

Approved 1/7/2020 WCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL (6:00 P.M.)

Present: Co-Presidents: Ed Dombrowski, Bob Kneepkens, Vice President: Britton Dake, Secretary: Susan Raasch, Treasurer: Deby Voyles, Linda Werner, Sandra Gollhofer, Ginny Slattery, Petey Clark, Grace Oliver, Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Susan Forbes, Nancy Karuhn, UWEX Advisor: Kimberly Miller.

Call for a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Motion to approve made by Linda Werner, second by Deby Voyles. Motion passed.

SOP/Dissolution Clause Report: Susan Forbes presented the addition of XIII. Dissolution of the Association paragraphs. After discussion, two changes to XIII.... will be made. "Can only "be distributed will be changed to "Will" be distributed in 1st paragraph, fourth sentence. "Other" 501(c)(3)" strike "other" 1st paragraph, sixth sentence. SOP revision added – XXVIII. Annual internal audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Ed distributed "Nonprofit Board Responsibilities" document.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ed distributed "Consent Agenda" document.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bob read a thank you card from Megan Zillges, 4-H member, who received a \$25.00 certificate for "The Fair Exhibitor Award from WCMGA.

ACTIVITY: Ed led an ice breaker activity to acquaint the newly elected board members with the current board members.

Treasurer Report: Deby gave the cash reconciliation report for the period of December 2019. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report as given by Kathy Schultz, second by Petey Clark. Motion passed, with 4 abstentions.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve October board minutes and November board minutes, as corrected, made by Sandy Gollhofer, second by Ginny Slattery. Motion passed with 4 abstentions.

EXTENSION REPORT: Kimberly Miller gave synopsis of 2019 and extension updates.

YEAR IN REVIEW: Golden Trowel Committee formed; Checking accounts fraud, should WCMGA stay with Associated Bank or leave? By Laws/Sops revisions; Britton Dake and Nancy Karuhn scheduled project lead meetings; Project leads survey approved by Board; Board approves official "Policy" document; Board approves "Reserve" policy; State SWAT analysis and purpose statement; Annual enrollment policy; No level 1 training.

UPDATES: MOU draft moves on for review; Wisconsin non-profit organizations need official definition; Extension and Association's duties clarification; Explanation of how money is spent, with audits; all of these issues need to be in place by October 2020.

Vulnerable population—Youth partner or parents need to be present to meet the custodial care boiler plate. High risk injury and accident policy—staff and volunteers need to report accidents. Need Project descriptions containing scope for liability insurance. Motion to approve extension update as given made by Susan Raasch, second by Sandy Gollhofer. Motion passed, with 4 abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS

Projects Updates: Britton reported that a Project co-lead is still needed for Omro library. The Farmers Market is a work in progress, still needs additional leads. Ed and Jill Dombrowski will be Rain Garden Co-Leads. Not all project paperwork has been completed by the Project Leads. Motion to approve the \$500/per project budget made by Linda Werner, second by Ginny Slattery. Motion passed with 4 abstentions.

Education Committee Report: Linda Werner reported that work is still being done for WS/SD, February 15, 2020. Holding off on plans to screen Piet Oudolf's "5 Seasons" this year. February 4-H Fun Day scheduled, depends on enough reservations. February 8, 2020 is the bus trip to Madison Garden Expo. There will be a workshop on March 28. List of possible day trips for summer being compiled, focusing on gardens and nurseries. Motion to approve the report as given made by Britton Dake, second by Petey Clark. Motion passed with 4 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals Reserve Funds Committee:

Organizational Goals Ginny and Sandy talked about the yearly goals of the committee. The goal is "Building sustainable ECO systems", focusing on measurements and the Earth Day 50th anniversary 2020. Kathy Schultz made a motion to approve the report of the committee's goal as submitted, second by Deby Voyles. Motion passed with 4 abstentions.

Reserve money proposals Tabled

Sunset Buck Thorn Project: Kimberly Miller updated that the Project lead Sue Egner is stepping down from the North Conservancy Buck Thorn Project. Motion to sunset the North Conservancy Project made by Petey Clark, second by Linda Loker. Motion carries.

Smart Goals: Ed passed out an informational "Smart Goals" worksheet.

Scholarship Committee: Jane Kuhn sent scholarship informational letters to the counselors at the area High Schools. There is: information on WCMGA facebook page, information in Lawanda's column in the Oshkosh northwestern, information sent out by Ashley to the 4-H advisors, with a March 2nd deadline. The committee will meet after that date to finalize recommendations. The results will be brought to the April Board Meeting for approval. Motion to approve scholarship information as submitted made by Britton Dake, second by Grace Oliver. Motion carries.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Petey Clark, second by Sandy Gollieher. Motion carries.
Adjourned 7:58 P.M.