

**Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
General Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2008**

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. There were 39 in attendance. Richard Boland and Charlie Spencer were thanked for providing the refreshments. She stated that, if anyone has not picked up their membership card, to see Bette Rose at the front desk.

In the absence of **Recording Secretary, Patty Burns**, Bev Mastrovich read the minutes of the June 26, 2008 meeting which were accepted as read.

In the absence of **Treasurer, Allen Smith**, Shirley stated the balance ending as of July 18, 2008 was \$13,488.02 and, if there were any questions, to see her after the meeting.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler said that all the fans and shutters have been installed and he is now waiting for an electrician to come in. The next plant sale will be October 23, 24, & 25. Restitution budget has been approved by the state and now needs county approval.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley stated that so far two speakers are confirmed for next year, Bruce Williams and Jim LeTendre. If anyone has a suggestion for a speaker, let her know.

Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin asked that information for the newsletter be sent to him by the 5th of each month. More information is needed about what the Master Gardener's do.

Hardscape, Fred Mina stated that the major projects are done. The shed is built and the leftover wood was used to build a table in the pesticide storage area. He appreciates all the people that have helped and still needs help in August for hard and softscape.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer welcomed Linda Lemieux back from her bike accident. A plant clinic is being held every Wednesday at the Southport Farmer's Market from 9 a.m. – noon. The last three weeks have been very successful. If anyone is interested in helping, let him know; it counts as hot line time. Friday, 9/26th, will be the tri-county Fall Coastal Gardening Seminar held at the extension office. Peter Hertyl, Lucy Bradley, Matt Martin, and the new environmental specialist person will be the speakers. Charlie and Shirley met with Chuck Warden, President of the New Hanover County Master Gardeners. He is trying to encourage joint participation between the organizations in three counties, Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender.

Hort Agent, David Barkley recently attended the state meeting of AG Agents, hosted the national meeting, and attended the 4-H horticultural judging of which his team won first place. The meetings were successful because of the many volunteers and he is hopeful that the state conference will be just as successful. He asked for volunteers to work in the garden on Friday, 6/29, for deadheading, fertilizing, mulching and weeding.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman stated that the \$1,000 previously borrowed for the 2008 conference from the BCMGVA was repaid. Conference registrations are coming in but more attendance from Brunswick county MG's is needed. There are sufficient workers to cover registration but hosts and hostesses are still needed to assist the speakers as well as silent auction workers. She is asking for any type of donations for the tote bags such as pens, pads, etc. from local companies by 9/15. Charlie indicated he also needs a few people to cover the Brunswick county table. Anyone interested in helping with the conference or has any questions, should contact Shirley. A new membership roster has just been compiled and to see Bette Rose if you want one.

Announcements:

Beverly Mastrovich mentioned that Ginny Howell was the person in charge of getting over 100 “Gardening by the Month” books to the St. James residents who ordered them during the garden tour. She also gave Jim Blake’s address if anyone wants to send a condolence card to him for his mother’s death.

The meeting was adjourned followed by a presentation from Dr. Frank Blazich who spoke on “summer propagation”.

Next general meeting will be August 28th with Charlotte Glen speaking on “plants for difficult situations”. Refreshments will be provided by Bev Mastrovich and Cathie Rod.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary