel of the Farm House. This is just food for thought, at this time.

5. The Gravely Mower is being repaired at Annapolis Lawn and Garden, their Huntington, Maryland shop.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Remove two downed cherry trees in the lower field that fell as a result of the “Derecho” on June 29th.
2. Develop a planting Master Plan reflecting 1700 landscaping for the immediate area around the Farm House.
3. Long Term:
 - a. Large tree near the Servant’s Quarter’s, Site #8, should be removed at some point. (If it falls, the roots will destroy the Servant’s Quarters). Removal also of another large vine-covered tree located to the south west side of the Sharing Garden. Both should be removed for safety reasons.
 - b. The maple tree, at the south east corner of the Farm House, has a large branch overhanging the house, which should be removed. The large branch cable system is no longer affording any protection to the Farm House.
 - c. Construct a brick patio for sitting within the entrance of the Sharing Garden. Bricks are being gathered.
 - d. Develop a master plan for the grounds (trees, open areas, parking, paths, perennial gardens, Sharing Garden, other areas of use, and maintenance of the foregoing).
 - e. Develop plan to attack and control rampant growth of vines that strangle growing trees.
 - f. Use goats to clear three small areas of rampant vines. The goats will be free (friend of Becky’s).
 - i. The following areas I am considering for possible ‘goat’ clearing of the undergrowth:
 1. Area around the “spring”/pond - to open this area as seen in historic photographs.
 2. Area where original barn and silo once stood, to show footprint of the old barn.
 3. Area just north of Sharing Garden and slightly behind and north of Servant’s Quarters for possible future expansion of the Sharing Garden, when additional water is available to the Sharing Garden.

Need Approval: Purchase of a Knox Padlock – cost \$85.00.

New Business: None suggested at this time.

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EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY 2013

Open House:

- Went well! Sold 7 shirts, 4 books, 6 memberships, 1 corporate sponsorship, 30 raffle tickets. Also took in cash donations.

Strawberry Festival:

- Date is Saturday, June 1.
- Setup time begins at 8:30 AM!
- Parade participation: suggest gathering members to wear their Goshen t-shirts and walk in the parade (rather than the float – not enough time for construction)
- **Kayaks are in the storage unit and need to be moved to the main beach when we set up on the morning of the festival**
- **Need to determine parade participants**
- **Need to sign up volunteers to work the event (booth set-up, event, tear-down)**

Raffle:

- 600 tickets printed
- Flyers printed and posted at Cape, Bay Hills, and Jamal's shopping centers as well as 7-Eleven and Angler's.
- 100 tickets are at TNT for sale (as advertised on the flyers).
- Need board members to take at least 10-20 tickets each to either sell to friends/family or hold for anyone who may contact them to buy a ticket as a result of our advertising that the board members have tickets to sell!

Joust:

- The joust will be held but the craft fair has been cancelled, so we will not have a booth this year.

Fall Fundraiser:

- Date is Saturday, October 26
- Have reached out to Chris Timko for DJ work; have not received a reply as of the date of this report.
- **Need to discuss theme, food options**
- **Need to start working on silent auction donors and sponsors no later than July 15!**