

Benton County Master Gardener Association
Board Meeting – September 8, 2020
Virtual Meeting
9:00 am – 10:00 am

In attendance:	Bob Smythe	Rich Taylor	Deborah Hobbs	Linda Steppan
	David Dowrie	Nancy Tovar	David Mandel	Deb Kern
	Diana Allen	Debbie Wray	Dale Collins	Jana Tindall
	Alan Taylor	Brooke Edmunds	Elizabeth Records	Marge Alig

Guests: Christina Clark

President Nancy Tovar called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

Welcome and Gardening Moment All

- Bright side of Covid-19 for Paula – she’s getting all of her gardening projects completed as well as her wish lists!
- Banner cucumber year for Rich.

Adopt Minutes of previous meeting

- Reviewed August minutes.
 - ➔ It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 2020 board meeting.

Extension Report

Brooke Edmunds

- All Volunteer meetings – ongoing once a month.
- No new trainee classes for the next year.
- State level training to be offered via Zoom over the next year for all current Master Gardeners – look for a survey on possible topics.
- Statewide MG Appreciation the week of October 26th – details to follow
- Prior approval for all in-person training ➔ Link to activities that have been approved
- Plant ID “hybrid” class held by Pat Breen.

Officer Reports

Treasurer’s Report

Marge Alig

- Financials
 - Review of August checkbook and expense summary.
 - Review of August Financial Summary – *see attached*.

President Elect

Deb Kern

- 2021 Officer Slate, practice vote
 - Proposed voting procedure via Google Docs. Deb previewed an online voting option during the October membership meeting.
 - Discussion on member access to the meeting if participation is by phone only.

- Help Desk: How can we accommodate MGs who are finding Virtual Desk difficult?
 - Deb reviewed the frustration shared with her by MG mentors on training their mentees remotely.

Vice President

Alan Taylor

- Virtual Garden Tour
 - August photo gallery “winners” are Pat Werner and Kathy Clark
 - September theme is Harvest

OMGA Survey Results

Rich Taylor

- Meeting is this Friday and will include survey results on statewide MG program activities.

President

Nancy Tovar

- Vote on proposed change to article IX Section 3: Dissolution clause for nonprofits
 - Paula reviewed proposed language on the distribution of assets in the event of the dissolution of the BCMGA. Paula will send out updated language based on today’s discussion for a vote at the October meeting.
 - Or to another tax-exempt organization that shares one or more of the goals/purposes of this association. Paula to send out edits and we’ll vote next month.
- Vote on BCMGA/EGC Contract for sale of plants on private property.
 - ➔ It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Plant Sale agreement between BCMGA and the EGC, pending approval by OSU Extension.
- Discussion of plant sale proposal to OSU Extension
 - Reviewed the proposed agreement between BCMGA and EGC for the administration of a plant sale on behalf of BCMGA.
 - Brooke to review the proposed BCMGA agreement.
- Letter from OSU Extension
 - Jana suggested that BCMGA respond with a letter of acknowledgement to OSU Extension stating the issues have been addressed.
- Communications committee met with OSU Extension Aug. 4, Committee chairs Aug. 7, CC Aug. 13, Brooke, Aug. 18, Pat Wray Aug. 28. Approximately 14 hours total.
- Philomath Greenhouse participation – approved, with details pending.
- Adams School Garden activity is suspended until spring 2021.
- Any update/discussion on Zoom Pro purchase?
 - Discussion on purchase of a Zoom account.
 - ➔ It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a BCMGA Zoom account.

Good of the Association

All

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Next BCMGA Zoom Board meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5th at 9:00 am