

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 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 Lynn Hoffmann, Education Committee Chair.

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Reports of Boards

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson reported that Jed Rau of the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District will speak at our September Association Meeting, which will be held at EPS, 171 Commonwealth Court in Winchester. Clarke will host the October meeting to be held at Blandly. After a discussion considering Green line questions for this meeting, Randy Langford offered to give a talk on Aquaponics at the Blandly Meeting. The group agreed that Randy's talk would be of interest to members and would hopefully encourage attendance as a quorum will be needed to vote on Bylaw changes submitted to the membership. Horton's and the Shenandoah County Government Center were also considered as potential sites for the October meeting, but were ruled out. Bob Carlton also suggested a "How To" workshop on worm composting for a future meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Anita Harris reported that she will be sending an email to county coordinators asking for budget amounts that exceed the \$200 allotment for each county. Anita reviewed the September Treasurer's Report as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>				
Treasurer's Report				
Wednesday, September 14, 2011				
<u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u>				
Checking balance - July 30, 2011				5406.40
INCOME	Member dues deposit		42.00	42.00
EXPENSE	Belle Grove Garden Supplies		94.64	
	August Meeting Speaker		50.00	
	Shenandoah County 4H Day Camp Supplies		67.00	
	Clarke County Farmers Market Supplies		11.54	223.18
Checking balance - August 31, 2011				5,225.22
		<u>Int YTD</u>		
CD balance with interest, 12 mo, .5%, 05/04/201		\$31.87		\$5,145.11
CD balance with interest, 18 mo, 1%, 01/21/201		\$37.58		5,050.18
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE				<u>\$15,420.51</u>
Respectfully,				
Anita Z Harris				
Treasurer NSVMGA				
azharris@comcast.net				
540-869-0642				

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag stated that the August minutes and August 29 and September 6 Special Board 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 Hutchinson seconded it. All five Board members present agreed and the motion passed.*

Standing Committees

Communication and Publicity: No Report.

Education: Lynn Hoffmann reported that she spent \$130 for copies of the DGIF Virginia Guide to Toads and Frogs. She also presented future budget items to the Board, which included \$150 for 60 copies of DGIF's A Guide to Snakes of Virginia, \$120 for 60 copies of DGIF's Native Trees of Virginia, \$100 for 10 additional copies of DGIF's A Guide to the Frogs and Toads of Virginia, and \$300 for Junior Master Gardeners of Frederick County Graduation, classroom and garden supplies. Lynn said that these expenditure requests are for next year. Angie Hutchinson suggested that each county coordinator check with their county's library to see if they have these books. She recommended that we provide a set of books to libraries without them. Cy Haley suggested that we wait and see if we have any books left over.

Finance: No report.

Membership: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

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

County Coordinators' Reports

Clarke: Suzanne Boag reported that the Demo Garden cleanup had taken place earlier in the day and she said Nancy Specht, Mary Craig, Bryan McKay and herself all helped. Suzanne added that Mary Craig was interested in exploring the possibility of a demo rain garden at the Barns of Rose Hill and a demo butterfly garden at the Burwell Morgan Mill in Millwood.

Frederick: Suzanne Boag gave the report for Teri Merrill. Teri reported that she will be sending out an email in the next few weeks about a county meeting to be held at her house. Teri will try to identify team leaders for projects that support the Extension. She added that she has some ideas about how to change the Green line that might work for working members.

Page: No report.

Shenandoah: Bob Carlton reported that the county fair was a success, although MGs had to close down for a day due to the hurricane warning. He said that Shenandoah MGs plan to do it again next year. Bob stated that the Green line is not getting a lot of questions. Bob explained that Dr. Ed Jones, Director, VCE, will be meeting with people in each of 25 planning districts. He will be in our district October 27. Bob will let us know where and what time if anyone wishes to attend the meeting. He added that classes on fair judging (in order to be a judge) will be offered October 22 from 9 to 3 at the Shenandoah County Government Center. There is no

cost for the class, but if you stay for lunch there is a \$15 charge. If interested, please contact Bob at bobnsam@shentel.net .

Warren: No report.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

2012 Class Coordinator(s): Randy Langford reported that he is working on getting a co-coordinator to help him run next year's class. He is putting together a syllabus for the class, which will be held at the Shenandoah County Government Center.

Unfinished Business: Cy Haley noted that Carolyn Stonesifer has resigned as Time Keeper, and Susan Garrett has volunteered to fill this position. Timesheets are due for the third quarter on October 1, and Cy asked that MGs send their timesheets to Randy Langford while Susan is in the process of getting set up as our new Time Keeper.

Nominating Committee: Cy Haley stated that the slate of candidates will be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

Project List on Website: Anita Harris pointed out that the Project list on the website is way out of date. Cy Haley said that Donna Funk-Smith has volunteered to update the listing and submit the updates to Webmaster Eleanor Ames. Cy has asked county coordinators to send county event and project updates to Donna at 2work4good@gmail.com .

Frederick County Survey: Lynn Hoffmann brought up Teri Merrill's survey and the group discussed the results. Randy Langford said that it was important for counties to carefully consider projects and the future maintenance of them. The group discussed the difficulty counties are having in getting MGs to volunteer for ongoing projects.

Adjournment

Suzanne Boag made a motion to adjourn and Bob Carlton seconded it. All five Board members present concurred and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA