

BCMGA Board Meeting  
May 13, 2024  
9:00 -11:00  
Agenda  
Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 0903 by Brenda Bye

Attending: Board members: Paula Lupcho, Janet Magedanz, Brenda Bye, Alan Taylor, Deb Kern, Therese Van de Graaff, Jana Tindall, Michelle Brown, Marge Alig, Lynn Trimpe, Jill Lodwig (A quorum was present)  
Staff: Otilia Schreuder

Minutes

Approve April minutes – **motion** to approve as amended by Jana Tindall seconded by Alan Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report—Brenda Bye

Signup Genius discussion: The discussion noted that different signup accounts are used for the help desk and the farmers market, potentially leading to confusion. Brenda is currently administering the farmers market signups using the BCMGA account. Laurie Gibson is administering the help desk using the OSU account. Otilia noted that both signups are probably under the purview of extension, but the current staffing level creates difficulties. Brenda noted several advantages with BCMGA handling the signup and said she is happy to continue administering the farmers market account. The issue was tabled until additional extension staff has been hired.

Treasurer's Report—Janet Magadanz

Financial report presented and reviewed.

**Motion** made by Jana to have the OSCU 5/23/24 CD rollover Paula seconded—motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** made by Paula to preapprove the rollover of the FIB (5212) 6/15/24 CD. Marge seconded—motion carried unanimously.

Plant Sale Revenue:

Approximate gross income from the 2024 plant sale was \$49K. The 2023 gross income from the plant sale was \$8000 more, at \$67K. The difference is attributed to fewer plants for sale. No dig and divides were held this year, although we did have some plants from the last year's dig and divide. Additionally, some plants were not ready to sell because of the colder weather.

Vice-President Program—Lynn Trimpe/Michelle Brown

Lynn noted that, thanks to Michelle, information about membership meetings is now posted on our website under Members/Membership Meetings.

BCMGA Membership Meetings:

May 20, 2024

Dan Blanchard OSU Campus Arboretum

Topic: The OSU Campus Arboretum, a Historical Perspective

Speaker: Dan Blanchard, OSU Department of Horticulture. Dan is the Curator of Living Plant Collections for the Oregon State University Campus Arboretum and a horticulture instructor at OSU, where he teaches landscape plant materials classes, among others.

Summer Garden Tours: (Information is posted on BCMGA website under Members/Garden Tours)

June 12th garden tour will be at Karen's Garden.

Karen Hopson, formerly of Garland Nursery, will be opening her home garden to members for a tour. She has a hilly, drought tolerant garden in mostly full sun, with a shade garden on one side and a raised vegetable garden on the other. One of the main attractions of her garden is the metalwork by her husband Randy. You can tour the garden and artwork at your leisure, and Karen will be available to answer questions. Because the garden is on a hill, wear sturdy, comfortable shoes.

July 18: OSU Campus Arboretum

Aug 13: BCMGA Demo Garden

Desk Training Update—Alan Taylor

Otillia is providing an updated list of trainees that have completed their course work and are eligible to sign up for desk training. The first training was held last Thursday (May 9). They will be receiving two training sessions. Many of this year's trainees have weekday jobs and need more weekend or evening opportunities. Otillia said she would be making cold calls to companies and organizations to see if they are interested in hosting clinics. She will provide Brenda the names of those who have expressed interest. Brenda is working on additional farmers market clinic tables. Currently, not many trainees are signed up and there are lots of unfilled shifts. Jill suggested that Certified Master Gardeners that are not interested in training but would like to work the desk be given a process in which they can sign up for upcoming and unoccupied shifts. All agreed it was a great idea! Alan will draft an invitation with details for the next President's email, as well as a note to encourage trainees to sign up.

Ask Extension was brought up as a possible venue for earning direct hours toward certification for those trainees who can't work during the week. The general consensus was that more information about Ask Extension was needed. Otilia will research and provide information prior to the next board meeting.

#### Extension Report—Otilia Schreuder

- Otilia thanked BCMGA's desk refresher training team.
- We have a new supplier of badges with a faster turnaround time.
- Twenty Two MGs attended a Master Gardener Continuing Education event held May 9<sup>th</sup> in Tangent. The topic was invasive species, noxious weeds, pesticides and other relevant topics for Master Gardeners. More CE events are in the works.

#### Trainee Update—Otilia Schreuder.

Otilia is clearing trainees today to begin desk training, which will be followed by rolling approvals based on completed course work. The majority of trainees have an ECCO account.

#### Good of the Association

Association Badges: Paula would like to pursue the purchase of badges for the BCMGA associate members. The badge would need to be different enough so that they are not mistaken for Certified MGs. All present liked the idea. Paula will research and bring a formal proposal at the next board meeting.

Spirit of Gardening Poles: Brenda is currently recruiting for a lead to design and create a spirit pole to support the Joy of Gardening silent auction. Each BCMGA chapter is encouraged to provide a garden art pole designed to represent their county. Brenda asked how this should be funded. Paula said it should be drawn from the budget discretionary fund.

Efforts to find land for greenhouse: Kathy Clark and Paula met with Sam Angima (Associate dean for Extension) and Leslie Madsen (Statewide Master Gardeners Program Manager) to solicit their support in finding an unused parcel within OSU to use as a propagation facility and educational greenhouse. Kathy is completing a two-page synopsis with details and will forward to Sam and Leslie. The goal is for them to support us in discussions with Mike Green (VP for Finance & Administration, Chief Financial Officer). Kathy has identified 3 or 4 possible parcels.

Judith Kenner and Laura Horsey are talking with a person with private land that might be usable.

Jana talked with someone with an unused parcel, but after visiting determined it was not large enough.

## Gardening Moment

Alan is happy to see his garden come alive: He planted corn yesterday, his beans are ready to transplant, his tomatoes are busting through their water cages, and his strawberries are in bloom.

Jana already has her first tomato growing.

Paula has been taking soil temperatures and noted it was now up 15 degrees. She is ready to plant her green beans.

Adjournment @ 10:18 by Brenda Bye

Submitted May 13, 2024

Deborah Kern Co-secretary