

**Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes- Friday, May 8, 2020**

**Attending: Ellen T., Rita G., Louise W-R., Chris S., Paula B., Andy H., Margaret M.**

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Ellen T. at 1:03 p.m.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	<p>Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note</p> <p>Louise W-R. made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Paula B.</p>
Treasurer's Report & Financials	<p>Please review ahead of time.</p> <p>Financial reporting due to IRS by May 15, 2020. Ede S. will complete and submit the report to IRS, with a copy to Chris S.</p> <p>Paula motioned to accept treasurer's report, seconded by Andy H.</p>
Education Report	<p>Margaret Ellen – May 20 Online Zoom</p> <p>Margaret has put together guidelines for CEUs from the state. No volunteer training this August. A few classes for MGV training may happen after October. Signage for community gardens is in the works and will be complete with different languages.</p> <p>Ellen has 15 MGVs signed up, plus Andy will join, her power point presentation for May 20 online ZOOM.</p> <p>PJ Liesch on killer hornets—check UW-WI Utube . Every Friday morning at 10:30,UW-UTube presents. Margaret to send e-mail to MGVs to encouraging watching virtual garden tours.</p>
WIMGA Update	Andy
Teaching Garden Situation	<p>Ellen, Margaret</p> <p>City of Altoona needs to plow near the garden with 12 ft snow plow. Can we set gardens back 2 feet? The 2 spirals should be done in ovals and get rid of spool. Chris Nelson will plant. Need MGVs to rebuild spirals. In fall, secure a work team to accomplish this, just repair now so we can use. Can Chris Nelson send out a job list? Repair work should take 2 people about 1 hour to repair to look decent. Chris S. and Ellen T. volunteered. Raised pine beds appear rotted, watering mechanisms are fine. Need a list to plan repairs and fix in fall.</p>

By-Laws & SOPs	<p>Update from Louise and Chris</p> <p>Discussion on Celebrations/Loss of MGVs and how to handle consistently – All</p> <p>Perhaps not have more than 2 officers going off board in a single year. Jeanne C. suggested 1<sup>st</sup> year term on board-no office, but would depend on comfort level. Motion by Chris S. to change from 2 yr terms to 3 yr terms, with officer position not eligible 1<sup>st</sup> year.</p> <p>Discussion held-3 yr board term with a second 3 year term to follow. Could hold an office starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of first term. Paula B. seconded the motion. Chris S. and Louise W-R. will work on President/ secretary and vice-president/treasurer terms. They plan to have a draft by next board meeting.</p>	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing Committees –</li> <li>• Calendar</li> </ul> <p>Plant Sale- Explored the idea of having the plant sale in August, discussion was held. Paula B. made a motion to cancel the possibility of plant sale for August. Rita G. seconded it-All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Online due payment-need to meet for discussion.</p> <p>Andy H. and Margaret M. will set up a Zoom meeting with Kris Peterson to discuss. Margaret will check if Mike Maddox is OK with it. If MGVs prefer to send a check for dues, that will be acceptable.</p> <p>We will work on calendar in the near future and try to get it completed.</p> <p>Ellen will check with Jeanne C. about board meeting change from Thursday to Friday—permanent? June meeting could be Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> ? 1 pm. Zoom</p> <p>Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today. Andy H. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paula B. Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.</p>	

Attachments for meeting:

- April Secretary Report
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