

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
Warren County Government Center
Front Royal**

Attendees: Cy Haley, President; Angie Hutchinson, Vice President; Anita Harris, Treasurer; Suzanne Boag, Secretary; Bob Carlton, 2010 President; Randy Langford, Volunteer Coordinator; and Marsha Burd, Warren County Coordinator.

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Reports of Boards

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson reported that Kim Strader from Blandy will be our speaker for our Association Meeting to be held on July 17 at Lee Ruddle's home. Her topic will be, "Invasive Aliens". Bob Carlton suggested we hold an Association meeting at the Mill in Millwood. He added that Lance Braun, an MG, is the miller and Lance has said he would be happy to put together a tour for the Master Gardeners. Angie mentioned another idea for a meeting with a speaker on water conservation. Bob also suggested Cindy Frenzel, Education Coordinator for the Friends of the North Fork, as a speaker. Angie said she would like to have a meeting that focuses on green line questions. Cy suggested that County Coordinators talk about the kinds of questions that are fielded in their respective counties, and said October's meeting might be a good time. Angie added that she intended to schedule the worm man for the next meeting to be held in August at the Shenandoah Extension Office Building.

Treasurer's Report: Anita Harris said that the IRS had sent a letter acknowledging receipt of our 501c3 documents. She discussed forming a budget committee that would prepare the budget in the fall. Bob Carlton suggested that the committee present the budget to the Board first, then to the membership. The Board discussed categories for the budget and decided that Education should be broken down into Community Education and Youth Education. Marsha Burd brought up the idea of using excess class funds for people who would like to be MGs, but cannot afford the class registration fee. Randy Langford said that Title 9 prohibits discrimination and that offering selective scholarships might be a violation. A lively debate ensued about fairness, selection criteria and legal issues. Cy Haley asked that we form a Scholarship Committee to determine criteria for MG College or any other type scholarship. Cy asked for volunteers for the committee and Randy and Suzanne both agreed to serve. The Treasurer's Report for July follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>					
Treasurer's Report					
Wednesday, July 13, 2011					
FINANCIAL POSITION					
Checking balance - May 31, 2011					2,665.25
INCOME:	Member dues deposit			106.00	
	Gardenfest:				
	Raffle Receipts			477.00	
	Plant Sales			2,325.75	
	Patches			9.00	
	2nd Hand Rose ~ Belle Grove			540.50	
	Pest Management Guides Sold			40.00	
				Total Income	3,498.25
EXPENSE:	MG Class Expenses			156.20	
	Gardenfest Expenses			53.86	
	Jr. MG Expenses			49.30	
	Tent Purchase - Clarke County			289.26	
	Table Purchase - Warren County			36.73	
	Vendor Fee - Front Royal Farmers Market			75.00	
	Clarke County Xeriscape Demo Garden			18.84	
	Supplies			11.01	
	Belle Grove ~ 2nd Hand Rose			540.50	
				Total Expenses	1,230.70
Checking balance - June 30, 2011					4,932.80
CD Balance with interest, 12 month, .5%, 05/04/2012 maturity,					5,138.64
CD Balance with interest, 18 month, 1%, 01/21/2012 maturity					5,037.62
Total Funds Available					\$15,109.06
Respectfully,					
Anita Z Harris					
Treasurer NSVMGA					
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Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag stated that the minutes had been posted on the website and asked for any changes or corrections. *Bob Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes as posted and Angie seconded it. All five Board members present agreed and the motion passed.* Suzanne added that she had received an email from Bobby Clarke stating that he will be out of the office until Monday, July 18.

Standing Committees

Communication and Publicity: Suzanne Boag reported that Lennie Mather was unable to attend, but had asked that Board members please email her with any requests for publicity.

Education: Suzanne Boag reported that Lynn Hoffman was unable to attend.

Finance: No report.

Membership: Suzanne Boag reported that Mary Craig had posted the latest membership list on the webpage. Mary stated that we have 178 members, 141 paid members, and 107 members with hours in 2010.

Newsletter: No report.

Program: Angie Hutchinson covered this in her Vice President's report.

County Coordinators' Reports

Clarke: Suzanne Boag presented the report. Mary Craig said that Clarke MGs and Interns met at the Mill Park in Millwood for a picnic/county meeting. The group discussed Clarke's current projects and potential future projects. The Farmers' Market now has volunteers signed up through mid-August for the MG Booth. Mary wanted to remind MGs and Interns that you do not have to live in Clarke County to work at the Farmers' Market in Berryville. All volunteers are welcome – please contact Mary at mcorneliac@centurylink.net if you are interested in helping with the MG booth at the Farmers' Market held on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12.

Frederick: Suzanne Boag presented the report. Teri Merrill reported that things are quietly moving along on both the Green line and the Junior Master Gardeners. Teri added that she was in favor of the idea that we make everyone sign up for an Extension project every year--be it Green line, Jr. Master Gardeners, Berryville Farmers Market, speeches, garden consultations, etc. She said that she would vote that we require that anywhere from 5 to 10 hours come from Extension projects for each master gardener, starting with next year's class of 2012.

Page: No report.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson was unable to attend. Bob Carlton gave the report and reminded the group that on Saturday, August 13, a class on Fair Judging will be held at the Extension's Office Building in Woodstock. He added that all MGs and Interns are welcome to attend and asked that those interested in attending email him at bobnsam@shentel.net. Bob also mentioned Carolyn Wilson's Water Wise Workshop, which will be held on Saturday, August 6, from 9 to 12, at the New Market Municipal Building. The Water Wise Workshop is open to the public as well as all MGs and Interns – if interested, please preregister at cmwilson22842@gmail.com.

Warren: Marsha Burd reminded the group that the Association meeting to be held this Sunday will be at Lee Ruddle's home. Marsha asked the Board if we had an official Master Gardener Tree Steward, and Cy Haley agreed to research this question.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

MG College: Randy Langford remarked that MG College was great and said it was important for us to keep in mind that our role as Master Gardeners is to educate the public, not to provide free labor.

International MG Conference: Marsha Burd asked who was going to the conference. Randy Langford said that Lynn Hoffmann and Mary Stickley were both planning on attending.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Bylaws and Guidelines: Cy Haley said that we need to review and update the Bylaws and Guidelines. She said that she would schedule meetings soon.

New Business

Time Keeping: The Board discussed time keeping issues and will explore possible solutions.

2012 GardenFest: Cy Haley said that GardenFest 2012 planning is already underway. She stated that Randy Langford will be giving hay rides. Cy volunteered to head up the children's activities. Cy added that we can start collecting items now for Second Hand Rose. She said there are still many spots open for volunteers interested in helping with GardenFest.

Elections: Cy Haley reminded the group that November elections are just around the corner. She said a nominating committee needs to be formed and should include the Volunteer Coordinator, an Association Officer, and two MGs from the membership.

Adjournment

Angie Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn and Anita Harris seconded it. All five Board members present concurred and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA