

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date July 11, 2012

Members Present: 25

**Meeting was called to order** by President Dan Cummings at 9:35am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes** for June 13, 2012 was presented by Secretary, Linda Ziebell and approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** for June 2012 was given by Treasurer, Patty Witt and approved as read.

**Old Business**

Committees

- In-House Education – Kathleen Hochevar reported:
  - Sept program will be in the evening on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Oct program will be on Sat, the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>
  - A new chairperson is needed for 2013.
- Bus Trip – Doris Fons reported:
  - Sharon Roy is collecting fees for 7/20 bus trip.
- Garden Support – Mary Thiele reported:
  - Meeting to be held after business meeting on 7/11.
  - The committee plans to visit some gardens this summer.
  - Janet Wintersberger reported that the June 23 and 25<sup>th</sup> garden tours response was positive. The number of visitors was from 19-90 attendees.
  - A new co-chair is needed.
- Plant Sale – Patty Witt reported:
  - The income from the sale was \$43,345 and the expense was \$10,317.
- Life Long Gardening – Kay Costello reported:
  - The next meeting will be Wednesday September 5, 2012 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Linden Grove.
  - They will be at State Fair and the Sept Harvest Fair.
  - Mike Maddox will use their equipment to demo enabling tools and have on his website.
- State Fair - Faouzi Kablaoui reported:
  - Has 6 slots to be filled.
  - Sharon reported work days will be 7/27 at 10 am. Orientation will be on Tues, 7/31 at 6:30 pm and Wed, 8/01 at 9:30am.
- Website – Judy Williamson reported:
  - No new update, an email was distributed regarding the available website documents.
- Sunshine – Judy Savage discussed:
  - The request she received to include members email and/or home address in her ill/surgery emails. Group consensus was that people should contact Judy if they need member info. She will forward via personal email versus general SEWMG distribution.
  - Discussion of how to make SEWMG memorial contributions for Boerner.

**New Business**

- Sharon Morrissey /Horticulture Agent/Educator reported:
  - Sharon discussed drought watering guidelines. Handout link:  
<http://wimastergardener.org/sites/wimastergardener.org/files/event%20pdfs/Drought%20and%20Watering.pdf>

- Experts say Japanese Beetles are reduced this year. This may be due to the drought. Japanese beetle traps are NOT effective. Drought is causing spotted spider mite and lace bug damage.
- Laptops needed for presentations have been moved to a cabinet by Nancy Lehrer's office. They should be reserved in advance. If you need the key contact Sharon or front desk,
- The County fair will be staffed with a booth and presentations Sept 28-30<sup>th</sup>.
- General training announcement to be done by the end of July. There will be changes to the handouts. Evening class starts on 9/6, 5:30-8:30pm at Boerner. Day class will be in Waukesha starting 9/10 from 1:00 to 4:00pm.
- The West Madison Field Station's field day is on 8/18, 10:00am-3:00pm.

**Announcements:**

- John Hahn announced that the WIGMA Annual Conference is on **Sept 14-15, 2012 in Ashland**. Link to website for info:  
[http://wimastergardener.org/sites/wimastergardener.org/files/conferences/2012\\_wimga.htm](http://wimastergardener.org/sites/wimastergardener.org/files/conferences/2012_wimga.htm)
- **Next meeting:** at Milw County Extension Office, Wednesday August 8, 2012 – 9:30 am.
- Contact Janet Wintersberger if you have a candidate for a fall training scholarship.
- Sandy Manning announced that the deadline for the next newsletter is August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Contact Dan Cummings if you would like a SEWMG volunteer T-shirt for \$3.00.
- Annual Picnic at Ten Chimney's has limited parking as there will be public tours that day. Dan suggests carpooling if possible.
- Sharon announced that the Boerner Hort Center's new office manager is Kathie Foti.

**Adjourned:** at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ziebell, SEWMG secretary