



Farm Committee Meeting Notes

March 28, 2016

March 28, 2016 Hidden Springs Farm Committee fieldwork summary

We had a pretty solid turn-out with nine or ten showing up to grab their favorite anti-weed device and scrape the dirt for an hour. In fact, the group was so effective, we managed another complete pass through the raspberries, the rhubarb, and the paths between them. **Some updates for those of you who couldn't make it:**

- Additional scuffle/hula hoes have been purchased for the Farm Committee, and are stored in the locked garden shed. Between those on-hand, and the privately-owned tools, we appear to have enough to supply a small army of weed killers. After use, please be certain to lock everything up appropriately (if you have questions, please contact me and I'll talk you through it).
- Seeds for the row-crop portion of Owl Field have been ordered and are on the way. Given forecast temperatures, we may begin prepping the beds within a week or so. We have ordered perennial herbs as well and are discussing the idea of planting all perennial plants in Kildeer Field (where the raspberry and rhubarb are located) to minimize and simplify future work efforts. Annual flowers (sunflower, zinnia, and cosmos) are yet to be ordered, but will be planted in the two previously-designated border flower beds in Owl Field.
- Scot has ordered Red Clover seed and will seed it in the areas immediately around the Garden Shed (between the white picket fence and the rhubarb, and on the east side by the picnic table). The grain seed is also on site, and will be seeded into the unused areas of Owl, Kildeer, and Boot within the week.
- At the previous meeting, we established a standing day/time for group field work: Mondays at 6pm. I understand this doesn't always work for everyone involved, and this is in no way intended to be the ONLY time you can go out and work in the garden. Please feel free to take advantage of any opportunity your schedule may provide to visit the garden and partake in the necessary tasks as the season progresses.
- Next Monday, April 4th, is the next standing work meeting, although there will be a limited group due to conflicts with DCHS and other events.
- On Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30 PM we will hold our regularly-scheduled monthly meeting at the clubhouse, immediately following the Open Space Committee meeting.

If you have any questions, or want to add anything, please let me know. Thank you, and have a great day.

-Tim