

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by President Bob German at 9:35am.

Master Gardeners (MG) attending = 19

Barbara Fisher
Al Dohner
Susan Mlynarczyk
Cheryl Drumheller
Gail Peck
Joni Kamfonik
Kathy Creason

Lynn Menashian
Everett Johnston
Grace Horning
John Uno
Judith Uno
Bob Golden
Donna Rabin

Steve Richardson
Karen Olsen
Cathe Barter
Dottie Tucker
Bob German

MG Trainees attending = 7

Tina Powers
Jan Farnsworth Thompson

Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Claudia Turner

Mary Ann Babb

II. **ADDITIONS:** None.

III. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None.

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Al Dohner has grower equipment (e.g., grow lights) available. Please contact Al if interested.

V. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve by: Bob Golden

Second: John Uno

Motion CARRIED

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Lynn Menashian for Laurie Anderson)

Beginning balance	\$21,675.92
Interest	.88
Expenses	(500.00)
Ending balance 9/30/2019	\$21,176.80

2020 budget approval (Bob German):

1. Discussion: 2020 budget line item for garden grants.

- Motion made to increase line item to \$3,000; further discussion.
- Motion amended to **raise line item to \$4,000.**

Motion to approve: Steve Richardson

Second: Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Motion CARRIED

2. Discussion: Add separate \$500 line item in 2020 budget for support of speaker for 2020 *Fertilize Your Mind* (FYM) event.

- Motion made to **add \$500 line item for FYM.**

Motion to approve: Kathy Creason

Second: Al Dohner

Motion CARRIED

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3. Motion to approve 2020 budget as amended: Al Dohner
Second: Steve Richardson
Motion CARRIED

VII. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)
The garden is still looking beautiful even as some of the garden starts to wane. We have been surprised even with all the rain in September and recent cold mornings that we've not had tomato blight, just a little powdery mildew. A few gardens have finished for the season and the beds cleaned out with a light layer of straw added. The demo beds are done for the most part with most of the produce harvested and donated – a total of 921 pounds so far including the 65 pounds of apples harvested from the espalier apple tree. Dan Morin, MG trainee, says he will return next year and has learned a lot plus enjoyed the project. Sarah (Brunnier), Dan and Renee are there one or two more Saturdays only as most of the work has been done. The garden closes on December 1st followed by a work party on December 7th beginning at 9:30am to finish up any beds that need cleaning, weeding and liming. This counts as volunteer hours for Master Gardeners and all are welcome. Please bring a favorite weeding tool, gloves and a will to work. South Coast Community Garden Association (SCCGA) is looking for new members. A monthly meeting is held the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm for approximately 30-45 minutes. There is approval of minutes, a treasurer's report and a report from each of the five gardens. An election will be held in January. Please contact Renee Blom or Mary Dixon if interested. Thanks!
- **Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille** (Mary Dixon)
The garden is definitely slowing down. There are all kinds of different mushy vegetables in there now because of the September rain - that was a surprise. Our garden coordinator has suggested to bed renters that they clean out their beds and plant fast-growing greens such as lettuces, spinach, arugula and maybe even radishes. There's always something to plant. You never know what the weather has in store. Gardening officially ends the first weekend in December. We'll plan a final cleanout work party and also sprinkle granular supplements on the beds to dissolve and absorb, readying for the 2020 gardening season.
- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)
Garden cleanup is on Good Earth's fall docket. On Bandon High School's annual community service day we hosted 11 youthful gardeners-in-the-making plus one Spanish teacher. They pulled weeds, turned compost, spread bark chips in the paths and picked bouquets of false dandelion (to keep them from going to seed). Adult gardeners have been trimming weedy grasses around the parking lot and pruning perennial shrubs and herbs. Folks are pulling out past-prime plants, and a few diehards are putting in one last crop of the season. In spite of the slowly fading glory it's still a peaceful and lovely place to pass the time.
- **Plant Clinic** (Kathy Creason)
 - The Clinic has openings for the remainder of October: 10/14, 10/21 and 10/28. Please consider filling one or more slots and let Kathy know if you can help.
- **Plant Sale Committee** (Lynn Menashian)
 - Tina Powers, Mary Ann Babb and Joni Kamfonik have volunteered to fill open committee slots. Thank you!
 - First meeting for the 2020 plant sale planning is November 19th; information will be emailed to new committee members.
- **School Grants** (Steve Richardson)
 - The committee met to discuss revision of the application forms and packet.
 - A candidate for chair will be announced later.
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker)
 - Next leadership forum is in November; Dottie will attend and report back.

VIII. **COMMENTS from OSU Extension Service, Coos County** (Sam Clayburn)

- Please remember to complete a new Condition of Participation form and hand off to Sam.
- All MG and trainee volunteer hours should be reported in the OSU online Volunteer Reporting System (VRS) by November 1st.
- 2020 MG trainee packets are ready to go out; information will be posted on the CCMGA Facebook page.
 - See link below to access Facebook page.
- Please consider serving as a Mentor for one of the 2020 MG trainees next year.
- Kathy Creason and Sam will give a presentation to the North Bend Rotary at the end of the month which will showcase the Coos County Master Gardener Association.
- A Master Gardener volunteer has been requested by North Bend High School to give an "introduction to gardening" lecture to 20 students who now manage the high school greenhouse. Please contact Sam if you can respond to this important community request.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Urgently needed:** community garden coordinators for Lakeside, Myrtle Point and Coquille. Please consider filling one of these important roles.
 - **PLEASE SEE** separate document attached via email and submitted by Heather Lilienthal which details the roles and duties of the Myrtle Point community garden board. New board members are now being actively recruited. Consider filling one of the Myrtle Point slots for 2020. Thank you!
- The 2020 CCMGA officer slate nominations are in progress. **Have a candidate in mind?** Please contact Bob German as soon as possible.

REMINDER: The OSU/CCMGA blog now takes the place of the old web page for calendars and other chapter information. Open a browser window or use Google and type in:

blogs.oregonstate.edu/coosmga/

If a password is requested to open a tab on the page, type in: **Tomato-Rama2019**

More info: The CCMGA Facebook page can be accessed here: <https://www.facebook.com/CoosCountyMasterGardeners/>

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:37am.

October Education Session:

Winter Garden

Hosted by Barbara Fisher

Members received 0.5 continuing education hours.

The next meeting is November 12th at the OSU Extension Building in Myrtle Point beginning promptly at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynn Menashian
Secretary, CCMGA