

MINUTES OF THE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF BC
Special COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

2:00pm, Ron Fawcett Home, Langley, BC

PRESENT: Ron Fawcett, Barry Roberts, Leslie Ingram, Penny Koch, Susan Lazar, Linda Sears, Lynne Christmas, Diane Hartley
Regrets: Dana Richardson

Note: the letters MSC used below stand for Moved, Seconded, Carried

The meeting convened with guests from VIMGA, Pam Harrison, Linda Derkach, Sally Shivers, Pat Reilly. A lengthy discussion regarding the relationship between VIMGA and MGABC took place and culminated in Pam Harrison saying that VIMGA would let us know if and when a new VI representative would be appointed to Council, Janet Sawatsky having resigned June 20/08.

1. Minutes of Council Meeting of May 13/08: not addressed

2. Treasurer's Report: (attached)

Treasurer's report as @ June 30/08 accepted as presented Ron/Linda

Cheques Issued report accepted as presented Barry/Penny

Ron presented draft budgets for 2009 wherein he divided up the Provincial and Chapter expenses. Council will read these over the next several weeks in preparation for discussion at a future meeting/s.

3. Correspondence/Committee Reports:

The Education Committee consists of: Jack Grant, Robin Rance, Margaret Walwyn, Ann Kent, Lynne Christmas and Barry Roberts. The Education Cttee met and Jack Grant has agreed to create an Education Standards Document, hopefully by November'08. Council decided not to spend \$500 to summarize the education survey completed last year. It is to be referred back to Jack for possible follow-up.

4. Old Business:

-discussion of the purchase of the digital projector deferred to September meeting.

- Nominations: Jack, Barry and Lynne met and determined that there are 7 positions to be filled for Council 2009.

Linda Sears has agreed to let her name stand for a second term. VIMGA is entitled to send a new representative to the Sept and Oct meetings and/ or nominate a rep for 2009.

- Council was provided with numbers of mg's who currently hold VanDusen memberships. Some of the membership is not required to belong to VanDusen because they reside outside of Metro Vancouver. An extended discussion took place regarding the MGABC/VanDusen financial relationship.

- Lynne reported that Victoria MGs will discuss signing a Letter of Agreement at their Sept mtg. LOA must be completed by the end of September if VMG want representation on Council 2009. A formal letter will be sent to Victoria Master Gardeners inviting them to enter into an affiliation agreement with us. The following are issues with must be included in an affiliation package: clarification of Provincial & Chapter names – MGABC is the name of the Provincial body and each chapter will be known as the XYZ Chapter of MGABC; a sample of a standard Affiliation Agreement; the list of Letter of Affiliation criteria; a benefit statement (what benefit there is to affiliation with MGABC); guidelines for setting up an Education Program.

- Prince George LOA was signed in July after much email discussion and approval by Council

Meeting adjourned at: 8:45pm

Handouts attached:

Resignation ltr: Janet Sawatsky

VIMGA discussion items

Treasurer's reports

Membership report

LOA Criteria

PG LOA