

SEWMG Business & Budget Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2008

Members present:

President Judy Williamson called the meeting to order.

Consumer Horticulture Agent

1. Creeping Charlie is the educational topic for May. Timing and culture are important in treating this weed. It's treatable now. Recommendations include 2,4-D, dicamba, or trichloropyre.
2. Volunteer Opportunities
 - Chair needed for Native Garden at State Fair
 - Plant Health Advisor Updates (open to all MGVs) will be from 5-7 pm at Boerner Botanical Gardens. Topical insects and diseases will be discussed.
 - Hort Short Course – will be on Turf. MGVs not available for day-time classes will be given first opportunity. The short course will be open to other MGVs based on space availability.
 - Johnsons Nursery has a new publication, "Native Plants for Wisconsin"
 - Wisconsin Gardens & Landscapes (Santovec) is now available at Amazon

Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

4/1-4/30/08 report was accepted.

- A CD matures in June; Finance committee will select appropriate investment.
- Thank you's received for grants from (a) Boerner Botanical Garden and (b) UWEX-Milwaukee County. John Hahn will get clarification of sentence included in both letters.
- Nemetz family acknowledged SEWMG's contribution to UW-Foundation.
- SEWMG has not received \$150 security deposit for December 2007 party. Doris will contact Milwaukee County
- Some MGV checks for March flower show have not cleared. MGVs will wait two months before reissuing them.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer Search Committee – Five people have volunteered to redefine structure of treasurer's position. Three are 'qualified' for the various treasurers' functions.
2. Audit Status – Auditor prefers that SEWMG have a new Treasurer in place before working through the audit process.
3. 2008 Conference – 21 paid vendors; 10 more to pay; 200 registrants to date.
4. Bylaw review committee – Half way through review. Plan to finish within two months. Three informational meetings will be held in September. Afterward, proposed changes will be mailed to MGVs with a ballot.
 - Sections 5 and 6 recommendations were distributed. Section 5 deals with structure of board.
 - MGVs asked to review and comment at next meeting.
5. Plant Sale – Schedule distributed for May 10-May 17. *Three volunteers needed to count cash on Friday and Saturday.*
After-sale pickup at 9 am Monday, May 19 for garden chairs. Habitat for Humanity will pick up any remaining plants May 20.

New Business:

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1. Meeting Start Time – The majority of MGVs present agreed to maintain the 9:30 am business/committee meeting start time. Goal will be to end by 11:30 am.
2. UWEX is receiving \$670 for having the largest 'student' group attend the Mid Am conference. The check has not yet been received by the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wintersberger