

Master Gardener's Board Meeting  
Rutherford County Agriculture Center  
January 7, 2013

Present: 2013 elected officers  
President, Ken Roberge, Vice President, Sabine Ehlers, Treasurer, Marilyn Rogan  
Secretary, Teresa Fly

Other attendees: Don Richardson, Jack Smith, Keith Miller, Ann Miller, Nancy Nelson,  
Ellen Condon, Kristin Naylor, Warren Anderson, Linda Lindquist, Janie Becker

The meeting came to order at 5:30 p.m. and opened by Ken.

Ist quarter events discussed and accepted. Jack commented on how much money was spent on 2012 Master Gardener class and the projected budget for 2013. Handouts for projected 2013 budget.

Winter school is February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 -5:00 with setup beginning February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

Keith solicited for more volunteer to work on committees. Members can attend winter school. Keith, Ellen and Jack requested approximately 10 minutes each for classroom discussion.

4<sup>th</sup> quarter minutes approved and accepted. Teresa stated that she would try to have the minutes ready for approval within one week from the meeting.

MOU for the Association must be signed by every member yearly.

New officers must update your profile. Hours start over January 1.

Marilyn gave an updated financial sheet with profits and losses for year 2012. A motion was presented by Ken to have what money that is left over for 2012 and following years cannot be carried over to the next year. Seconded by Teresa. Voted and motion passed. Committees spend your money wisely but don't spend just to be spending,

Marilyn also gave handouts of the projected budget for 2012. New projects must be maintained for the remaining of the year and years to come.

Ken asks the committees to revisit their budget request NLT the February Board meeting. At that time the budget will be decided and finalized.

Keith stated the budget should be brought to the attention of the Association as of January 1, 2013 with general income and estimated expenses.

Janie suggested maintaining a minimum balance throughout the year.

Cash and receipts must balance.

All members must sign a photo release form.

Marilyn made a motion to let Emily have \$100.00 on the debit card, with the understanding that Marilyn would write a check for bigger purchases. Sabine seconded. Voted and motion passes.

We have applied for a tax ID number and have received it. There is a discrepancy. UT has our name as RCMG. We have our name as MG of RC TN. A motion was brought to the table to read as RCMG doing business as MG of RC TN. Sabine seconded and was voted on. Motion carries.

Sabine stated that she has been talking to a variety of people who may be interested in speaking for our monthly meetings.

Suggestion by Janie. Give the member a survey to see what they are interested in. Motion was made to incorporate a Survey Monkey Account. This is free and Sabine stated that she would set this account up. Seconded by Teresa, voted and carried.

Board meeting proposal, motion and changed by ken. According to the by-laws the board meeting must meet at least 7 days before the association meeting. The board meeting will continue to be the first Monday of every month, beginning at 6:00 instead of 5:30 and continuing until 7:30. Sabine seconded. Voted and passed. The new change will become effective February 4, 2013

Plant and sees day is March 23rd.

Don made comments about the wording of the bylaws; Ken referenced the by-laws for clarification.

Teresa discussed Living in Style event. Due to the date conflict, MG cannot participate in the event,

February events were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58.

Next meeting will be February 4, 2013.

