

Brewery Creek Community Garden BOD Meeting Minutes		Date and Time: Mon Mar 9, 6pm Location: "The Independent" – Kingsway at 10th
Attendees:	Cheryl, Courtney, Jacqui, Nick, Jaymie, Cathy	
Regrets:	Christine	
Agenda Items	Discussion:	Action items:
1. Online registration and payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use of online software Paypal and Typeform has made it very easy to register and pay garden fees in the spring, but has resulted in fewer interactions between garden members. ◦ Discussed possibility of only accepting payment and forms in person at AGM, with the goal of increasing attendance ◦ Group discussed barriers to requiring cheques/cash of garden members and benefits of completing registration process online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cheryl to send out Typeform to garden members for online garden registration ◦ Group generally supported keeping payment online and increasing attendance at AGM through other incentives
2. Important dates for 2020 season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sunday April 26 – 9-noon, first workparty ◦ May 1st – last day to pay garden member fees ◦ June 1st – last day to plant garden, or else will be subletted to another gardener on the waitlist for the year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ More work party dates will be set for the spring at next meeting. ◦ Workparties will be held on a variety of days (weekends and weekday evenings) to better accommodate garden members
3. Waitlist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2 people currently on the list that have completed their 3 hours of volunteer work ◦ Recent increase in emails this past month from individuals interested in a plot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cheryl to contact those interested in a plot for 2020 season with more information on how to become added to the waitlist
4. Subletting plots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Two gardeners who have previously subletted their plots in 2019 are returning this year 	
5. Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$2322.82 in chequing account ◦ Parks Board has agreed to pay for repairs of the gate, fence, shed and plots caused by fallen tree from windstorm Oct 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cheryl requested up to \$500 reimbursement 	
6. Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Urban Agriculture Upgrades and Improvement Funding - \$1000. Application due Mar 22. ◦ Neighbourhood small grants - \$500. Application due April 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ideas for New projects: Little Diggers project or Foodshare box to share additional harvest with the community? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jaymie to apply for grants ◦ Nick to look for any additional grants garden would be eligible for ◦ Ask at AGM if gardeners have ideas of preferences for improvements
7. Garden Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Repairing damage from fallen tree back in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Accessible bed assignment:

for 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 2019 Plot repair to individual's gardens Find appropriate individuals/groups for accessible plots Gravel ordered for the pathways Hose at SE corner of garden needs new solution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtney to put onto "Mt. Pleasant Buy Nothing" group Jaymie to put onto website Cheryl to contact Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood house and put on garden Facebook page First work parties of the season will focus on: repairing plots, fence, gate and shed; come up with plan for improving hose storage in SE corner
8. Compost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group felt that compost last year was good quality and right amount 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheryl to place compost order from same source for same amount as last spring (17 cubic yards)
9. Improving member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divide out communal garden areas into 22 sections and have gardeners sign up as caretakers for one parcel (aka. "Community Corner"). 2 plots assigned per section. Composting duties (moving composting bins out for collection and returning) could also be an assigned task to a plot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathy to divide up communal garden areas into 22 sections. Jacqui to email gardeners who did not fulfill their 6 hours of volunteer hours from last year with a gentle reminder.
10. AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday April 15th: 7-8pm Mt. Pleasant Community Center, small room on ground floor preferable Incentives for attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Vancouver seed share Sign up for "community corner" (small communal garden plot space gardeners are responsible for) Earn 1 hour of volunteer hours Snacks/ beverages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room needs to be booked for AGM at community center Contact Village Vancouver for seed sharing chest
11. NEXT MEETING AND WORK PARTY	<p>NEXT WORK PARTY: April 26th, 9-12</p> <p>NEXT Board MEETING: TBA</p> <p>AGM date: April 15th, 7-8pm</p>	