

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003
LIZA CLYMER'S HOUSE
9:15 AM**

Present: Baker, Clymer, Cote, Coveny, Ehrlich, Finnegan, Hennessy, Mossman, Pierce, Santomero, Winans

Call to order: Libby Mossman called the meeting to order and thanked Liza Clymer for hosting the meeting. She then passed around the booklet from the 2003 GCA Annual Meeting, which was entitled "90 Years in Bloom."

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Kim Morris called and reported that the April 23rd attendance was good and that Jamie Edgar felt very well thanked for all of his help with our film. C.D.'s will be made available in the near future, for anyone who would like a copy.

Recording Secretary's Report: There was a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Liddy Baker presented the amended budget proposal for 2003/2004.

Several changes were made to the amended budget in order to keep it balanced:

Programs: budget moved from \$2,500 to \$2,800 (instead of \$3,000)

Horticulture: budget moved to \$560 (instead of \$600)

Exhibitions: budget moved to \$500 (instead of \$550)

Conservation: budget moved to \$725 (instead of \$750)

Note: Projects will need to make \$1,000 to make the budget work.

The vote was unanimous, in favor of the proposed budget.

The Donations Budget will remain unchanged (from the Civic and Education Fund) as there have been no suggested additions to Donations.

There was a motion to approve the Civic and Education Fund Budget. The motion was passed.

Liddy again asked that committee heads get their reimbursements in by June 1st.

Liddy announced a plan for the October 2002 fundraiser money. The plan is to put some portion of that money (\$2,000) into an operating reserve fund for emergencies. Ideas for the balance of it will be discussed by Project Review. The motion was passed.

Libby mentioned that a Dues notice will go out with the next Clippings. It was also noted that the BGC had the lowest membership dues amongst all other clubs that attended the Annual Meeting. Nevertheless, it was suggested that we refrain from increasing our dues at the present time.

Announcements:

GCA RYE: Libby remarked that the Annual Meeting in Rye was a huge success and thanked all who helped, particularly Nancy Vincent.

Teatown Plant Sale: Sale on Friday, May 9th (4 to 8) and Saturday, May 10th (9-2)

John Jay Peony Sale: Sale and pre-order pick-up on Saturday, May 10th (10 to 3)

Caramoor Plant Sale: May 16th (1:30 – 4:00) and May 17th (9:00 – 3:00)

Greenwich Garden Center Spring Tour: Thursday, June 12th (details on bulletin board)

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs and Conservation: Denise Santomero announced that adopt-a-road will be postponed until June or July. She also mentioned that the new schedule and guidelines for the Town Planning Board coverage will be included in the June Newsletter. Also, the Wednesday, May 14th walk at March Sanctuary must be postponed. Anita Stockbridge will e-mail members with further details.

Exhibitions: Liza Clymer thanked BGC members for coordinating all of the flower arrangers for the Annual Meeting in Rye.

Horticulture: Virginia Maybank reminded members about Planting Day on May 21st at the John Jay Barn at 8:45 AM. She reminded members to please bring plants for the Plant Exchange. She mentioned that Denise will be bringing the compost bins, as well.

Virginia mentioned that the Bedford Village Tub watering schedule will be included in the June Newsletter.

Virginia also reminded members about the two upcoming trips: To Stonecrop and to Oliver's Nurseries. She suggested that we buy a few trays of Alpines and Succulents for Projects to sell.

Membership: Polly Winans spoke for Rosemary Mankiewicz about the upcoming Seedlings Meeting on Monday, May 12th at 9:00 AM at Rosemary's house. New members are expected to come with their sponsors. All Committee Heads will speak for a few minutes about their committee's focus, workshops, and answer any questions.

There will be a list of guidelines for the proposers to follow as well as a list of requirements for new members. New members will also be instructed about joining a committee and entering (or attending) atleast one flower show their first year. They will be asked to clear most Wednesdays and be ready to attend meetings and workshops for each of our three committees. Proposers should plan to remind their new members about upcoming meetings and join them when possible.

New members expected to attend are: Catherine O'Callaghan, Ann Paul, Lindsay Matthews, and Sara Kowitz.

Libby, Polly and Rosemary will write-up Policy changes over the summer – to be voted on at the July Executive Meeting.

Selby Ehrlich announced that Elizabeth Corser (Betsy) has resigned because she is moving away. She then read through a selection of letters for two new candidates, Melissa Selby and CaroleeJones. Melissa was proposed by Mimi Lines and Carolee was proposed by Laura-Lee Montross. Members voted and the vote was unanimous. Melissa Selby and Carolee Jones are new members of the BGC.

Programs: Linda Coveny reminded members that Planting Day is on Wednesday, May 21st at 8:45 AM, at the John Jay Homestead barn.

Linda also mentioned that the Annual Meeting will again be at Mrs. Waller's house on June 18th at 2:00 PM. It was suggested that committee heads read briefer summaries this year.

Special Committee Reports:

Awards: It was suggested that the Awards chairman should attend Executive Meetings next year.

Clippings/Technology: Libby remarked that Varner Redmon did all of the sign arrangement for the Rye Annual Meeting which meant moving all signs around twice a day!

Nominating: The new slate will be in the June Clippings.

Policy: The By-Laws will be updated to include information on Seedlings and their responsibilities. They will also be updated to reflect the source of the GCA dues (now coming from Benefits and not taken from members dues to the BGC as previously done).

Public Relations: Margie Pierce was congratulated on her success with this year's P.R. and inclusion of articles on the Rye Annual Meeting display board. (Topics included were the BGC's "drought" photo of the Bedford Village Tubs, a write-up on Stefan Yarabek, and the Greensday photo).

Unfinished Business: Again it was noted that the GCA Annual Meeting in Rye was a total success and Nancy Vincent will receive a tribute at our annual meeting.

The next Executive Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4th. The place is yet to be determined.

Liza Clymer was thanked.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

[Storrs Coté, Recording Secretary]