

# BALED IT! NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

June 23, 2024

## Meeting Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm (CST) on June 23, 2024

### II. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

#### a. Director of Gardens – Jeremy Browning

##### i. Upcoming Workshops

- 1. Potential workshop for August and September
- 2. Demonstration gardens - more in new business

##### ii. Help a Brother Out Foundation

###### 1. Most recent meeting

- a. Monthly meeting occurred Thursday, June 20
- b. Jeremy discussed our monthly events at the Pine Bar, board members were interested
- c. Relevant points: plan to do a hay bale workshop; received a grant for \$20,000 for bathrooms at David's community garden; currently having issues with volunteers and requested for us to send volunteers their way.

###### 2. David's Community Garden

- a. Looking good and plants are now producing; vegetables are looking good.
- b. Biggest issue is with water being available at all times.
- c. Produce is distributed to the local neighborhood.

#### b. Director of Fitness – Brett Davis

##### i. AUM Bale Garden

- 1. No update right now; will begin working with the ELC to start a new bale garden and increase the scope of the project.
- 2. May apply for an internal grant for developing curriculum and produce a pedagogy paper.

##### ii. Outdoor fitness

- 1. Pub run scheduled this coming Thursday
- 2. Will start working on a workout routine using non-traditional equipment

#### c. Director of Arts and Media – Erin Weaver

##### i. Social Media

- 1. Several photos were taken and posted from the Seek, then Destroy event.

#### d. Director of Records and Finance – Jesse Lane

##### i. Form 1023-EZ for the IRS

- 1. Based on the amount of money we've been raising, I believe we can meet the requirements for 1023-EZ; I recommend we submit the EZ form instead of the standard 1023.
- 2. LegalZoom will file the paperwork for \$595, includes

3. Once *Form 1023* is submitted and approved, I will register as a nonprofit with the Attorney General's office (\$25 fee): <https://www.alabamaag.gov/consumerlicense>.
4. Once we raise enough money, we can go ahead and pay for the paperwork
5. Motion to move to New Business for a vote on filing 1023-EZ instead of 1023
  - ii. Fiscal Sponsorship, Help a Brother Out Foundation
    1. Still waiting on a copy of the signed form
  - iii. Bank account with US Bank
    1. Once we raise enough money (at least \$200), I will visit US Bank to discuss opening an account
  - iv. Mailbox
    1. No mail has been received, other than junk mail
  - v. Current Finances
    1. Seek, then Destroy fundraiser - raised \$100 dollars in online donations
    2. Including fees charged by Square, we currently have \$95.13 in our Square account
  - vi. Liability Waivers
    1. I made an electronic waiver on Google Forms. We can embed this in the website for any upcoming events.
  - vii. Other information

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Long-term and short-term goals
  - i. David's Community Garden (aka Help a Brother Out Foundation)
    1. Remove from the agenda and moved to Jeremy's report
  - ii. Fundraising Ideas
    1. See New Business
  - iii. Recruiting new board members
    1. No discussion

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser (Seek, then Destroy)
  - i. Jeremy uploaded a summary on the events page on the Baled It website
  - ii. Everyone is happy with the turnout
  - iii. Potential second round in October once it cools down
  - iv. Erin - fall themed event or a pumpkin run.
- b. Art of Running Panel Discussion
  - i. Plan: start at 6:00 pm, Jeremy introduces panelists and asks standard prepared discussion questions.
  - ii. A number of businesses have donated prizes
  - iii. Will be voluntary donation event; no entry fee will be required
  - iv. Brett and Jeremy will talk to people at Pine Bar to ensure electronic sound equipment is ready to go
- c. Other upcoming projects
  - i. Hilltop trivia collaboration

1. Project with Hilltop - an event where MGM Runs members will run or walk and read the historical markers. Hilltop will then host a trivia where they ask questions about the historical markers.
2. Jeremy will discuss this in more detail with the owner of Hilltop

- ii. Demonstration gardens
  1. If Hilltop agrees to the trivia collaboration, we could do a demonstration garden at their bar. Jeremy suggested growing pumpkins to be used later during the scavenger hunt during the fall
- iii. Carol Villa Civic Association meeting - July
  1. July 9, Jeremy will meet with the Carol Villa Civic Association to place a garden in their neighborhood. Jeremy will offer to host a demonstration garden
- iv. Bale Garden Kit
  1. Erin suggested that some donations could be set aside for a “bale garden starter kit”. We can make a list of items that will be needed for a single kit and create a budget.
- v. Pop-up pub runs
  1. Randomly send out invites for pop-up pub runs with a point system. Dates will be randomized.
- vi. Tai Chi and Yoga Classes
  1. Plan to set up yoga and/or tai chi classes for communities in need.
  2. May submit a grant request for funding to pay certified yoga instructors to work with community members.

- d. Recruiting Volunteers and Legal Paperwork
  - i. Recruiting
    1. We will begin reaching out to people in the community for volunteers. Potential volunteers could include people from Hilltop, Help a Brother Out Foundation board members, and the leader of the Carol Villa Civic Association
  - ii. Volunteer Agreement
    1. Jesse made a rough draft of a volunteer agreement. See shared Legal Paperwork folder.
  - e. Vote for filing the 1023-EZ form
    - i. Unanimously passed
  - f. Any other New Business?
    - i.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm (CST) on June 23, 2024