

**HMGA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 2, 2008**

Meeting called to order by Ann Dutton at 1 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes were read and accepted.

Reports from Committees/ Officers:

Treasurer: Beverly Cochrane reported \$2,708.82 in the checking account, which included \$500.00 in membership.

Vice President:

1st Vice President: Erica Gilliam reported that Virginia McMillan would be our speaker at our next association meeting. Michael Likentell will be the speaker for the August association meeting. Ann Dutton stated that Virginia McMillan will let us tour her garden in March, 2009.

2nd Vice President:

Corresponding Secretary: Shelby Earehart sent out one card to Deb Partridge.

Master Gardener Training: Holly Hartley has a committee of six, including herself. Dates for training are from January 27, 2009 to March 26, 2009. Facilitators are in place. The mentor luncheon is January 15, 2009.

Helpline: Ann Dutton reported for Gwen Hipp, who said she had July completely filled. Ann Dutton will be reporting for Gwen at future board meetings.

Communications:

Service and Recognition: Joyce Brannon has made a notebook with photos. She also reported on the Master Gardener College.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns: Teddy Martin reported that participation had fallen off. There was one call in June compared to ten the same time last year.

JMG: Pat Baskind is working with Faye Derkits. Armour House is getting a greenhouse that can be used for junior master gardeners.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported the next thing coming up is the state fair in July. Maymont is 2/19 through 2/22/09.

Finance: Ann Dutton reported that there is no replacement for Betty Fahed.

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry reported there were volunteers for refreshments through November.

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson stated all board books should be turned into her so they can be revised and she will print out new books for everyone. She also stated the brochure and poster are finished for the fall harvest.

Old Business: Sally Stockslager reported that everything is going smooth. There are 66 volunteers so far. Peggy Lowry reported there are two people to help call those who do not have email. Regarding the two emeritus people, Carol Colby has not been contacted, but is supposed to be at the next association meeting.

New Business: Peggy Lowry passed out the 2008-2009 master gardener yearbooks. Lisa Sanderson wants to include a head shot for the master gardener directory, which are updated after intern graduation.

In Attendance: Peggy Lowry, Joyce Brannon, Holly Hartley, Sally Stockslager, Beverly Cochrane, Erica Gilliam, Brenda Orton, Ann Dutton, Teddy Martin, John Sartin, Jim Smith, Lee Pulling, Judy Burton, John Simmonds and Shelby Earehart.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Reported by Brenda Orton, Recording Secretary