

MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2006 MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

GEORGE J. AMMERMANN, SECRETARY

The following officers were present:

Jan Shannon, Karen Bitnar, George J. Ammermann, Virginia Krebs, Wayne Rhoden,
Dr. Doug Welsh

The following associations were represented: Angelina, Aransas/San Patricio, Bell, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fannie, Fort Bend, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Rio Valley MG (Hidalgo), Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Hill Country MG (Kerr), Lamar, McLennan, Permian Basin (Midland/Ector), Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Nueces, Orange, Parker, Potter/Randall, Tarrant, Big Country (Taylor), Tom Green, Travis, Victoria, Walker, Rolling Plains (Wilbarger) and Wichita.

President Jan Shannon called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. with George J. Ammermann giving the invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes they were approved as posted on the TMGA web site.

Treasurer Virginia Krebs gave the treasurer's report:

Balance as of Feb 25, 2006	\$27,853.70
Deposits	\$ 5,236.00
Disbursements	\$ 2,579.17

Balance as of April 30, 2006	\$30,509.79
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The report is filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Deb Martin, Awards Chair, gave a report on the judging of the awards applications. With the awards being judged by Extension personnel in 6 different states and none of the judges knowing who else was judging it guaranteed no biases could have had an affect on the outcomes. The results of judging will be announced at the noon luncheon on May 6, 2006. At 3:00 p.m. on May 6, 2006, a more detailed presentation will be given for those interested.

Doug Richards, web master, gave a report on the web site and encouraged members to continue giving him information to be posted especially items for the calendar of events listing. Each month will have a separate "calendar of events listing".

Marva Beck, newsletter and outreach chair, was not able to attend. Doug Richards had no items to report for her concerning the newsletter.

Dr. Doug Welsh gave a general update on the master gardener program. The annual report for 2005 is now posted on the TMGA web site. Texas still leads the nation in volunteer hours.

There will be 3 Master Gardener Specialist training sessions held in May, 2006. There will be an Earthkind training in October, watch the web site for more details.

Protocol procedures for the hosting of these training sessions will be forthcoming.

Our 501 (c) 3 application is still not complete, but Wayne Rhoden will submit more information requested by the IRS. He will also contact Edward Pomerantz for help in getting this finalized.

New Business:

The budget for 2006 was presented by Virginia Krebs, treasurer. Sallie Bourgeois, Fort Bend Co moved the adoption of the budget. JoAnn Hahn, Tarrant Co seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lisa Whittlesey gave a report on the 4-H Round-up and expressed her gratitude for the support of the event by TMGA. The budget approved \$500.00 to be given for the support of this event.

Doug Richards gave a brief presentation concerning the possibility of having the 3rd quarterly Board of Director's meeting at a site other than A&M. This would require approval of the Board of Directors and would not take affect until 2007 if passed.

President, Jan Shannon, gave an explanation on the 2008 advanced training conference. At the February meeting of the Board of Director's meeting the Board approved Abilene as the site for the 2008 training. However, there was no procedure for the submission of proposals and therefore it was felt in the best interest of TMGA to rescind that action and have new proposals givens at this meeting.

George J. Ammermann, secretary, stated according to Robert's Rules of Order the previous action could be rescinded. He moved to have the item rescinded. Anna Wygrys, Galveston Co. seconded. The Motion passed.

Abilene, Taylor Co., gave a new proposal for 2008.
Montgomery Co gave a proposal for 2008.

A vote by written ballot was taken. The winner was Montgomery Co. Montgomery Co. will host the advanced training conference in 2008.

In the future presentations will be made and a vote taken to determine the site two years hence. At the 2007 advance training conference a vote will be taken to select the 2009 site.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ammermann.
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