

**HMGA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 5, 2008**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Ann Dutton at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes were read and approved.

Reports from Committees/ Officers:

Treasurer: Beverly Cochrane reported \$2,515.70 in the checking account. Membership is at 85.

Vice President:

1st Vice President: Erica Gilliam asked where the next association should be held since the demo kitchen rehab is not completed. She will send future notices of meetings to Beverly to send out to the membership.

2nd Vice President: Suzanne Pericle reported on three definite future guest speakers: Jim Parkhurst, VT professor of wildlife management speaking on wildlife management; David Schnake, Department of Forestry speaking on tree identification; and Ed Lickey, Department of Biology at Bridgewater College speaking on mushroom identification.

Corresponding Secretary: Ann reported for Shelby Earehart, who sent cards to Irene Pittman and June Walker's family.

Master Gardener Training: Holly Hartley had no report.

Helpline: Ann reported for Gwen Hipp. There are three shifts to be filled for November.

Communications:

Service and Recognition: Joyce Brannon passed out an active members list for this year through October. She also passed around pictures from the Harvest Fair.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns:

JMG: Faye Derkits reported on working with fourth graders at Lakeside.

Special Events:

Finance: John Simmonds had no report. He asked if he can get to the meetings at 1:30 p.m. due to another commitment also on the first Wednesday of every month.

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry reported the need to send around a volunteer sheet for monthly refreshments.

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson reported on the wrap-up of the Harvest Fair. She passed out a draft of changes made to the bylaws and requested any editing anyone wanted to make to the draft should be given back to her by the next board meeting.

Old Business: Sally Stockslager summarized the evaluations on the Harvest Fair. She said most wanted it held again.

New Business: Beverly reported that the Virginia Garden Magazine is looking for master gardener articles. Erica suggested we get prior approval of a particular expenditure if it exceeds a certain amount. Lisa would like to get head shots of all master gardeners, which will be discussed again in December. Ann asked that this pictorial directory be done in a timely fashion. Ann introduced the idea of a tribute for master gardeners that have passed away and that it is written by a good friend with a copy to the family of the deceased. The one for June Walker will be read at the next association meeting.

The board and association minutes will be posted on the master gardener website where everyone can read them to keep abreast of what is going on.

There will be a board meeting on the first Wednesday of December. The board meeting for January, 2009 will be on the second Wednesday because there will be no association meeting.

In Attendance: Peggy Lowry, Joyce Brannon, Holly Hartley, Sally Stockslager, Beverly Cochrane, Erica Gilliam, Brenda Orton, Ann Dutton, Suzanne Pericle, Mary E. Vetrovec, Faye Derkits, Jim Smith, John Simmonds and Lisa Sanderson.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Reported by Brenda Orton, Recording Secretary