

Board Meeting Minutes
Master Gardener Association of Northwest Michigan
August 20th, 2013

Present: Erik Zehender, Sara Sokolnicki, Terry Harding, Matthew Bertrand

Matthew called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Treasurer's Report

\$2614.21 balance at the end of July

71 members

Secretary's Report

June meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Full scholarship approved for Whitney Miller to take the Fall 2013 Master Gardener Training Program.

Upcoming Educational Activities

Sept – Ciccone Vineyards small fruits talk (thanks to Marina Deering for arranging)

Oct – Revolutionary Gardens Conference

November – Recognition dinner. Post call for volunteers. Matthew will explore further once beginning as coordinator.

December – TBD

January – TBD

Board discussed need to have a planning session to set course schedule further in advance with members of the events committee (and other interested parties). Date TBD.

Board also discussed the need to vary locations across the region so as to better serve membership in Leelanau and Benzie county. Consensus indicated it would be a good idea to do so, and decided that the planning committee mentioned above should provide the board with its recommendations.

Nametags

Sara reported back on her research into ribbon additions to nametags that identify board positions. Ribbons would cost roughly \$1 each. Board approves unanimously the purchase of nametag ribbons.

MGANM affiliations

Board discussed the affiliation question with the statewide association and/or the Botanical Garden Society. Decided more consideration needed. Matthew will explore further and provide the board with recommendations.

Revolutionary Gardens Conference

Set the goal to have Master Gardeners register at the September meeting. Discussed options to provide incentives. Board agreed to recommend a 10% discount to the Botanical Garden Association for their consideration.

Conference will need volunteer support. Master Gardeners encouraged to contact Botanical Garden Society.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.