

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by President Bob German at 9:32am.

Master Gardeners (MG) attending = 20

Laurie Anderson
Cheryl Drumheller
Bob Golden
John Uno
Judith Uno
Billie Reeves
Lynn Menashian

Mark Johnson
Nancy Orr
Mary Dixon
Kathy Creason
Barbara Fisher
Caren Brewster
Cathe Barter

Donna Rabin
Joni Kamfonik
Everett Johnston
Gail Peck
Bob German
Dottie Tucker

MG Trainees attending = 5

Tina Powers
Jan Farnsworth Thompson

Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Claudia Turner

Mary Ann Babb

II. **ADDITIONS:** None.

III. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None.

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. 2020 CCMGA officer slate announced:

- Bob German, President
- *open, Vice President*
- Tina Powers, Secretary
- Claudia Turner, Treasurer

2. Thank you notes received from Coos County 4-H Association for continued sponsorship of the following awards during the 2019 Coos County Fair:

- Best of Show – Container Gardening (\$20)
- Best of Show – Plate of Vegetables (\$20)
- Best of Show – Herb Container (\$20)
- Hi-Point First Year Horticulture (\$20)
- Hi-Point Overall Horticulture (\$20)

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

Motion to approve: Joni Kamfonik

Second: Cathe Barter

Motion CARRIED

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Laurie Anderson)

Beginning balance	\$21,176.80
Interest	.87
Expenses	(700.00)
Ending balance 10/31/2019	\$20,477.67

Motion to approve: Joni Kamfonik

Second: Bob Golden

Motion CARRIED

Note: The approved 2020 budget is attached as a separate document to these minutes.

VII. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)
The end of season work party will be Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 9:30am, rain or shine. We will be finishing any beds that are not cleaned up, covering them with straw and leaves as needed, fine-tune the compost, weed a bit, load a trailer for the dump and lime all beds except berries. No experience necessary. Please bring your favorite weeding tool, clippers and gloves, an extra wheelbarrow if available, and a will to work. Many hands make short work. For MGs the time will count toward 2020 hours. Questions? Please contact Renee Blom at back40four@gmail.com or at 541/269-8468.
- **Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille** (Mary Dixon)
The garden is pretty much done growing vegetables. Gardeners are making progress with cleaning out beds. We will have our final cleanup work party on Saturday, December 7th. We are happy to announce we have a new board member, Valerie Berg. She is one of our gardeners and also a member of the Coquille Garden Club. We are so happy to have her join. We are still looking for another board member or two to just help with garden work and help oversee our garden projects. If you are a Master Gardener, you get credit for hours helping at the garden as well as attending the monthly meeting. It's another way to accumulate your volunteer hours and it's very hand-on helping fellow gardeners. The day of our monthly meetings has changed to the second Thursday of each month at 11:00am at the Coquille Senior Center on First Street in Coquille (past Whoosits second hand store). Please contact Mary Dixon with any questions.
- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)
Gardeners have been asked to clean out and empty their plots by Sunday, December 1st. All are invited on Saturday, December 7th, to help put the garden to bed for the winter. This final work party starts at 10:00am and goes until we have weeded, limed and mulched the beds and our backs say, "Please! No more!" At this time of giving thanks we are so grateful for the hard work of all volunteers and board members, and for the gifts from our precious Mother Earth. What a verdant and productive season it has been.
- **Plant Clinic** (Kathy Creason)
 - The Clinic is now closed. A sincere thanks to all who participated this year.
- **Plant Sale Committee** (Lynn Menashian)
 - The committee meets Tuesday, November 19th, at 1pm in the Coos Bay Visitor Center.
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker)
 - A detailed summary of the meeting content was reported including but not limited to the following topics:
 - favorable finance audit
 - treasurer workshops for 2020
 - reporting requirements to the IRS
 - website cleanup
 - Mini College planning
 - OMGA retreat next month in Oregon City
 - OMGA budget approval
 - silent auction success
 - Please contact Dottie Tucker if there are questions.

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

- MG hours reported to date: 678.5 hours education; 3,799 total volunteer hours
- Trainees who have completed the program will receive certification badges at the December CCMGA meeting.

- The 2020 Master Gardener Training schedule has been distributed. Please consider being a mentor – you will receive volunteer hours for doing so.
- Our newsletter needs a new editor – please volunteer and ensure this resource continues. The chapter extends **deep appreciation to Riana Moore** for her service as newsletter editor.
 - **DISCUSSION:** Hard copies will no longer be mailed to chapter members after the next issue; email distribution will continue. Hard copies may be continued sent to other specific addresses for outreach purposes. The content will be streamlined to include information related to program dates, MG training, planting calendars, fundraising dates, etc.
 - **ACTION: Task force** formed to evaluate reformatting of content and refinement of mailing list: Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Tina Powers, Kathy Creason, with Sam Clayburn. The task force will meet immediately after the December 10th potluck and CCMGA meeting in Myrtle Point.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

- **DISCUSSION:** Chapter numbers are in decline. Comments and themes included:
 - Can online MG training be made more affordable?
 - A motion was made to add a 2020 budget line item for funds to offset the costs to register for the online program; no second. A recommendation was made to add this to the next budget cycle.
 - Are different days and times feasible for training?
 - How to retain MGs after they finish the program.
 - The volunteer hours requirement is too much.
 - Why not recruit those who rent community garden plots.
 - Trainees are not fully informed about community garden opportunities for hours, how those hours are earned, garden locations and their purpose in each community.
 - **ACTION: Task force** formed to assess recruitment/retention strategies. Donna Rabin, chair; Mary Dixon, Mary Ann Babb, Kathy Creason, Laurie Anderson, Caren Brewster, Lynn Menashian, Sam Clayburn. The task force will meet at 9:00am, immediately before the December 10th CCMGA meeting in Myrtle Point.
- **Note CCMGA chapter meeting dates** for January through March 2020 as follows: January 7th at the usual time of 9:30am, February 13th at noon and March 12th at noon.
- **!NEW: The monthly chapter meetings will be during select months in Coos Bay starting April 2020.** The location will be the ESD facility, the same location used for MG training. An announcement with additional information will be provided at the next meeting. A note of thanks to Sam Clayburn for contacting ESD and making this a reality.
- **!NEW: A motion was made and seconded (Laurie Anderson; Claudia Turner) to hold the July 14th meeting at 11am at Ferry Road Park (Simpson Heights, North Bend) picnic building. Motion carried.** Laurie will reserve the picnic building. More information to come. A meeting site in Bandon will also be considered for 2020.
- **ELECTION** of 2020 Officers: Bob German, President; Tina Powers, Secretary; Claudia Turner, Treasurer.
Motion to approve: Kathy Creason
Second: Mary Ann Bab
Motion CARRIED

Congratulations to all

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 11:02am.

The next meeting with annual potluck is December 10th at the OSU Extension Building in Myrtle Point.

****PLEASE NOTE the time change to 10:30am.****

Respectfully submitted by:
Lynn Menashian
Secretary, CCMGA