

DECEMBER 2, 2020
NORTHERN NECK MASTER GARDENERS
ANNUAL MEETING
VIA ZOOM

Henry Riely, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Margie Beane, Mary Beane, Bethany Boswold, Deborah Brooks, Ian Cheyne, Carmela Crawford, Leslie Damon, Cindy Dullea, Marge Gibson, Carolyn Gorman, Betsy Hardy, Aleta Hoffman, Henry Lane Hull, Helen Johnson, Barbara Kauneckas, Sue Kosinski, Sue Lindsey, Susan Losapio, Deborah Marl, Carol Martin, Tami McCauley, Betty Mill, Steve Mosier, Ted Munns, Anne Olsen, Lynn Osborne, Jo Ann Perkins, Kathy Powell, Bonita Russell, Kim Schmidt, Sandy Sperry, Mary Turville, and Fran Westbrook. Bill Bell and Trent Jones attended for VCE.

Minutes of the October 7, 2020 and November 4, 2020 Executive Committee meetings were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Henry reported a balance of \$32,566 as of November 30. He urged EMGs to submit any requests for reimbursement to Deborah promptly.

Election of Officers: The slate of officers is: President – Marge Gibson; Vice President – Lynn Osborne; Secretary – Mary Beane; and Treasurer – Fran Westbrook. The slate is approved. Thank you to outgoing officers!

Proposed 2021 Budget: Henry reviewed the proposed budget, which projects income of \$8,700 and expenses of \$10,195. The projected loss can be covered by reserves. Henry proposed reviewing the budget with EMGs in April/May based on GNN and VCE guidance. Deborah Marl motioned to accept the budget, Barbara Kauneckas seconded the motion, and the budget was approved.

GNN: Marge thanked all who are working on the technical aspects of GNN. The fee will be \$25. All Northern Neck EMGs who pay their dues by March 1st can attend at no cost. A Save-the-Date announcement will be published soon. Online registration will begin on February 1, 2021. Contact Marge to volunteer.

Proposed Plant Sale at Dug-In Farms (April 30-May 2, 2021): Marge announced the sale is in the planning stages. A possible theme is “Shoreline and Beyond.” EMG volunteers will be needed Friday-Sunday.

Closing Remarks on 2020 NNMG Programs:

- **Remote Help Desk** – Trent thanked all who volunteered.
- **SEP** – Ian thanked the SEP team. They used the lockdown to revamp procedures and the SEP homeowner manual. In August they started evaluations left from 2019 and got up to date. The Catch the King program grew to include locations in all NN counties this year.
- **Teaching Gardens** – Barbara reported a total of 1450 pounds of produce grown at the Farm Garden. Deborah reported that work at the Reedville Garden is complete this fall. Marge advised that Sally Beard will chair the HCC Garden in 2021. They are undertaking a project to remove diseased boxwoods on December 8. Sue K will plan a spring 2021 workday at the Northumberland Extension Pollinator Garden. Betsy thanked all who helped this fall at GWB; she also will plan a spring workday.
- **President’s Report for 2020** – Henry presented a slide show and summarized the past year including the brainstorming session led by Tara. He thanked all EMGs for their contributions this year. Great photos!

Other Business:

- Marge thanked Henry for his dedicated leadership during the past two years. She will deliver two Henry’s Garnet sweetspire shrubs to him as a thank you. A third sweetspire was planted at GWB.
- Please record your 2020 hours in VMS by December 31. Trent needs the totals for his reports in early January.
- Marge will form several committees to think about ways NNMG can evolve.
- VCE: Bill advised we are moving to a new website (Dreamhost) on December 5th. It will take about a week to get set up. Trent reported no new guidance from VCE.
- The next **Executive Committee and Annual meeting** will be held on Wednesday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Barbara Kauneckas