

# **OCEANA GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES**

**SATURDAY  
21 JANUARY 2023  
10:00 – 11:00**

**GARDEN PLOT LOUNGE AREA  
VISTA BELLA OCEANSIDE CALIFORNIA**

## **ATTENDEES**

There were 22 members that attended this Oceana Garden Club (OGC) meeting.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

This OGC meeting started at 10:04 and was called to order by Kevin Immel. He spoke about garden items in general. He also mentioned that Diane Huntley, and Anthony Kay would be introduced, and speak later on in the meeting. Diane Huntley would be voted in as the new Treasurer, and Anthony Kay would be voted in as the new Secretary for the OGC. There would be no ballots for these two positions, just a majority show of hands vote. Any other attendees had the option to also run, if they were interested in these positions. There was no official meeting agenda for this meeting.

### **2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Kevin Immel spoke about the recent rain and the ongoing problem with the weeds. The OGC budget is in good shape with an email sent out this morning to all the members of OGC. The nursery has been generating a steady income for our reserves, which is nearing \$2,000. Old plot fencing will be upgraded in the gardens that have old wood infested with dry rot, rusted wire, etc. Anyone with carpentry skills can help out, with an offer to use the Oceana's wood shop if required. It is hoped that the irrigation water lines will be worked on, and upgraded beginning in summer of this year. It will depend on how much revenue is raised from the Nursery. Volunteers were asked and get involved with the care and maintenance of the herb garden, fruit trees, and other areas.

### **3. NEW MEMBERS**

Kevin Immel spoke about the new members to OGC and also the recent plot changes and swaps. All interior work of the garden plots is up to the owner to fund, and pay for. If help is needed to construct new boxes, and or containers, the plot owner will have to pay for the wood. There will be a small expansion on the orchard area at the back of the garden plots. Anyone with specific skills that can help is encouraged to help.

#### **4. NURSERY & VARIOUS TOPICS**

A question was raised about the rules of the OGC nursery. OGC members and Oceana Community Association (OCA) residents must seek permission to take plants from the nursery and asked to make a donation to the OGC. It has been reported that OCA residents have been just taking plants, without permission. Questions were asked about the fruit on the fruit trees; most of the fruit had been eaten or taken by the birds, and insects, the only exceptions are the citrus fruit trees.

One member asked about the lock on the tool shed, as she was having difficulty opening this lock. Anthony Kay mentioned that he had recently painted the tool shed, and had fitted new hardware to the door. The hardware was new, and was a little stiff, and may be the rain had made the lock a little rusty. Anthony Kay stated that he would show the garden member how the lock works, and if need be changed this said lock to meet her requirements; he would show her the workings of the lock after the meeting.

Questions were asked about the boundaries of the garden area, with non OGC members taking herbs and fruit from the many fruit trees. If possible, people you do not recognize ask nicely if they need help, and what they are doing, and in future remind them that these are the fruits of our labor as members. Questions were asked about the dirt, mulch, compost, and gravel of which are free to garden plot owners. The delivery of these said items comes with a delivery fee, of \$120.00. This was the previous delivery cost, and has now risen to \$180.00. This funding/payments for delivery are paid from OGC finances. The cost of these commodities was compared with the cost at major gardening stores. Questions were raised about the grubs contained in the soil, mulch, and compost. Kevin Immel explained that there were grubs everywhere in the garden area, and not just limited to the delivered soil, mulch, and compost. Tarps are used to cover the soil, mulch, and compost to stop the palms seeds falling from the palm trees above these piles. This also preserves the materials from drying out and mold from rain.

One member asked about fencing off the garden entrance area from the road. Kevin said this area is part of the common OCA land. Even so, people can access the gardens from the back of the garden plots.

#### **5. IDEAS**

One member asked about producing a cookbook for fundraising, Kevin Immel stated that these were good ideas, Anthony Kay has some ideas that he will talk about when he speaks, and he has some many good skills.

#### **6. BOARD UPDATE & IDEAS**

Kevin Immel handed the meeting over to Peter Cornog to talk about the board. Peter Cornog spoke about the Garden Club and the liability of the nursery and residents hurting themselves, and waivers. The OGC Charter 2.0 has been re-written and

hopefully will be approved by the board next Wednesday 25 January, 2023. This Charter has been re-written to include the nursery and the orchard. This has been a major step for OGC. Peter Cornog spoke about the garden area, the landscaping, and the Vista Bella Gardens and the dog park area, as it is a beautiful area of Oceana, with people coming down to relax and meditate. The nursery is a good thing; as residents can use the nursery, use the plants for their residential and adopt a spot landscaping. Residents have to follow the rules and regulations concerning these transformations, they must contact the landscape committee for their ideas and plans.

A request was made to send out an email to tell garden members when the fruit is ready to be picked from the many fruit trees. It was requested that Kevin send out this information in his regular emails. Gardeners wanted to drop their extra vegetables at the Coffee Hour at the Oceana Club House, and would like to try to incorporate the Share & Wear, and somehow sell them. Peter Cornog gave more information and insight about Oceana Gardens being a club, or a committee.

The current water situation was brought up, with the current annual water bill for Oceana being \$600,000.00. We all need to be mindful on water usage both at the garden and in our homes. The OCA maintenance can help by fixing leaky irrigation lines and other measures. Hopefully with the rain this season, water usage for the landscape will be reduced.

## **7. NEW POSITIONS**

Kevin Immel handed the meeting over to Diane Huntley, and Anthony Kay to be voted in to be the new OGC Treasurer, and the new OGC Secretary. Diane Huntley introduced herself, speaking about her hobbies and garden experience. She stated that she would be honored and accepted the open position as OGC Treasurer. Diane Huntley has years of experience working with company books and with a computer imaging company. Any questions would be answered in a very quick time frame, if not immediately. Her motto is, 'plant a garden and invest in the future.'

Kevin Immel handed the meeting to Anthony Kay. He spoke about his background, residency, garden ownership, and current jobs. Anthony Kay stated that he is a very keen wildlife photographer, and will compile and send out an electronic magazine, called 'Canyon Wildlife Magazine.' This publication will be sent out once a month, with a set topic each month, the first issue will be sent out on 1 February, 2023 featuring our residential coyotes and puppies. The March 2023 issue of this magazine will feature the Northern Mockingbird.

Anthony Kay spoke on the ongoing issues opposite the garden and dog park with illegal drinking. Currently these issues have not been addressed, or even sorted out. Saturday, and Sunday mornings every week are spent cleaning up all the discarded bottles, cans, broken glass, and trash from these areas. Kevin Immel suggested we all put our ideas together to try and resolve this. Multiple suggestions were spoken about, the use of cameras, signs, and trash cans were some ideas.

**8. ELECTION**

Kevin Immel started the voting for the new Treasurer, Secretary, and President for the OGC by the raising of hands. All three members were unanimously elected for these three positions.

**9. FINAL REMARKS**

Kevin and Peter Cornog explained about the workings of the landscape committee for residents who want to change their garden areas around the community. Adopt a spot was explained in great detail, with approval by the board. Plants used for these adopt a spots are free of charge; however plants used for their own use residents are required to make a donation to the OGC. Removal of old and dead plants was also discussed. Kevin solicited any further questions or concerns and thanked all 22 members for attending the meeting.

**10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

This OGC meeting was adjourned at 11.11

**Meeting Minutes taken and recorded by:**

**Anthony Kay  
Secretary  
Oceana Garden Club**