

**Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, at 9:05 a.m. In attendance were: David Barkley, Patty Burns, Becky Dus, Joe Loughlin, Dominique Loewenstein, Charlie Spencer, Ash Tyler, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman, and Grace Wrigley.

Minutes of the April 17, 2008 board meeting were accepted as information. Shirley passed around suggestions submitted by Paula Cline from the 2008 class for the newsletter name and logo which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley:

She and David are still working on setting up speakers for the 2009 general meetings.

Treasurer, Al Smith:

In Al's absence, Shirley stated that the fee for the BCMGVA becoming a "not for profit incorporation" is \$125. A discussion followed as to the advantages of the association becoming incorporated in light of the recent Restitution funds issue. Grace made a motion and Dominique seconded it that Al continue on with the completion of becoming a not for profit incorporation. It was approved and will now be voted on at the membership meeting. The official name would be "Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association, Inc."

Shirley then read highlights of the financial report that was provided for by Al on the plant sales and Gardening by the Month book sales projection for 2008.

Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin:

A discussion followed as to the suggested name and logo submitted by Paula Cline, "Growing Together - Brunswick County and BCMGVA". It was agreed that we use the name only for the newsletter, not the logo, since the association cannot use the watering can trademark.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler:

The new cover and exhaust fans for the greenhouse are ready to be installed. Ash mentioned the state might drop the Restitution program next year due to considerable budget reductions but he is hopeful the program won't be cut. Sales for the May plant sale were \$8,886 with \$4,900 in expenses.

Banquets/Parties, Becky Dus:

The Recognition Banquet date has been changed to June 26th which is the same day as the June general meeting. A discussion followed as to how to handle the amount of food that members are to bring. Invitations will go out shortly.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer:

He asked if everyone got the Press Release about the May 22nd meeting. Bryce Lane will speak in the morning at the general meeting, 4-H will provide lunch, and Bryce Lane, Al Hight and David Barkley will do the afternoon sessions. Cost is \$7.00 which will cover lunch and handouts with the proceeds going to the 4-H youth programs in Brunswick County. The Supply school sessions went very well and the kids seemed to be very knowledgeable of plants after the sessions. He will do a success story for the newsletter.

Hort Agent, David Barkley:

The MG classes are wrapping up. The Landscaping class has prioritized projects to be completed. . The stone bridge has been completed and the tropical garden has been planted. They started working on the rain garden. Maggie Hoon will be cutting labels for the plants in the gardens. He is also working with the 4-H judging teams and is trying to secure funds to go to Greenville, SC for a national contest in late October. He is also going to special training in October on organic gardening.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman:

The conference committee is asking the membership to pre-pay conference registration at the May meeting so we have sufficient funds to get the conference announcements ready for mailing. Approximately 4,000 to 5,000 announcements will be sent out. Charlie will be sending out an announcement to the membership before the general meeting on 5/22.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary