

BCEMGVA Board Meeting Minutes August 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Jeanne Pavero. In attendance were Hank Rapp, Vicki Fuhrmann, Sonia Smith, Maryann Horgan, Donna Coulson, Jeanne Pavero, Fred Mina, Tom Woods, Shawn Lennon and Sam Marshall

President's Message: Encourage support for "plant swap" at September 28th Membership meeting. MG should contact Dubbie Duffy to let her know what plants you are bringing in to swap (dduffy@advantagetitleservices.net). *It is important to encourage activities to benefit our members.

Minutes of June 15 Board Meeting accepted. Treasurer's Report was accepted – Balance at end of July was \$43,204.78.

Old Business: Lawn mower fixed by John Deere – it was under warranty.

Correspondence Secretary sent a thank you to speaker Phil Ricks and a get well card to Jennie Newton.

Liaison Committee: Donna Coulson will attend state meeting in October. Our name is in the process of being changed due to new regulations from NCSU. Our new name will be Extension Master Gardener Volunteer of Brunswick County (NCEMGVA sm.). An update will be presented to membership by Tom Woods on August 24.

Publicity – Donna Coulson needs more coverage in southern part of county – please contact her if you can help advertise our plant sales in your POA/HOA, 'Neighbor to Neighbor', etc. (coulsondonna@gmail.com)

Botanical Garden Committee: Maryann Horgan presented the August 9 minutes. The Committee is working on Garden signs; ID markers; updating garden plant survey; planning on ways to work with Sam's new MG Class to become immediately involved in working in the garden.

Plant Sale Committee: Vicki Fuhrmann is preparing instructions to help customers navigate the "Gardens-Direct" webpage to order plants for the On-line Sale starting September 26. Credit cards (VISA & Master Card will be accepted). Please go to our website to sign up to help Vicki & Plant Sale Team!

Hardscape: Fred Mina plans to build a "tool shed" in Fort for Shawn's arsenal; leak outside hoop house needs immediate attention

Speakers: Sonia Smith has invited Rebecca Skiba to talk about "Bats" on August 24.

Staff

Shawn Lennon – concentrating on creating gravel paths and mulching gardens. Garden has never looked better!

Tom Woods: House call requests = 130 – almost all completed. Winding River Garden Interest Club has disbanded and they donated their remaining funds to the BCEMGVA. Tom is investigating working on possibility of improving a 1 mile walking trail that surrounds property across the street and would include woodlands, savanna and lake for educational use as well as exercise opportunity for county residents.

Sam Marshall is interviewing 22 MG candidates for new class that starts September 5th. Please contact Sam or Donna Coulson if you would like to be a **mentor** to a small group of newbies. Master Gardeners are welcome to attend any of the classes (Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00-12:00) from 9/5-10/31.

New Business:

A question of liability insurance has been brought up and is being investigated by Tom Woods. No information is available at this point

please contact Judy Thuer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee to volunteer for a leadership position on the Board or any of the Committees for next year (jthuer@msn.com). Call Jeanne Pavero to discuss job commitments.

Submitted by Maryann Horgan