

**SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009**

Members Present: 32

Meeting was called to order by: President Bill Shaffer at 9:33a.m.

Consumer Horticulture Agent: Sharon Morrissey reported that Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was diagnosed in Franklin. Sharon has created a new fact sheet, on easy and inexpensive treatments available to the homeowner. This fact sheet is available at the UW-ext. office or the website.

Prior Meeting Minutes: These were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read by, treasurer, Joy Towell.

Old Business:

- A. Finance Committee Report was given by John Hahn; he stated that he had nothing new to report. He is waiting for the Budget Meeting (Oct. 1), when reports from the chairs are due.
- B. Scholarship Committee report was given by Sandy Manning. Sandy stated that she would have more details at Oct. Meeting after budget and further committee meetings.
- C. Garden Support Committee report was given by Bill Shaffer. He requested all garden chairs and other interested parties to attend next week's meeting, September 15.
- D. Nominating Committee report was given by Judy Williamson. Judy is presently looking for members to fill the vacancies of (1) Member at Large and also the Vice-President Elect positions. She also reminded us of officers having 3 year terms after this year, as stated in our new by-laws.
- E. State Fair was reported by Faouzi Kabuki as a huge success. But he is very concerned about our future there! He requested that SEWMG obtains a permanent site.
 - 1. Sharon Morrissey stated that she would be talking to WE energies, about possibly partnering, if we lose our present site.

2. Doris Fons asked if we could sit down and discuss our future with the DNR about retaining our present site.
3. Kay Costello agreed with Doris and requested if we had to move could we get a site with more sun exposure, for possibly a vegetable garden.
4. Marcia Zientek suggested that we obtain a WRITTEN plan with the DNR or State Fair rather than the handshake agreement that we had before.
5. Bill Shaffer stated that he would be talking to Andy Schmidt (Event Director for the State Fair) about the plant sale in spring, and he will discuss this with him.

This discussion was then tabled until more information is obtained by Bill and Sharon.

New Business:

- A. Holiday Party: Judy Williamson reminded us that we will again have a sit down at the Wyndham hotel. This will be paid for by SEWMG with only a small donation to the food pantry. More information to follow in the next newsletter. The date has been set for December 2.
- B. Milwaukee County Fair: Nancy Lehrer gave a presentation on the fair that is taking place September 25-27. She handed out information and asked for our support. Dennis Lukaszewski has secured an all "State Weigh In" for giant pumpkins.

Announcements and Reminders

1. Volunteer and Continuing Education hours are due by September 15.
2. Fall training is coming up – watch for details.
3. State Convention is coming up on October 2-3, in the Dells. More information is on the web site.
4. Pots recycling at BBG and also a drop off point at Shady Lane Nursery September 24-26 and 18-20 respectively.
5. Sharon Morrisey requested help at the County Fair. Sign up sheet will be on the list-serve.

Adjourned: at 10:40a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Redlinger, SEWMG secretary