

MINUTES OF THE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF BC JOINT MEETING WITH VAN DUSEN GUIDES

Thursday, February 8, 2007 - 9:30am

(Note: MSC stands for moved, seconded, carried)

1. Welcome and Announcements – Claire Kermacks called the meeting to order at 9:30 and asked Tom Purvis to introduce our speaker, Chris Woods

2. Speaker: Tom Purvis introduced Chris Wood, Van Dusen Garden Director. Chris spoke about his passion for plants and his life long love of gardens and gardening. He showed slides of gardens from all over the world and of every type of garden from the most formal European to the whimsical window box. His lively talk was very well received by the group and comments were made that it was very interesting and gave us a small insight into what may or may not come to be at Van Dusen.

Coffee Break:

MG Business Meeting:

a) Minutes of November 2006 General Meeting: msc to accept Doug Courtemanche/Katie McIntosh

b) Treasurer's Report: msc to accept Denise /Nigel Bunning

c) Report from Council: Council meeting will be held in the afternoon, Lynne will send out a report to members

d) Old Business:

i) November 2005 motion regarding sending minutes to members:

Lynne explained the problem we are having with sending out the minutes by email to every member. The minutes are truncated and very difficult to read. Derry Walsh, who had proposed the original motion in 2005, proposed to leave the motion as it stands, but that council continues to work on improving the communication flow. This was accepted by the membership and Lynne assured them that the council was committed to doing everything possible to ensure members were kept fully informed.

ii) Update Seminar – Barbara Bowers reported that 8 vendors are booked for the Update, thanks to Susan Lazar. The compost sale setup will be organized as a drive through and should be quicker and more efficient. There will be a book seller at the Update.

iii) Seedy Saturday – Lynne asked members to please donate books for sale at Seedy Saturday.

iv) Skill Survey – only 50 members out of a possible 500 completed the survey, but some good information has been gleaned from those replies. Barry will continue to accept surveys until the end of the month.

e) New Business:

a) Announcements:

Nancy Dickinson announced that the Capital Campaign has received a donation of \$800,000 from an anonymous donor and that Master Gardeners have raised \$19,000 toward the campaign which now stands at a total of \$6.1 million.

Advanced Training Program deadline for registering is June 20. Call June Pierson for more information.

Peter Raven will present a free lecture in the Floral Hall on April 3 at 2:00pm. The topic of his lecture will be “How Many Plants will Survive the 21st Century”. This promises to be a very interesting lecture.

Project Coordinators retiring – Susan Lazar announced that Alice Kilian and Andrea Lebowitz (the **A** team) will be retiring in the fall from the job they have been doing so well for us for so long. We are asking a team of 2 or 3 from the membership to consider taking on this responsibility. Andrea and Alice will work with you throughout the season so that when it is time for them to step back you will be comfortable taking it over.

Members Time – Q&A/Comments/Sharing:

Karen Shuster announced that there is a group pulling Ivy at Stanley Park. Karen will send out a link to the group’s website.

Liz Haahn spoke about a Plant Collectors Gala Auction which will take place April 26/07 at UBC. The proceeds of the auction will support the Carolina forest and Garry Oak projects. Speak to Liz about details.

6. Motion to adjourn & Door prizes:msc Doug Courtemanche/Nigel Bunning

Next Meeting will be the Update Seminar on March 25.