

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Via Zoom - March 15, 2021

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m., and confirmed a quorum.

The reading of the minutes of the January 18, 2021, Board of Directors meeting; the February 8, 2021, General Membership meeting; and the February 15, 2021, Board of Directors meeting was waived. The minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Pat Reyes, Treasurer, presented the financial report through February 2021. The report was accepted pending review. She reported that 53 MGs have paid dues to the HMGA for 2021.

Pattie Bland, President, stated that Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, is currently working with the trainees and that classes are nearing completion.

Annette Schantz, VP/HMGA Meetings, reported that she has scheduled two Zoom presentations for upcoming meetings. Connie Sorrell from Goochland-Powhatan Master Gardeners will speak about "Winter Sowing: A Simple Way to Start Your Seeds Outdoors," at the April 5, 2021, HMGA meeting. Liz Revette, Master Naturalist, will speak about "Our Local Bat Population and the Acoustic Monitoring of Bat Populations in Pocahontas Park" at the May 6, 2021, HMGA meeting. Annette stated that with continuing restrictions on gatherings, obtaining the required number of volunteer hours will be challenging. She has sent out a list (attached) of "Ideas for Volunteer Hours During Covid Restrictions." Hopefully, the list will trigger additional ideas from our group. The form for review and approval of a community education activity can be found on Better Impact.

Pattie reported for Linda Hazelwood, Land Care Steward, that the Firewise demonstration, presented by the Land Care Stewards to the HGS class on February 27, went well. The information will be included in future Home Visits.

Pattie reported that there will be HGS programs in the Spring and Summer, but we need a coordinator. Pattie said that September Sickinger has done a good job with the Winter HGS series. Speakers and topics are also needed.

Beckey Watson was not present. Her report (attached) was emailed to the BOD and presented by Pattie. Beckey reported that Rhonda Searles has joined the Grants Committee. Val Kish advised Beckey that an inquiry about the HMGA grant program was received by the Help Desk on March 5. Beckey has sent the caller some information and a link to the online grants.

Val Kish, Help Desk, reported that they are still getting some calls and emails. She expects the volume of contacts to increase as the weather improves.

Val, Mentor Program, is working on ways to link trainees with mentors that have similar interests. She suggested that together they could create and present a program on their shared interest topic for volunteer hours. Annette stated that a Speaker Bureau Coordinator was needed as well as an SOP for the position. Any insights from previous holders of the position would be helpful. Val stated that there

is a list available of speakers and the topics on which they spoke. Val suggested that HGS and the Speakers Bureau should work together as a team.

Susan Doran, Plant Clinics, reported that due to the restrictions on gatherings caused by the pandemic, no plant clinics have been planned.

Pat Reyes, Plant Sale, stated that there would not be a sale again this year due to the restrictions on gatherings. She reported that Ed Wall has started tomatoes from seed, which will be sold to the MGs.

Doris Gullotta, Scotchtown, did not attend the meeting. Pattie reported that a planned March 2 workday was cancelled due to the weather. Doris went out to the gardens on March 4 and noticed that a lot of work has been by those who did come out on March 2. Doris thanked the MGs for all their efforts. Doris scheduled another workday for Thursday, March 11, to continue with garden clean-up.

Jane White, Activity Fair, was asked by Angelette Pryor to coordinate the development and presentation of a virtual program for the last training class of 2021, with the "Activity Contact Persons." What was previously termed "Project Fair" will be known as "Activity Fair" to better align with the terminology in Better Impact. The Activity Fair will be open to all MGs and interns to introduce the trainees and highlight the activities supported by the HMGs. Jane has asked each Activity Contact Person to develop a five to ten-minute program with photos, slides, or videos. Or a Contact Person could present on their activity live during the meeting. The Program will be recorded for future viewing. Sign up on Better Impact.

The Board was reminded that the next BOD meeting will be on April 19, 2021. The March 15, 2021, meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Present: Pattie Bland, Annette Schanz, Wayne Bryant, Pat Reyes, Lisa Willis, Julie Givler, Jane White, Val Kish, Kate Sandy, and Susan Doran. The sign-in sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary



Grants Committee
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Volunteer Ideas
During Covid.docx