

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association
Minutes for the General Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Hybrid meeting from the Burnet AgriLife Auditorium and via Zoom

Call to Order: Terri Winter called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Attendance: In person: 55 members, 16 associates, 2 guests, via Zoom: 12 members

David Waldo spoke briefly about the "Plant Party" at The Garden. He thanked everyone who came out and participated and said it was a huge success.

Business Meeting: Terri Winter announced we would have our business meeting first as we were waiting for our speaker to arrive.

The February 14, 2023 general meeting minutes were approved as emailed and published on the website.

The February 14, 2023 financial was approved as emailed and published on the website.

Jim Woodul spoke about the financial report. HLMGA has funds coming in from booth spaces at the Lawn & Garden show, the 2023 Certification class has their t-shirts and supplies. He gave an update on the funds in the checking account that membership had voted to place in a savings account. The current interest rate at First State Bank is right at 1% and he feels that rate is not a good investment for HLMGA funds. He has contacted Edward Jones office and is currently researching where to place these funds to ensure good financial stewardship for HLMGA funds.

Jim also stated that if anyone has requests for refunds it works best to bring them to the general meetings as both he and Terri are present and can both sign the check at that time.

Terri Winter discussed the Fish Hatchery's established pollinator garden and gave the background information from the PET committee on their recommendation to allow the pollinator garden to be an approved activity for members and associates. If sufficient interest in participation exists, a formal application for project status could then be submitted during the regular cycle of PET consideration (fall 2023). The board has approved this as an approved activity and she asked membership for their vote. Motion was made, seconded and approved by membership. Volunteer hours could be earned going forward from today.

Gail Elgroth let everyone know she has a Master Gardener Handbook available if anyone wanted to purchase it. The cost is \$80.00 and the funds will go back in the certification class funds. She also has 4 CoCoRah rain gauges for sale if anyone is interested, please email her. Terri Winter added that participating in the CoCoRah program (noting daily rainfall amounts) also earns volunteer hours.

Connie Stein and Jana Barner spoke about the Green Thumb presentations for 2023. There are 8 sessions and each earns 1 AT hour and the cost is free.

3/21/23: "Spring Gardening Basics" by Kelly Tarla 2-3pm @ Burnet Cty Agrilife auditorium

4/19/23: "All About Bees" by Clinton Walker 11am-12pm @ Marble Falls Library
5/18/23: "Tour of the Demonstration Gardens at Inks Lake Dam National Fish Hatchery"
by Linda O'Nan 10-11am
6/15/23: "Cactus and Succulents" by Alice Liles 2-3pm @ Marble Falls Library
7/20/23: "Texas Superstars" by Gail Elgroth 2-3pm @ Lampasas County Agrilife Extension office
8/17/23: "Vermiculture/Worms" by Patty Zohlen 1-2pm @ Marble Falls Library
9/21/23: "Fall Flowers and Vegetable Gardening" by Willard Horn & Bill and Martel Luedecke
11am-12pm @ Lakeshore Library
10/19/23: "How to Create Potable Herb Gardens" by Lyn Medford 11am-12pm @ Lakeshore Library

Roxanne Dunegan spoke about the upcoming Lawn and Garden show and thanked everyone who has already signed up to volunteer. She is typing list of schedule, activities and booths and will note the chair names of each activity. She currently has over 75 silent auction items and more coming this week. Roxanne encouraged attendance and noted we will be wearing wristbands letting vendors know we are a HLMGA gardener. Feedback is needed, both positive and negative, to help improve the show for next year. Winston Depew is in charge of parking. Volunteers are asked to please use the remote parking lot (the one further north of the Quest parking lot), we want guests to be able to use the south parking area. Signs will be placed for parking in remote lot and we are not to park in the Quest lot.

Carolyn Crouchet gave a report on the outstanding and successful BMS plant sale. She thanked everyone who volunteered and came to support the sale. There will be another sale, possibly the week before Easter. Terri Winter also praised the students and how amazing and helpful they were.

Lida Woodul announced the Scholarship committee has two more members who are volunteering on the committee. Committee members are Dr. Ray Buchanan, Lavona Fry, Dr. Joan Altobelli and Susan Young. Scholarship applications are due April 30, 2023.

Terri Winter reminded everyone to log their hours on VMS.

Break: 2:33 pm

Call to Order: 3:00 pm Terri Winter announced the change in speaker(s).

Willard Horn spoke about bluebonnets, ashe junipers, oaks, and birds.

Hank Rominski spoke about Kings Garden and various methods used. Topics presented were hoop greenhouses, frost cloth, shade cloth, Easy Flow fertilizing, and methods for weed control.

The next general meeting will be 4/11/23 at 2pm in the Agrilife auditorium and via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned: 3:35 pm

Submitted by,

Terri Clark, Co-Secretary

