

around long enough to advise on matters. Leslie reminded the group that the Provincial Council must vote on Life Members.

Membership Categories Cont.

Motion that Joan Horsey (Vancouver Member) be granted Life Membership status

CARRIED

4. Home and Garden Guides- Lynne

Lynne advised the group of the bulk buying discounts offered for order of 50 or greater. Ron felt that we should make a profit. Linda S. said that in principle we should not profit from the sale of the books but that shipping and handling could be tacked on. Linda D. advised that many VIMGA members do not want to buy another book. Hope suggested each Chapter deal with their own ordering- This will be completed via e-mail

5. Invasive Plant Council- Grow Me Instead Brochure – Lynne

a) Leslie wondered about posting this pamphlet on our website. Barry wondered if MG's are in agreement with the information contained within, pointing out that Buddleia is listed as invasive but that some cultivars are not.

b) Penny advised the IPC had difficulty limiting the brochure to 13 plants and that the idea was to educate people to be more careful with their plant purchases; it is not an exhaustive list, only a recommendation.

(Back to agenda item) 2c. Fact Sheets –Fundraising Update

a) There has been one donation from a member; Barry wondered about the possibility of donations from elsewhere. VIMGA has done their fundraising for this effort already.

b) Linda D. thought the \$100 amount to trigger a tax receipt was too high; she suggested \$25.

c) As the original plan was for corporate sponsorship perhaps we need to target smaller corporations/ and even nurseries. There was general agreement to take it back to Chapters. d) Susan wondered about timelines: 3 months from order to delivery (if from China)

6. Plans for 2009 AGM – Jan

a) Jan handed around an announcement for the upcoming AGM requesting input
Discussion of this event not being a 1st as we at VanDusen have operated as MGABC until the recent amalgamation with other Chapters.

b) Branding consistency is necessary; may sell umbrellas or aprons

c) Pam mentioned VIMGA members had suggested a travel subsidy (from MGABC matched by Chapters)

d) Next Planning Meeting TBA (June 25th date conflict with Terra Nova Field Trip)

7. MGABC Banner- Lynne

Lynne demonstrated an upright all weather banner. Discussion of usage followed.

It was agreed to order the \$400 banner for use at MGABC profile events such as World Rose Festival, BC Home Show, AGM in Victoria, Spring Seminar and any other big events Chapters are involved in. There will be a first come, first served, sign -out system put in place.

8. Website Committee- Leslie

a) Leslie handed out copies of sample website pages.

b) Vanessa has fixed many navigation buttons and has come up with a framework for Chapters. Each Chapter will need to decide if they want duplicate info on our MGABC site and their host garden site.

c) Barry wondered if we could get hits info. Leslie thought we needed a starting point i.e. wait until after Chapters are updated. Jan thinks we should have a 'launch' when we are ready.

d) Pam wondered if each Chapter section could have a different lovely flower. Leslie said we are trying to get the picture library running on different pages.

e) Plant Information Line/ E mail- contact from each Chapter needed

f) All feedback on Website to Leslie please.

9. Spring Seminar – Lynne

Jennifer Trehane from England has been booked for 2010. Susan Jan, and Lynne are meeting July 10th to plan further. Lynne wanted to know about reserving for 2012- consensus for closer to March end.

10. Resignations: Newsletter Editor- Anne Marie has two new volunteers with editor experience from the last BT Class. They will all work together to produce the September issue. June 30th is submission deadline.

Pam wondered if we could change the 'Clinics' title to 'Vancouver Chapter Clinics' on Newsletter.

11. Education Committee/ MG Questionnaire on Community Outreach- Linda D.

a) Met with AT Committee: Came up with a written draft of the relationship between the ATP and the Council. Linda will re-draft and send to Barry and Ron for input, then to the Council.

b) Met with Ed Committee: revised terms of reference, Work Plan and Draft Agreement with ATP.

c) Guide to BT Program waiting for information from Chapters for the Appendices. fixed by Linda D

b) Questionnaire – Are we fulfilling our mandate

Barry will share re-answering the Vancouver section with other council members< Linda D. please resend to Heather

The Education Committee is looking at the policy of public education component

Jan wondered about ATP being taken on the road, with the organizing being done locally and mentored by the current AT Committee.

12. Chapter Reports

Summerland- Linda Sears

- The "Afternoon in the Garden" fundraiser did not draw a large crowd, but the speakers were excellent and many of the attending MGs were appreciative (and also garnered Self-Ed hours).
- Relations with our host garden (Summerland Ornamental Gardens) are being re-assessed, in terms of the place of the MGs in that area. Updates will follow.

Vancouver Island- Pam Harrison

- No facilitator yet for BT Course
- Low interest in fall BT course—orientation previously scheduled for June has now been rescheduled for August 31st with a September 19 Course start date.
- Garden Tour starting at Shawnigan Lake School on July 11

Victoria – Jan Hemming (attached notes)

- Four MGs will showcase their gardens on a tour June 25
- Jan and Hope brought a sample of their clinic box and showed the contents which included a table cloth with banner attached and information material (There are clinic boxes available for MG's in various geographic areas; they must be signed out by MG's)

Vancouver – Susan Lazar

- May 12 MG meeting showcased 'Green/Living Roofs' of YWCA and Trade & Convention Centre; everyone is keen on the upcoming July 21 tour of these facilities
- Recent Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening Workshop for the public with Sharon Hanna
- MG Fall Fair (name TBA) October 3: public event in Floral Hall showcasing Beekeeping, Demonstrations: how to create privacy in your garden, hypertufa pots, permeable surfaces etc.

Prince George – Sheila Malbeuf

- This group is also looking for a new facilitator
- Struggling to get more MGs involved in administrative duties
- Upcoming Community Garden and plant sale involvement
- No clinics yet at nurseries but at smaller public events
- Judging at PG Exhibition: harvest related theme: seed collection, seed saving.

Third bulletin- Penny Koch

- Penny wondered how relevant this info is; is it useful, should we simply have it on the website. Discussion followed on how to improve this bulletin and do it differently.
- Leslie will speak to the Website Committee to see how they could link to the info.

13. Annual Report- Lynne

Discussion of Annual Report Draft: Vancouver info is missing

14. Nomination Committee- Barry

Vancouver representation is needed on Provincial Council. 2 + 5 ordinary members are needed for nominating committee. Discussion followed on whether bylaws need to be amended. This matter tabled for a future meeting

15. Calendar for MGABC Meetings

It was agreed that the MGABC would convene September and November of 2009, then again in January 2010 at which point there would be a review of the calendar for future meetings.

16. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Nielsen, Secretary

Next Provincial Council Meeting will be held Wednesday September 9th @ 11:00
(FYI this was booked in 2008)

Handouts attached

Agenda

May 11, 2009 Minutes

Cheques issued May 31 2009

Financial Statements:

Income Statement as @ May 31, 2009

Balance Sheet as @ May 31, 2009

VIMGA- Donations re QBCGS & PQ Fdn (2b on agenda)

MGABC Member Categories at June 2009 (3 on agenda)

MGABC Results of Questionnaire on Community Outreach Activities June 8, 2009 (11 on agenda)

Victoria Master Gardener Chapter Report (12 c on agenda)

