

**PGVG Board and Membership Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Kendall Spielman at 5:02 p.m.

In attendance: Kendall Spielman, Brian Williams, Jim Sherwood, Dawn Mercer, Toby Cowger, JR Frankfurt, Brad Bahns, Becky Settlage, Russ Pugh, Ron Barker, Ellann Cohen

**Minutes:**

- The minutes were approved previously through an email to the board. It was suggested that we send the minutes out to everyone in attendance—not just the board—when approving the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Brian Williams reported that our current balance is \$6,999.22 which is about \$2000 more than we had last year at this time.
- Our seed sales in the past month's events were about \$1400. It was noted that the display at the seed table at the Regatta was very inviting. Having the long gourd and the open giant squash were particularly nice.
- We have 13 new members, mostly locals.

**Secretary's Report:**

- No report

**Social Media:**

- Where/when will the pictures from the recent events get posted? The website does not have any pictures from 2023, but many pictures have appeared on social media. It was suggested that pictures be sent out to growers, which can be challenging without something like Dropbox.

**Outreach:**

- Jeff Treece is the current outreach chair, but lives mostly in Indiana. We discussed if we should find a new chairperson. Kendall will communicate this with members and we could potentially vote on this at the seed packing party or the spring seminar.

**Newsletter:**

- Cindy Tobeck produces the newsletter and it is posted at gpc1.org. She is currently looking for new articles.

**GPC Report:**

- This year's meeting will take place in Belgium in February. Several of our club members will be going.

**Seed Committee:**

- Russ reported that they will be drawing for auction dates soon. It seems that with the rise in the number of auctions that the seed prices are falling. We discussed our "Best of PGVG" seed sale and whether to have it before or after the auction. It was determined that it would be better to wait until after. We will consider maybe having only one auction day if the second date isn't that favorable and maybe auctioning off some "Best of" seeds at Big Pumpkins instead.

**Fundraising:**

- JR reported that he will be sending out thank yous to our two sponsors

- Sponsorships will last for the entire year. We will likely leave the sponsors link on our website longer than that.
- It was reported that our \$750 sponsor thoroughly enjoyed the regatta!

## **Old Business**

### Bauman's Recap

- It was reported that everything went really well. The pumpkin wranglers were recognized as having a big role in our success.
- The audio for our "walk up" music wasn't perfect, but the concept was great.
- With the wranglers being in another room, it was difficult to communicate.
- The Google slide leaderboard was effective.

### Terminator Recap

- The issue with the scale was obviously difficult, but it was handled well.
- The numbering system for pumpkins was effective.
- There were alot of pumpkins, which made space a premium.
- We should consider having wranglers for before, during, and after the event.
- It was great having a non-biased crew of judges (thanks Eddie and crew!).
- The backup scale cost the club \$813.
- We discussed needing a contingency plan to deal with potential scale problems.

## **New Business**

- Per a board decision, a member was removed from the club due to violation of the member behavior clause in our bylaws.
- We discussed needing language on our entry forms regarding the use of the top pumpkins kept by the weigh off sites.
- The wording should suggest that the sponsor has the right to the pumpkin (or forfeiture of prize money) and the grower retains the rights to the seeds.
- We discussed the Spring Seminar and passed a motion to have the seminar on March 9, 2024.
- Ellann reported that the bylaw edits are nearing completion, but work remains on the wording of a few. She will continue to work on that for submission to the club at the spring seminar.
- We also discussed bylaw wording of multiple entries from the same address.
- \$339 was collected for Maverick Weighing Systems (Jay). It was moved that the club give Jay \$400 for his time and efforts to get the scale working.
- JR Frankfort was appointed as the new member-at-large for the next 18 months.
- Brian will be sending out membership renewals in the coming weeks. He is working to streamline the payment process.

## **Next Meeting:**

Saturday, February 10 at the seed packing party.

Meeting adjourned: 7:09 .m.