

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021

Festival Halle

President Kathie Truxall called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved by email.

Treasurer: Debbie Boze said the only expenses for the last month were for the flower show. Income was from dues, the plant sale, and store miscellaneous sales. We sent a \$50 donation to the Northern Neck Master Gardeners for Bonnie Schaschek's program presented at our April general meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Anne Haynie reported that a sympathy card was sent to Deborah Thomas, daughter of Pat Brownell who was a member of our club from 2004 to 2014; a get-well card was sent to Karen Luzuriaga who broke her foot; a thinking of your card was sent to Jan Shriver and Patsy Sylvia; and a thinking of you card was sent to Jimmy Coates who has put up our tables and chairs at Festival Halle for years.

Anne will send a get-well card to Nathan Moore, Sue Moore's husband. Kathie read a thank you note from Lorraine Van Wickler for inviting her to judge our flower show.

Committee Reports:

Flower Show: Darleen Nelson said she appreciated the effort of the club members in presenting a successful flower show.

Hospitality: Sharon Stieber said 24 members have paid for the June luncheon. Sharon also announced that the Philadelphia Flower show will be an outdoor event this year. The dates for the show are June 5-13.

Membership: Tricia Mrzyglod announced that attendance at our April general meeting was 29 with 4 guests. A "thank you for coming" email was sent to those guests who attended. Debbie Boze said as to date we have 46 paid members.

Publicity: Kathie reported for Karen Luzuriaga. An article on our May Flower Show was sent to the Rappahannock Record, Northern Neck papers, Footprints, and ODG. Karen will do an article on our June luncheon and installation of officers.

Unfinished Business:

Kathie led a discussion on whether we need to clarify member emeritus benefits. The amendment passed read as follows "Any member holding active membership for 25 years or more will be considered a Member Emeritus, and a memorial will be sent to their family upon their decease."

It was decided that what is written in the standing rules is sufficient.

It was suggested to recognize all members with more than 25 years of service this coming year, perhaps at a New Member Tea".

New Business:

- a. Since the Tavern did not charge us for the use of their facility for our flower show, the group passed a motion that we give the Tavern a donation of \$200 as a thank you.
- b. Helen Bell presented this motion concerning moving our meeting place for our general meeting from Festival Halle in Reedville to the Tavern in Heathsville.to the board:

“After speaking with a number of the club’s active members I am going to advance a change of location for our meetings to the activity room of the tavern in Heathsville. Based on the fact that the Tavern is more centrally located in the eastern portion of the NN than Reedville, the move will enable the club to recruit more members from all the NN which is vital to the club’s survival. Moreover, the room is more appropriate for the size of the club and is much easier to prepare for our meetings without the help we no longer have. Previous concerns when the subject was broached was that there was no storage in the Tavern but that has been assuaged by the Woodworkers who have erected a shed which can provide storage for our few things.

Also, in question is the desirability of having a luncheon at these meetings. Not only does it require additional work and organization but it makes for a much longer meeting day which in many of our most active member’s can be a detriment. But if a simpler lunch schedule is still desirable, the room has a fully equipped kitchen to accommodate that.”

It was determined that the lunch portion of this motion should be considered as a separate item at another time.

After a full discussion on the pros and cons of moving the meeting place, Debbie Boze moved that we table the motion until we get input from the general membership. This was agreed to by those present. Kathie will email members presenting the proposal and a final vote will take place at our June Board Meeting.

- c. Programs for next year:

Suggestions were as follows: Bats—Susan Brandli

Terrarium workshop by Karen Luzuriaga

Betsy Washington on designing with native plants—contact by Alice Stieve

Beth Monroe from Ginter gardens has a speakers list —contact by Carol Cole

Floral design workshop

Peggy Singleman from Maymount on horticulture—contact by Debbie Gwaltney

Shelia Weisensale on dried flower, foliage, herbs—contact by Sharon Lemke

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Sharon Lemke

Recording Secretary

Attendees: Sharon Lemke, Kathie Truxall, Carol Cole, Sharon Stieber, Alice Stieve, Darleen Nelson, Helen Bell, Tricia Mrzyglod, Anne Haynie, Wonda Allain, Debbie Gwaltney, Serita Lentz, Jacqui Penney, Debbie Boze