

MINUTES OF THE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF BC GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

7:30 pm, 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 who responded to the BCLNA request. Ann-Marie Metten and Odessa Bromley will be the MGABC reps on the BCLNA 'GardenWise' editorial committee.

- June 23 is the Summer Garden Party, tickets are \$5, Barry has them for sale at the back of the room. This will be held in a city garden this year.

- Susan Lazar told the meeting that they should watch MGAdmin over the summer as there may be an announcement of a workshop being offered in September. This being Linnaeus' 300th birth year we are working toward putting on a Plant ID workshop.

- Our September meeting will be a joint meeting with the Guides. Members are asked to please bring extra goodies.

- Lynne read out the names of the recipients of 10 & 20 year pins. None of the recipients were present. Arrangements will be made to get the pins to them.

2. Speaker: Therese D'Monte very kindly stepped in to speak to the group when our scheduled speaker cancelled at the last minute because of a back injury. Therese spoke about the use of colour in the garden and showed slides that demonstrated the impact of harmonious colours and/or contrasting colours. She talked about the impact that various colours have on the physical and mental well being of individuals. In her own garden she uses a lot of yellow which is good for improving memory, blue is calming and green offers the viewer hope, renewal, change and diversity. The audience was appreciative of Therese' interesting and informative talk .

Coffee Break with goodies

3. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Minutes of General Meeting of April 10/07: m/s/c Doug Courtemanche/George Littlemore

b) Treasurer's Report: Posted on board at front of the room.

c) Council Report:

- Lynne reported that Council had discussed the possibility of another bus tour in the fall as the tour on May 19 had been a great success. A notice will go out on MGAdmin in the summer so if you are interested, please watch for information.

- Council also asked that MGs be reminded that although it is a volunteer duty, we should view our clinic assignments as a job. It makes it very difficult for all when someone does not show up. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU SAY YOU ARE GOING TO DO!!

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 4 people who are prepared to stand for election, but nominations are still open for all positions. Nomination forms have been distributed with the newsletter, 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. Ron encouraged everyone to consider putting their name forward when they are called by a member of the nominations committee over the summer.

- **Plans for the Future:** Lynne reported to the group that council has spent many hours developing a plan for expansion of the MGABC. The plan has been discussed at general meetings and is available for inspection by the membership in the annual report and on the Website. The planning has now reached the point where there is enough information available for members to make a determination as to whether or not it is direction that the organization should be going. We want feedback from the membership. Should we proceed with the next step of the plan which would be to make changes to our bylaws? Lynne asked for questions/comments from the group. The following questions/comments were made: 1) what % of members comes from the Vancouver area? A specific answer to the question was not available, but certainly the largest majority of our members live in the Vancouver area. 2) How would

we accommodate students need to acquire hours? Initially, the overall clinic coordinator position would continue. 3) We need to think about how small chapters would manage to get speakers, meeting rooms, executive members, committees, etc. 4) how would the clinic structure work? Would we limited to clinics in our home area? Not necessarily, again the Overall Clinic Coordinator could be maintained. 5) Derry stated that she has spoken to many MGs in the Surrey, Delta area and the consensus is that are busy with Dart's Hill, S. Surrey Garden Club and MG responsibilities and they do not want another meeting. Lynne said that the Council has discussed the idea of holding meeting in some of the outlying areas to get feedback from the members in the areas. 6) Could MGABC be more involved with local garden clubs as a way of reaching out to the community? The discussion ended with a suggestion to revisit it in the fall with an eye to setting up community meetings before proceeding with the plan.

e) New Business: none

f) Questions, Remarks, Concerns:

4. Adjournment & Door Prizes: m/s/c/ Doug Courtemanche/Nigel Bunning. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Hartley