

## KAWO Executive Committee Minutes of July 21, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Alysia Babcock, Ruth Caputo, Jessie Davis, Sharon Dever, Ann Fraser, Ilse Gebhard, Mike Klug, Kathy McGoff, Noel Ocen-Gorgone, Paul Olexia, Kim Patrie, Margo Rebar, David Riggs, Neil Sikora, and Dave Wendling.

1) Jessie called the meeting to order at 7:03.

2) We approved the minutes of June 16, 2021.

3) We approved the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$9636, not including the expected funds from Paypal.

4) Committee Reports were eliminated to provide more time for discussing the plant sale.

5) Old Business

a) Plant Sale. Jessie distributed via email four documents about the plant sale finances and activities. A fifth document, the discussion by the committee about this year's sale was not included, but Jessie will send it to the committee after the meeting.

We discussed many options, but did not come to a consensus about what to do next year. Dave noted that this was by far the largest plant sale ever, and that despite the problems people were very supportive. Clearly there is a demand for this kind of activity, and clearly we can improve many things that will make it much easier the next time around, if we do wish to continue.

Jessie noted that Dave is stepping down from Plant Sale activities, after so many years of service, and we need more people to get involved with this committee.

We will resume discussions of the plant sale in September.

b) Neil notes that there is still one member (Sharon) who has not responded to the request to sign the Conflict of Interest statement.

6) New Business

a) Dave reported a major increase in requests for site visits, especially from people who are not members, and do not seem to understand that it is a membership benefit. When Dave tells the people it is a membership benefit, often that is the last time he hears from them. Noel volunteered to work with Dave to put together a packet of information to give to nonmembers in

lieu of a site visit.

b) Kim will make a presentation about the Children's Play Place project at our next meeting.

c) The Fall Plant Exchange will be Sunday August 29, from 1pm to 5pm, at Jessie's place.

Plants for the exchange may be dropped off on the Friday and Saturday before the sale. There will be no scheduling of pickup times. There will be no bringing of food to share, but Jessie will provide water and perhaps some small individually packaged snacks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

>>> Next Meeting: Wednesday September 15, 2021; 7 PM

Submitted by David Riggs, Secretary

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Background notes not included in minutes.

Our treasury is higher than ever, but do we need that money, and is the amount of work worth it? DaveW likes the idea of have a KAWO sale day at Chad's place. Ruth says that the Program Committee is working on on a plan that will take money.

Ann comments the web site had the problem of inventory management ( ), people seemed to like the web interface, ie real-time updates as opposed to mail order. Problems were with paypal, and with order amounts to Chad. They can be overcome. This could be a source of income to do more good things in the community.

Dave suggests not having "paper" orders, due to communication and coordination problems.

Noel notes that there are other new vendors in town.

Dave notes the lack of one-one discussion with people, very hard to do online.

Mike notes that some clubs only offer kits, and are very popular.

Paul notes 1. if to continue plant sale is excom decision.

Mike says people are doing this all over, why is it so hard.

Ilse: maybe we could do with Chad's sale day, with other nurseries as well. The kits had generalist plants, that make up for not having much interaction.

Ruth: committee to look at options.

Neil: Keep at it, but good to work out problems.

Jessie: Please consider joining the plant sale committee.

Dave noted that no one complained about the problems with the plant sale, people were very accomodating.

Ann notes 1. purchase on web 2. sort and arrange plant in real plants. We need to refine how to we arrange the physical arrangement: but this can be readily fixed.

\*\* still two outstanding replies to conflict of interest

i) 2021 Plant Sale Financial Summary July

ii) Plant Sale Summaries 2017 – current

iii) Fundraising Plant Committee Report July 2021

iv) Plant Sale Feedback from Team