

**HMGA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2007**

Call to order: Mary E. Vetrovec called the meeting to order at 1:03 and introduced Elizabeth Steele.

Minutes: Minutes were read and approved as amended.

Reports from Committees/ Officers:

Treasurer: Beverly Cochrane reported \$3287.35 in the checking account and the CD's have \$4000 plus interest. There are 62 paid members. Holly Hartley, Secretary, requested some paper, envelopes, and some stamps. Teddy Martin said to see him after the meeting for some of those items. Beverly provided for a book of stamps.

Vice President:

1st Vice President: Mary E. announced some upcoming events.

2nd Vice President: Suzanne Pericle introduced herself.

Corresponding Secretary: Shelby Earehart sent a card to Carol Colby.

Communications:

Horticulture Helpline: Carol LaVigne reported for Gwen Hipp. Business is picking up and the schedule is full through September. Mary E. suggested openings be announced to everyone, possibly in the newsletter.

Special Events: The calendar is full for the State Fair and Lewis Ginter.

Service and Recognition: Joyce Brannon passed around pictures of last week's presentation at the Association meeting. She mentioned Pat Greene's name was in the local newspaper. Joyce expressed concern about the lack of evaluation sheets not being turned in. Joyce also has a new Email address: j.brannon70@verizon.net.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns: Teddy Martin reminded everyone the Field Day is Saturday, August 18th.

Junior Master Gardeners: Elizabeth Steele reported they have a September program planned.

Finance: Plans are being made for the audit.

Training: Cynthia Seal reported she and Cheryl Bergh met with Lisa and classes begin Tuesday, January 22nd and go through March. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in 2008. Plans are being made for continuing the Mentoring Program. In order to have a kick-off for the Mentoring Program the Training Committee will have a social so interns can meet mentors prior to the beginning of classes. They plan to meet on Thursday, January 17th.

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson reported contact reporting will change per VA Tech. Volunteer hours have been mailed. For the Colesville event Teddy will be in charge. As of now 24 people have signed up. There may be a possibility of credit for hours. The event will take place Wednesday, September 19, at 10 a.m.

Old Business: Lisa reported about their trip to Armour House. They are considering its use for the Fall Festival. Mary E. brought up the suggestion from the last month's meeting about the possibility of having both the Board and Association Meetings on the same day. Holly made a motion to have the two meetings on the same day on a trial basis in October and November. The motion was seconded and passed. In September there will only be a Board meeting on September 5th as the Association meeting on September 12th will be a garden tour at 1:00 p.m.

New Business: Cynthia discussed the trip to Louisiana for helping with planting due to the devastation from the hurricane. Peggy expressed concern about the condition of the books in the Helpline Room. Some suggestions came up about reorganizing the Helpline Room. Cheryl Bergh offered to help.

In attendance: Mary E. Vetrovec, Beverly Cochran, Lisa Sanderson, Holly Hartley, Peggy Lowry, Cynthia Seal, Carol LaVigne, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Shelby Earehart, Cheryl Bergh, Elizabeth Steele, Faye Derkits, Suzanne Pericle, Jack Kelzer, John Simmonds, Teddy Martin

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Holly Hartley, Recording Secretary