

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2008

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. There were 38 in attendance. Judy Koehly and JoAnn Norman were thanked for providing the refreshments. Shirley stated that membership cards are now available and can be picked up after the meeting.

Secretary, Patty Burns read the minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting. Jim Blake noted that the 2nd Tuesday workday as stated in the April minutes should be left as the 3rd Tuesday. Therefore, workdays in the gardens are the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Allen Smith: In Al's absence, Shirley stated that estimated sales for the 2008 plant sales will be about \$35-40,000 versus the \$57,000 that was budgeted. At that rate and our current profit margin, our carry over would probably be a little less than what we started with this year. Gardening by the Month sales are doing well. Given the conference, we should probably be able to reach the revenue target, which was pretty aggressive.

Additionally, Al has been looking into incorporating the BCMGVA. There is an incorporation fee of \$125 and an annual filing fee of \$20. By becoming incorporated, we would be inline with paying taxes on plant sales and be clear of restitution. A discussion followed with the membership as to the advantages of becoming incorporated. A motion was made by Ash Tyler and seconded by Dominique Loewenstein, that BCMGVA instruct Treasurer, Al Smith, to complete the necessary forms and pay the necessary fees to make BCMGVA a not for profit incorporation. The official name would be "Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association, Inc". The motion was carried.

Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin stated we have a new logo for the newsletter which was submitted by Paula Cline from one of the new classes. The logo is "Growing Together" and will be printed on the next newsletter.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler thanked the members for helping with the May plant sale. The Restitution program is called the Brunswick County Master Gardener's Restitution Program and has two paid employees.

Hardscape, Fred Mina stated that the Landscaping class has completed the stone bridge over the dry creek and a new ramp over the boardwalk. In June, a new shed will be started.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley made a motion that the BCMGVA spend \$35.00 to purchase a vending table at the 2008 conference. Dominique Loewenstein seconded the motion which was voted on and carried.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman stated that the Recognition Luncheon date has been changed to the general meeting date in June because of a conflict of schedules with Charlie and David. So on June 26th, there will be the membership meeting in the morning with Frank Galloway as the speaker, followed by the Recognition Luncheon which will be a pitch in luncheon. An invitation will be sent out shortly.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer thanked those volunteers for participating in the Supply school project. The kids seemed to learn so much about plants at the sessions. The May seminars are wrapping up for the season and hot line help is needed. He will begin training the new class members shortly on the hot line. Al Hight and Kelly from Holden Brothers are doing a research project on trapping and counting moths and volunteers are needed to help out. Bald Head Island bought 11 rain barrels. So far, 20 black and 13 white barrels have been sold.

Hort Agent, David Barkley indicated that one new MG class is completed with the other class wrapping up. He is still working with the Advanced Landscaping class and after lunch, the landscaping class, Bryce Lane, and David will critique the gardens. Maggie Hoon will be cutting new labels for the plants in the gardens. He is still working with Grace on setting up the 2009 speakers. There are guests coming in today for the Coastal Gardening Seminar from other counties.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman gave a short report on the 2008 conference. She stated that the conference committee comes to you today asking you to pay your conference registration early so we have sufficient funds to mail out the conference registration by the end of June. Grace Wrigley and Patty Burns will be collecting checks today after the meeting. The payment will be for all conference materials, the banquet, reception, two lunches and three breaks. The only money that will still be due when the registration forms are sent out will be any tours you wish to go on or the purchase of a shirt. You will also pick your workshops at that time. The conference costs were then explained. She will also be asking for volunteers to work with each workshop speaker. Dominique asked about touring the BCMGVA gardens. Carol Wilson will put something in the State conference newsletter about touring our gardens since it they not on any of the conference tours.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. followed by a presentation from Bryce Lane from NCSU on plants that handle the stress of NC landscapes. The Coastal Gardening Seminar was then held in the afternoon.

Next general meeting will be June 26th with Frank Galloway speaking on plants for local use. The Recognition Luncheon will be held after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary