

MINUTES OF THE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF BC GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

9:30am, Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens

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

1. Welcome & Announcements: Lynne thanked all of the plant sale volunteers and all of the members who were so patient with the interruptions of email, mgclinics responses due to her recent household move. She expects to be up and running again within a few days.

No secretary at this meeting as she is attending a funeral. Lynne will provide her with notes to create minutes from.

Reminders: 1) May 19 will be the Nursery Bus Tour. 2) June 23 is the Summer Garden Party, tickets are \$5. This will be held in a city garden this year. 3) Lots of clinic material is available for pickup at the back of the room. 4) Please submit only one copy of pink sheet per clinic and attach the Q&A form with the names of mgs, date and venues written on it. It would be helpful if you wrote "pink sheet" on the outside of the envelope prior to sending it in.

2. Education Committee presentation: Committee is Ann Kent, Dale Fitzpatrick, Marg Walwyn, Robin Rance and Lynne Christmas. Dale Fitzpatrick explained the committee's work over the past year based on the results of the education survey we did last January. He pointed out the events the committee had organized over the past year. Ann Kent moderated a short Q & A session on how to improve member's participation in the work of the organization. The committee members then presented short talks on a variety of topics. Dale spoke about bamboo, Robin on the chafer beetle, Lynne on dying cedars, Ann on sowbugs & cutworms and Marg spoke on bees.

Coffee Break with goodies

3. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Minutes of General Meeting of April 10/07: m/s/c Doug Courtemanche/Therese d'Monte

b) Treasurer's Report: Posted on board at front of the room. m/s/c Karen Shuster/Jim K Taylor.

c) Council Report:

- Nigel Bunning spoke about the clinics on the deck at VanDusen
- Marg Walwyn spoke about the deadline for application for Advance Training. The deadline is now May 20. Anyone who is interested should contact June Pierson.
- Ann Marie Metten asked that members be told about the Sunflower Seedling sale on May 13/07.
- Council needs some people to help with Community Projects, Update Seminar and Website committees. Support is provided to anyone who is willing to help out.
- Council is looking at putting together some banners, etc to use at fairs or booths at the larger venues where mgs set up clinics.
- Plant Information Line cards have been ordered and will be available for members to hand out at clinics, etc soon. Council will let everyone know where and when they can be picked up.

d) Old Business **Nominations Committee Report** Ron Fawcett, Chair, reported that there are 6 positions to be elected for next year's council. Chair Elect, 2 Vice Chairs, Treasurer and 2 Members at Large. The Committee has received the names of 3 people who are prepared to stand for election, but nominations are open for all positions. Nomination forms will be distributed in June, deadline for nominations will be September 30, the slate will be announced in October and the elections will be held in November at the Annual General Meeting.

e) New Business: none

f) Questions, Remarks, Concerns:

4. Adjournment & Door Prizes

Handouts attached:

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Hartley