



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes Held at East Grange House Scruton, 14th May 2024

ATTENDANCE: JOHN VICKERS, RICHARD ZEALLEY, IAN POWELL, ANDY VENUS, JOE LOFTHOUSE, ELIZABETH DAVIES.

APOLOGIES:

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1.Minutes of last meeting.	Agreed and passed	
2. Food situation	The chair had raised concern over the current situation of burgers still in freezers after the last event. A series of tastings were taken to establish if the food was useable for the upcoming events. Concern over where the remaining food was being stored and cannot continue, needs to be in a communal storage environment.	Burgers passed the tasting test, JV to discuss with the supplier of the burger's availability of storage for any left after the events, and to stick to the allocated and requested numbers.
3. Finance	Finance continued to show a steady profit despite the lack of support of allotment holders at the last event the GQT. There needed to be a review of the constitution, along with a review of future events, if not supported.	Constitution to be out for review in November meeting
4. 2024 events	The proposed food festival was agreed to be cancelled till after the review at the end of the current year, Scruton Fest is to be held on the 22 nd June. Promotion of the event has already started. SA to host the BBQ. Again need for volunteers to help run the event in the same format as 2023: two teams for pm and evening, agreement for 350 – 400 burgers to be passed to the supplier and no more than that agreement.	Notification to be sent out to allotment holders for availability, numbers to be confirmed at the next meeting.
5. Members BBQ	As agreed at previous meeting the event was solely for members along with entrants to the annual potato weighing. It was agreed to help bring the allotment holders involved a bit more that an additional competition was proposed in a ' Best Plot ' to be judged on presentation and content.	Independent judges would be appointed and confirmed at the next meeting
6.Sruton Fireworks evening 2024	The association had been approached to host the BBQ for the evening again, date still to be confirmed but would be expected to be either the 2 nd or 9 th November	



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7. Work Parties	The current schedule for work parties was for the last weekend of each month, various jobs had been completed but there are several things that still need to be tackled, due to the weekend for the end of May being a bank holiday it was proposed to bring it forward to the 18 th /19 th . It is important that a plan for each weekend was made clear rather than just turning up! The current grass rota needs to be updated to account for some allotment holders vacating their plots.	A notice of the forthcoming work parties to be posted on the notice board along with the use of the social media page.
8. Compost	We have had the annual delivery of manure from Malcolm, which due to the ground conditions has been left to the top of the area alongside the beck, this is to be left for use next year, the current compost bins with manure will be sprayed off due to the growth of weeds and grass which highlights the need to leave any manure for at least a year to allow these seeds to be destroyed in the heat generated. The current supply of wood chippings can be used first as the supply of further wood chips is now available.	Notification to all members as to what can be used.
9. Nursery (Ponderosa)	Two impromptu meetings have been held with a member of the Scruton village with the regard to utilising land that could be available to be used in some way to benefit the allotments and the village. Long discussion's took place as to the best way to utilise the offer, it was agreed that a further site meeting and then a separate meeting be arranged to consider the options.	Dates of both meetings to be arranged.
10. Condition of equipment in communal shed.	Concern was raised over the condition of the equipment in that it was clear it was not being cleaned after use, especially given the ground conditions currently on the plots. It will contribute to the upkeep and maintenance if this is not improved and is only fair to the next plot holder that comes to use any of the equipment that it has been left in an appropriate condition.	Notice to all plot holders.
11. AOB	ED raised the concern over the condition of two plots that had been vacated, and the potential of the spread of weeds across other plots. IP had sprayed off the plot adjacent to ED & JP plots along with around the perimeter fencing and the compost bins	
12. Date of next meeting	Scheduled for the 4 th June venue to be confirmed.	