

Final Minutes from 09Sep09 RAMGA Board Meeting

Attendees: Mary Adkins, Ted Jenks, David Mims, Anne Riffey-Buckner, Carol Schoner, Tracey Smith-Oliver, Barbara Thomas, Gerri Wenz

Apologies: Kip Brooks, Helen Smith, Nancy Smith, Sherry Smith

Meeting was called to order 1:59 PM

Minutes from 12Aug09 meeting were accepted.

Action: **B. Thomas** will contact S. Smith and request that dates for board meetings be included in the newsletters.

1. Reports

Treasurer – See Sep09 report submitted to the board.

The treasurer's report was accepted pending the annual audit.

Action: **T. Smith-Oliver** will correct total spent money in special request column.

Action: T. Smith-Oliver will contact Bank of Rockbridge to determine whether there is a checking account available that pays 1.5% interest for non-profit groups. **Action complete.** A checking account has been opened at Bank of Rockbridge that currently pays 1.5% interest.

Action: T. Smith-Oliver will check with financial brokers to determine whether there are CDs available that pay more attractive interest rates than are currently available from the banks.

Volunteer Coordinators

A. Continuing Education – No report this month

B. Records – See Sep09 report submitted to the board.

C. Class Steering – David Buckner will chair the class steering for the 2010 class. A meeting will be scheduled in Sep with M. Fletcher, D. Buckner, N. Smith, and B. Thomas to get things going.

Newsletter - No report this month

2. Website and Directory – The domain has been renewed for 2 years (less expensive to renew for 2 years rather than 1 year).

Action: G. Wenz will scan the thank-you cards from NBES and put on the website.

Plant Sale

Action: T. Jenks will distribute minutes from the 2009 plant sale wrap-up meeting sometime Jan10.

Agreement: M. Adkins will order red maples (pots and bare root), sugar maples (bare root), service berries (pots), and hydrangeas (pots) for a total of 50 plants. This order will cost approximately \$100 plus shipping costs.

3. Programs

The next program is scheduled for 29Oct and will feature Jeff Kirwin (Remarkable Trees of Virginia). An article will be featured in the News Gazette one week prior to the event. A program for Nov is still needed. Suggestions include contacting the owner of Sunshine Gardens (WV) to give a talk, or contacting other individuals to give a talk on Entomology or Soils.

4. Projects – No report this month

6. Publicity

J. Birzenieks is the interim publicity chair for the remainder of 2009

7. VMGA Report

Plans are underway for the 10Oct09 VMGA meeting. Flower arrangements for the tables will be made 09Oct09 at the extension office. The following items will be donated for the drawings; potted plant (M. Adkins), flower arrangements, jewelry (B. Thomas), and ceramic (M. Adkins). C. Schoner will provide 6 bowls of snacks for the tables.

Old Business –

Nominating Committee: The committee is still working on identifying a person for Secretary for 2010.
Community Fair Feedback: Nine people requested information on RAMGA and 6 people had plant questions.

Glasgow Community Garden: The garden is planned on city land using volunteers, and all produce will be donated to the Glasgow food bank.

Agreement: A donation of \$100 will be given to Boxerwood. A donation of \$100 will be given to Glasgow Community Garden. A donation of \$100 will be given for the landscaping for the “Welcome to Lexington” plantings.

Action: B. Thomas will contact T. Smith-Oliver with the contact information for these donations.

Action: G. Wenz will send T. Smith-Oliver RAMGA cards for these donations.

New Business

The RAMGA picnic is scheduled for 24Sep09 at 5:00. Please bring a plant to swap.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.