

**THE BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2003
9:15 AM
VIRGINIA MAYBANK'S**

Present: Baker, Bianco, Clymer, Cote, Ehrlich, Hamilton, Hennessy, Mankiewicz, Maybank, Mossman, Pierce, Trotta

Call to order: Libby Mossman called the meeting to order and welcomed Shirley Bianco (former Wall Street exec. and BGC member) who will be taking over as Treasurer for 2003-2005.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Libby suggested that perhaps next year, the Corresponding Secretary should call the Committee Heads before each meeting to help organize the agenda for each meeting.

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 read through the Treasurer's Report. The report was received and is filed for audit.

Announcements: Libby reminded members of the upcoming Tom Brokaw speech at the Mianus River Gorge in honor of gorge's 50th anniversary.

Standing Committee Reports:

For Annual Meeting Committee Heads will be asked to submit the regular length reports (in writing) but should plan on reading only the highlights of their reports at the Annual Meeting (maybe 1 minute of talking). Copies of all reports should be mailed or e-mailed to Annie Paul and to Libby Mossman before the meeting.

Civic Affairs & Conservation: Denise Santomero did not attend as she just had a baby girl!

There was a query by Wendy Cushman as to what could be done about the trash in the Bedford Hills Depot Plaza. Libby suggested that we could start a local campaign to impose huge littering fines as well as Points on Licences as they do in Baltimore, MD. This matter was discussed and will be investigated.

Bonnie Harper-Lore's laminated field guides regarding natives and invasives printed by the Federal Hwy. Administration will be distributed at a future meeting.

Margie Pierce announced that the Irvington Open-Space Initiative as reported on by Caroline Niemczyk was a huge success and that all of the parks had been approved! It was suggested that perhaps Caroline could stand up at each meeting and give a brief talk about this sort of thing. This met with enthusiasm.

Exhibitions: Liza Clymer reported that she has met with the new chairs (Susan McDowell and Ann Miller) and that they have many new and wonderful ideas for next year.

Horticulture: Virginia Maybank reported briefly on the wonderful trips to Oliver's Nurseries and Stonecrop. She remarked that the troughs should be planted by now.

Membership: Lisa Hennessy reported on the following:

*Betsy Corser has resigned from the BGC because she has moved

*There have been three requests to change membership status from Active to Affiliate:

Kay Falise
Kate Putnam
Daphne McMillan

*There was a motion to approve preceding changes in membership. The motion was passed.

*Membership is trying to locate Polly McKone. Margie Pierce suggested writing to her family and asking them to forward a letter to Polly.

*Libby Mossman suggested sending a letter to Active members who are not attending BGC functions at all. Should they be given the option to resign?

* Rosemary Mankiewicz has the list of Seedling requirements as well as requirements for sponsors. These will be printed in the September Newsletter. There will be a Policy Committee meeting to figure Out how these changes can be incorporated into our By-Laws.

Programs: The Annual Meeting will be at Mrs. Waller's house on Wednesday, June 18th at 2:00 PM.

Special Committee Reports:

Awards: Libby mentioned that the awards are all in order and ready for the Annual Meeting.

Custodian: Lynn Babcock has agreed to store the videos in a dry spot in her house. She was thanked for her generosity. Varner Redmon will form a committee this summer to help sort through all miscellaneous slides to determine what they are and where they belong.

John Jay Gardens: A lot of work has been done by Ann Catchpole-Howell and her friend, Dan. They spent three hours trimming the Crab Trees and hedges and should be thanked by all who see her.

Project Review: There are two projects at this point to be reviewed over the summer. Bonnie Trotta will talk about submitting any additional applications at the Annual Meeting.

Seedlings: Rosemary Mankiewicz commented on the great meeting at her house last month. We seem to be on the right track with our Seedlings and Sponsors now!

Trips and Visiting Gardens: There will be a trip to the Highstead Arboretum on Wednesday, June 11th in Redding, CT. There will also be a trip to Newport on July 29-30 which is being organized by Kirk Ferguson and Wendy Ross. There will be more information and a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting.

Unfinished Business: A silver frame has been ordered from Eclectic Interiors (Anita Stockbridge) for Nancy Vincent to thank her for her hard work on the Rye Annual Meeting. We will find an appropriate photograph to accompany the frame, as well. A tribute to Nancy will be read at the Annual Meeting on June 18th.

New Business: Libby mentioned that she had received a call from a lady in Pound Ridge who was interested in joining the BGC. Libby referred her to the Pound Ridge Garden Club.

The next Executive Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 9, 2003 at 9:15 AM. Place TBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

[Storrs Coté, Recording Secretary]