

8/4/2020 WCMGA Board Meeting Minutes VIA ZOOM

1. ROLL CALL (5:35 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 and UWEX Advisor: Kimberly Miller.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Call for a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Motion to approve with removal of 5.a. Reimbursement for flowers made by Petey Clark, second by Deby Voyles. Motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval for electronic meetings
- b. Secretary Report: Motion to approve May board minutes with corrections.
- c. Treasurer Report: (Google drive for data) Deby gave the cash reconciliation report for the period of April-August 2020.

3c1. Deby pointed out the need to change the INCOME/EXPENSES for Worm Castings. Sue Egnor relayed to Deby that the income projection was inflated and needed to be lowered. Linda Werner pointed out the INCOME/EXPENSES for the spring seminar (WESD) were inaccurate as the spring seminar was unlikely to take place due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Ed stated that the September Board meeting would focus on Budget scenarios.

3c2 Donations update: WCMGA has received \$275 donations for Dr. Weber.

There is inconsistent handling and explanation when people interested contact the office and WCMGA. The donation policy needs to be consistent. Kimberly stated that the office will collect the donations that come to the office and mail the donations to the treasurer Deby Voyles.

d. Committee Reports

3d1. **Strategic Planning** (Goals Update) Sandy Gollhofer reported nothing is happening. Ginny Slattery reported that 2 committee members said the committee should keep with "Natives" for now and start "Insects" next.

3d2. **Education Committee:** Linda Werner reported that WE/SD is not viable for February. Education Committee has a zoom meeting on August 18th scheduled. The final decision on WE/SD will be made then. The spring workshop was cancelled, no fall workshop maybe workshops in 2021. There is still hope of streaming the Piet Oudolf film maybe at the February membership meeting. Linda has been an Education Project Lead for 4 years and will be stepping down in January 2021. Ed thanked Linda for all her valuable work as the Education Committee Lead.

- e. Projects Updates: Britton reported that more volunteers are needed for the 3 projects that have been approved and allowed to work on. No volunteers are coming forward. Two grant awards from WIMGA.
- f. Extension Report: Kimberly reported status quo, limited events, work remotely. 3 projects allowed and approved. Attendance records need to be kept by approved projects. No MGV events are being approved at this time. Extension can hold events of only 10 people or less. There will be an MOU between Extension and the Host Organization vetted by risk management. Every host organization is required to sign the MOU, if not the project goes away. The project form that was created by WCMGA will be updated and this form may be used at the statewide level. The form outlines details of the project. This will be rolled out sometime in 2021. The WCMGA's MOU to be signed by October 2021.
- g. Communication: Bob stated none at this time.
- h. Reinstate Vice President Duties: completed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. MOU's: Kim reported that the MOU with the Association is ready. Kim emailed Ed and Bob the MOU document. It has been reviewed by the legal department and risk management. WIMGA will be the first to sign and approve this MOU through the SharePoint account approval process. This process determines how and where the document is stored. WCMGA By-laws and SOP's need to be aligned and updated before this MOU can be signed. The membership needs to approve the updated By-laws and SOP's. There is no face to face so how to distribute/vote the revised By-laws and SOPs to the membership. Email.

- b. Emeritus/Honorary Status: State language is not the same as WCMGA's. State requires more from these members: annual enrollment, and training programs. This classification hasn't been formalized at the state level yet. WCMGA may need to rethink how WCMGA honors the distinguished retired members and the name used to honor them.

- c. Committee Structure (attachment)

Ed Dombrowski states this will be for future discussion.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. This item was removed from the agenda. Town of Algoma paid for the flowers.
- b. Conducting future business meetings: Bob sees future business meetings via zoom.

5b1. Continuing Education

Bob made a motion to keep the same format: Continuing Education first hour, then Membership meeting. Second by Britton. Passed.

5b2. Plan for September Membership Meeting. Volunteers are needed to help Kimberly with the zoom meeting. Consider break out groups for discussion, upon return to meeting, give a report.

c. Conducting future Board Meetings

Continue, as previously, with zoom meetings. No face to face the available room at Coughlin Center is inadequate.

5c1. Fall Elections

Polling, by Kimberly Miller, for election vote with mail in ballots available.

Motion by Britton to move to polling November election and the option for mail in ballots. Second by Petey Clark. Passed.

d. New Training: Kimberly showed a flow chart with diversified training levels.

Multiple ways to obtain the horticulture knowledge to become a MG. A new onboarding/orientation module will be required that will house the exam. On boarding module teaches and trains volunteers on topics beyond horticulture. New members will be charged a fee for horticulture class and fee for onboarding class. Fee goes to the state office, no reimbursement to the county. Existing members will not pay a fee or have to retake the exam for onboarding when available.

6. **ADJOURN** Move to adjourn made by Petey Clark. Second by Grace Oliver. 7:04 PM (Next meeting: Tuesday September 1, 2020 5:30 p.m.)