

**HMGA BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 8, 2009**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Ann Dutton at 11:38 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes had previously been received by all board members and committee chair members, and were approved. Brenda Orton asked for all that receive the minutes to please email her that they received the minutes and did or did not have any corrections.

**Reports from Committees/ Officers:**

**Treasurer:** Ann reported for Beverly Cochrane who sent a report showing \$1,770.00 in the checking account.

**Vice President:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ann reported for Shelby Earehart, who had sent thank you notes to Laurie Fox and Jim Parkhurst, and a get well card to Irene Pittman.

**Master Gardener Training:** Jim Smith reported the final exams were passed out on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and due back on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Trainees have signed up for various committees, with five signed up for the MG Training Committee for next year.

**Helpline:**

**Communications:** Brenda Orton reported that the newsletter has gone from eight to ten pages given the addition of articles of events featuring master gardeners Mary E. Vetrovec and Grace Harrison and master gardener intern Earline Bethea. She asked that any master gardener who knows that they will present a workshop or seminar in the future, have someone there to take pictures (digitally) and email them to her so that she can write up a short summary on that event to submit for future newsletters.

**Service and Recognition:** Joyce Brannon passed around the names from "At Your Leisure", who are master gardeners, and pictures of the trip to Brent & Becky's.

**S.M.A.R.T. Lawns:** Teddy Martin reported there are 20 SMART lawns volunteers and teams assigned. There was discussion on whether or not to open up master gardener shirts to interns, although they will not have a badge. Jim Smith made a motion to allow this, which was seconded and approved.

**JMG:** Faye Derkits reported two master gardeners at St. Andrews every Thursday. They will also go to Crestview after school starting April 22<sup>nd</sup> for five weeks. She also reported they will go to two preschools the week of April 13<sup>th</sup> and Lakeside on April 27.

**Special Events:** Judy Burton reported master gardener participation at Strange's on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance:**

## **Hospitality:**

**Extension Report:** Lisa reported on a horticulture class every Tuesday and Thursday for home schoolers at The Armour House.

**Old Business:** John Sartin reported on the Harvest Fair and that there will be sign-up sheets at today's association meeting for the various committees.

Lisa Sanderson will send emails to those master gardeners who have not turned in their hours thus far this year.

Lisa reported on Gardens Growing Families. She will talk more about this in the association meeting today.

Lisa wanted to know if there is a budget for advance training, especially in regard to food. This question was directed to the Hospitality Committee, in which Peggy Lowry replied that it was up to the extension office how much money should be allotted. In the future, Peggy, Lisa and Angela Wrigglesworth will meet on this matter.

**New Business:** Brenda Orton gave a progress report on the Nominating Committee, which is comprised of herself, Grace Harrison and Joyce Brannon. There will be a report of nominees at the next board meeting.

Ann announced the Virginia Master Gardeners Association's silent auction at the Master Gardener College. She asked how many plan on going and what items could be donated for auction this year.

The next board meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the board room.

Our next association meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the plant exchange at the home of Hugh and Pat Greene. Different this year will be the plant swap starting at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch. Everyone is asked to bring five plants each, along with a pot luck item.

**In Attendance:** Peggy Lowry, Joyce Brannon, Brenda Orton, Ann Dutton, Jim Smith, John Sartin, Judy Burton, Mary E. Vetrovec, Lisa Sanderson, Teddy Martin, Pat Baskind and Faye Derkits.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Reported by Brenda Orton, Recording Secretary