

**Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were: Anna Marie Bellamy, Patty Burns, Joe Loughlin, Fred Mina, Charlie Spencer, Ash Tyler, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, and Grace Wrigley.

Minutes of the June 19, 2008 board meeting were accepted as information.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman stated that the \$1,000 previously borrowed for the 2008 conference from the BCMGVA was repaid.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley stated she is still working on setting up speakers for the 2009 & 2010 general meetings. So far Jim LeTendre has committed to speak but Lucy Bradley will not be able to come because of travel restrictions. Grace also contacted the Coastal Camera Club, Bob Innis, and Bruce Williams.

Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin said the newsletter is done but will not be published on the website until July 18. A discussion followed as to trying to get a local webmaster to set up the newsletter. Fred Mina suggested contacting a NC company called "E-Host" which he has been using for several years. Charlie also indicated there might be a person from one of the new classes that has web skills. Joe will first check with John Baronowski before searching further for a webmaster.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler stated that in the greenhouse, the plastic on the East and West ends has been installed, as well as the 42" exhaust fans, four circulating fans, four shutters and irrigation heads replaced. All the equipment is in place, now an electrician is needed. Ash & Charlie recently went to the daylily farm and ordered \$600 worth of plants for the spring 2009 plant sale. The Restitution program now has a budget of \$10,500 which is about \$2,000 less than last year but he thinks, with the new legislation just passed, the program might get a little more money. He stated that we have met our obligations (pay-in-kind) to the program. Joe suggested that Ash write an article for the newsletter to educate the new people about the Restitution program.

Hardscape, Fred Mina stated that the major projects were done. The old ramp is gone and the new one is in, now landscaping is needed. The shed is built and the leftover lumber was used to build a table in the pesticide storage area. He still needs to replace decking boards.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer passed out copies of the updated MG list that was recently been purged. The list includes active MG's as well as the new class members who are somewhat active. The next plant sale will be 10/23, 24 & 25th. Friday, 9/26th, will be the Fall Coastal Gardening Program with Peter Hertyl, Lucy Bradley, Matt Martin and the new environmental person being the speakers. A Firewise demonstration will be at St. James on 9/13. There will be continuing education seminars on herbs on 9/22 from

2-4 p.m. & 9/29 from 6-8 p.m. at BCC conducted by Charlie & Shirley. The MG Christmas party will be 12/10. He will get dates soon for Life on the Farm. Also, he will send out another email asking for people to sign up and help at the convention. Shirley suggested that those MG's who were not at the recognition banquet be given their certificates when they come to a meeting or work on the hot line rather than wait until the end of the year. Charlie will provide Joe with a list of all new class members and those MG's who received awards at the recognition banquet to post in the newsletter. An article will also be given to Joe for the newsletter about the story of the 1st grader and his tomato plant.

President, Shirley Waggoner- Eisenman said she and Charlie met last week with Chuck Warden, President of the New Hanover County Master Gardeners. He is trying to get more people involved in the master gardeners program in that county and possibly Pender county and wanted some ideas on what Brunswick County was doing. On the 2008 conference, registration check-in is covered for work time but she is still working on getting a person for the Silent Auction. People are also needed to man the conference table for selling shirts, tools, and tote bags and the Brunswick County MG table for selling the "Gardening by the Month" books and plants, and as hosts and hostesses. Grace questioned why the State website didn't have anything on the conference because she couldn't get the link to work. Shirley stated the website should be up and running. Shirley asked Joe to put something in the newsletter about the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary