

**HMGA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
September 3, 2008**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Ann Dutton at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes were read and approved.

Reports from Committees/ Officers:

Treasurer: Beverly Cochrane reported \$2,615.10 in the checking account. Membership is at 75.

Vice President:

1st Vice President: Erica Gilliam reported that Pat Brodie will be the speaker for the September meeting. There will be a field trip to The Great Big Greenhouse October 8. Bonnie Pega will speak on bulbs. The Virginia Bluebird Society will speak to us in November.

2nd Vice President:

Corresponding Secretary: Shelby Earehart reported no one is ill.

Master Gardener Training: Holly Hartley reported all presenters are in place. Jim Parkhurst is coming from Virginia Tech with a wild life specialist. They may need monetary help from the Board for gas and board.

Helpline: Gwen Hipp reported that September is posted, although a few slots are still available. Volunteers are not showing up for their assignments.

Communications:

Service and Recognition: Joyce Brannon passed around pictures, one of which included a photo of The Smart Lawn Field Day.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns: Teddy Martin reported an increase in activity. He has had 7-8 calls in the last few days. The program stops on September 15.

JMG: Faye Derkits reported they will continue to work with 4th graders at Lakeside.

Special Events: Judy Burton reported a full calendar for 3 main upcoming events.

Finance: Ann Dutton reported that John Simmonds is the new Finance chairperson.

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry reported that she has a menu set for the reception.

Extension Report:

Old Business: Sally Stockslager reported 20 vendors now. There are three sponsors for sure and one possible. Ann reported that Jim Smith included our MG status in the Extension Leadership Council's proclamation. Ann also reported a poor response from the surveys passed out at the last association meeting.

New Business: Beverly reported that the event coordinator at Maymont wants master gardeners to do seminars. Mike Lockett had a book that was not paid for. Mary E. motioned to have the MG treasurer send him a check for \$20.00. It was seconded and approved.

In Attendance: Peggy Lowry, Joyce Brannon, Holly Hartley, Sally Stockslager, Beverly Cochrane, Erica Gilliam, Brenda Orton, Ann Dutton, Teddy Martin, John Sartin, Pat Baskind, Gwen Hipp, Suzanne Pericle, Harold Huey, Judy Burton, Mary E. Vetrovec, Faye Derkits, Shelby Earehart and Lisa Sanderson.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Reported by Brenda Orton, Recording Secretary