

**Master Gardener's Board Meeting
Rutherford County Agriculture Center
February 4, 2013**

Present: Ken Roberge, Sabine Ehlers, Marilyn Rogan, Janie Becker.
Others: Don Richardson, Jack Smith, Linda Lindquist, others

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on February 4, 2013.

The Board approved the January Board Meeting minutes with minor revisions.

Motion: The Board and Association Minutes shall be posted after approval on the Association webpage in the 'Members Only' section. Only the current and previous years minutes shall be maintained on-line. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Motion: The password for the Association webpage shall be changed effective early March 2013 and the new password distributed to members whose dues are paid up to date. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Changes to the budget introduced at the January Board meeting were discussed. With agreement with the budget owners, \$300 were removed from the Garden Basic course budget and \$1000 was removed from the Membership Committee budget.

Motion: Pass the 2013 budget as proposed during the January meeting with the above mentioned reductions of \$1300. Motion passed with 3 ayes.

Further discussion was held around budget items including providing a small stipend to speakers who travel to our meeting to present to our membership.

Motion: Approve \$50 towards the speaker for the 'In House Training' session scheduled for April Association meeting. This motion was approved with 2 ayes.

Motion: The Treasure may pay expenses of a speaker for the Association meeting up to the amount of \$50 after receiving a recommendations and information from the Speaker Coordinator. This motion passed with a vote of 3 ayes.

A discussion was held around including a method for members to pay their dues on-line through the Paypal system. The webmaster has proved the feasibility of this concept using our webpage. The Board supported further study of this approach providing the system is used only for dues and was included in the members only section of our webpage.

Budget - 2013							
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	Master Gardener-Rutherford Co., TN				
REVENUE:					
4700	Association Dues			\$ 1,580.00	
5500	Special Event-Master Gardener School			\$ 3,875.00	
5510	Special Event - Garden Basics School			\$ 2,025.00	
5530	Concession Sales - Farmer's Market			\$ 1,200.00	
5540	Wine Sales				
5560	Special Event - Winter School			\$ 3,600.00	
	Total Revenue:			\$ 12,280.00	
EXPENSES:					
7020	Bank Fees			\$ 100.00	
7054	Special Event- Master Gardener School			\$ 3,500.00	
7055	Special Event-Garden Basics School			\$ 350.00	
7056	Special Event - Winter School			\$ 3,000.00	
7057	4-H Scholarship			\$ 500.00	
7058	Master Gardener Class Project			\$ 1,000.00	
7059	Special Event - Plant Swap			\$ 300.00	
7060	Orchard Supplies Expense			\$ 150.00	
7061	Butterfly Garden Expense			\$ 250.00	
7062	Grape Vineyard Expense			\$ 100.00	
7063	Concessions - Farmer's Market			\$ 1,900.00	
7210	IT Support Expense			\$ 50.00	
7235	Membership & Certification Exp.			\$ 300.00	
7240	Miscellaneous Expense			\$ 0.00	
7245	Meals & Entertainment Expense			\$ 1,200.00	
7248	Marketing Expense			\$ 600.00	
7250	Office Supplies			\$ 350.00	
7260	Postage Expense			\$ 100.00	
7270	Printing Expense			\$ 300.00	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$ 14,050.00	

Proposed changes to the By-Laws submitted by Don Richardson during the January meeting were discussed.

Motions: The Board shall approved the proposed changes to Sections 1, 3 and 4 of the Association By-Laws and shall submitted this changes to the whole Association for discussion and approval. This motion passed with 3 ayes.

Further discussion was held concerning other changes needed to the By-Laws. It was proposed to form a committee about mid-year to review the entire set of By-Laws and make recommendations to improve them. Once these changes are approved by the Board they along with the proposed changes to Sections 1 through 4 will be submitted as a whole to the Associations for approval.

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

Section 1.

Membership in the Association shall be open to hosed who have earned and maintained active certified Master Gardener status and who are current in their membership dues.

- A. The term 'active' will mean that the member is current in his association dues.*
- B. The term 'certified' will designate that the member has bet both the initial certification requirements of the Master Gardener program and the annual re-certification standards of 25 hours of volunteer service and 8 units of approved continuing education.*
- C. No change*

Section 2.

No changes in section 2.

Section 3.

Provisional membership without voting privileges will be granted with the following qualifications. Provisional membership are exempt from the annual re-certifications standards and care should be exercised in assigning volunteer service roles as they are not covered by the Universities liability coverage.

- A. Individuals who have had prior 'certified Master Gardener' status but who have failed to keep their certified status current by meeting the annual recertification standards will revert to a provisional associated membership status. They can re-achieve certified status by documenting that they have met the re-certification for the next calendar year.*

(Re-number the existing "A through E" as 'B through F"

- G. Leave of the absence: Granted when a member is incapacitated due to illness or experiences*

*job related scheduling problems that preclude the fulfilling of re-certifications standards.
Member must petition the Master Gardener Coordinator and be granted this privilege.
Association dues are required.*

Section 4.

(A and B remain as is, C is deleted)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm