

**HMGA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 7, 2007**

Call to order: Mary E. Vetrovec called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes were read and approved as read.

Reports from Committees/ Officers:

Treasurer: Beverly Cochrane reported \$3573.56 in the checking account. We have 93 members.

Vice President:

1st Vice President: Ann Dutton reported Rosalie Nachman will come to the Association meeting next week to speak on camellias. The feedback on Susan Frakes from Strange's on Container Gardening was good.

2nd Vice President: Suzanne Pericle reported the schedule is almost filled. Extension Agent Peter Warren has requested mileage fee to come speak for the Advanced Training. Lisa explained the Extension Agency may be able to pay for this. John Simmonds volunteered his yard for the pruning demonstration.

Corresponding Secretary: In Shelby Earehart's absence Mary E. welcomed Peggy Lowry back.

Communications: In Jody Taggart's absence Mary E. reminded everyone to contribute to the newsletter with articles. We appreciate Jody's website.

Horticulture Helpline: In Carol LaVigne's absence Betty Fahed reported things are winding down for the winter.

Special Events: Judy Burton and John Simmonds reported events were over. John suggested the brochures may need to come under some change for more information and may need to be done by someone else. Judy Burton volunteered to be our brochure specialist. John wants to have a place to store a donation of carpet for our booths.

Service and Recognition: Joyce Brannon has lots of pictures to pass around.

S.M.A.R.T. Lawns: Teddy Martin said we completed 120 lawns, 5 less than last year.

Junior Master Gardeners: Faye Derkits is working with Lakeside, Pincheck, and Ridge schools. Teddy reported Lakeside had called and said the planting program was the best we ever had.

Finance: The audit has been completed and the report was given to the appropriate people.

Training: Cynthia reported plans are going well. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 22 and we have 15 applications. We need more. Discussion ensued about advertising.

Hospitality: Peggy Lowry said she cannot do any cooking for the December 12th meeting. Shelby will help.

Extension Report: Lisa Sanderson said the Fall Festival Committee has met. Mary E. suggested the Fall Festival be put in the County brochure to advertise. Lisa will send letters out about ordering the Master Gardener shirts. The Bartlett Tree Service seminar was outstanding. They may plan to do it again next year. CVNLA will be held February 6, 7, and 8. The Thursday and Friday sessions ought to be better for us.

Old Business: Mary E. clarified that Lisa is in charge of Master Gardeners.

New Business: Teddy displayed the Master Gardener shirts. Beverly reported the VMGA Association has asked us if we would host the February 9th meeting. She needs volunteers to help organize. Anyone can attend. Mary E. asked for a show of hands from people who might be interested in volunteering. About a half dozen people responded.

In attendance: Peggy Lowry, Joyce Brannon, Mary E. Vetrovec, Holly Hartley, Judy Burton, Beverly Cochrane, John Simmonds, Jack Kelzer, Faye Derkits, Morgot Burgwyn, Suzanne Pericle, Teddy Martin, Lisa Sanderson, Betty Fahed, Cynthia Seal, and Ann Dutton.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Holly Hartley, Recording Secretary