

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Claudia Turner, President	Edward Powers
Kathy Creason, Vice President	Dottie Tucker
Mary Ann Babb, Treasurer	Mike Mueller
Tina Powers, Secretary	Bob German
Elaine Goodner	Mary Dixon
Caren Brewster	Lynn Jackson
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Jessie Milligan
Grace Horning	Susie Zohreh
Laurie Wartnik	Imogene McDonald
Billie Reeves	Judy Jackson
Jessica Kane	Tamra Ferre-Hunt
Imogene MacDonald	

Meeting started 10:05 am with both in person and zoom members present.

ADDITIONS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: New trainees have joined us today online and in person: Jessica Kane and Greg Reynolds

ANNOUNCEMENTS: You are all encouraged to join our Friday night training sessions with the new trainees.

We had our first zoom meeting with 31 people and we will be giving trainees a Q and A and it is a great way to interact with our new trainees. These zooms are worth master gardener support hours. We will do a little tutorial today to help those still having problems with the tutorials on IdeaLogic.

The Zoom address is the same one that you have from Samantha's email and it won't change January 1st MEETING MINUTES No discussion or changes.

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Edward Powers,

Seconded by: Claudia Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb

<i>Prior balance</i>	<i>17,449.11</i>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	<i>30.00</i>
<i>Interest</i>	<i>.30</i>
<i>Expenses (office expenses)</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Ending balance January 31st, 202</i>	<i>17479.41</i>

Savings: Savings CD is \$8,429.36

If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (Renee Blom)**

Lady Bug Landing

February Garden Report

Lady Bug landing is open and thriving. As of Friday we just had 2 plots left out of 60, my guess it is now full. We have done one work party a week ago where we put chips on half the paths in the garden. It was such a good turn out of people we were done in 40 minutes. We had spent a couple days prior making sure the paths were good and weeded. We also got all the raspberries cut down and the blueberries pruned and the outside herb and flower beds are weeded, as are the inside demo beds. We are ready for the garden season. This coming up Saturday there will be another work party at 9:30 am to put bags of chicken manure on the gardeners plots and hopefully more chips will show up. Past gardeners have all had their orientations emailed/mailed to them, and they just need to say they read them, so they are ready to start gardening. There are 3 orientations scheduled in person for this week for the handful of new gardeners. This was done to keep large groups from gathering due to Covid. Another great group of gardeners and we are all ready to dig and plant.

- **Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille**

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

No report currently.

- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon**

February News!

Good Earth Community Garden is getting ready for successful gardening in 2022! We have organized the shed and greenhouse, we're finishing up elevating a few plots to encourage additional gardeners that may have physical needs and updated our application to be more user-friendly. of February 1st, printed applications are available at Ace Hardware, Hennicks, Plants 101, and Coast Harvest Thrift Store. We are looking forward to orientation in March and seeing the flourishing plots soon!

Happy Valentine's Day to All!

Cheers,

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager

It was suggested that in future minutes, the current garden reports will not be included in the minutes. They will be read at the meeting and be included in the minutes so that all will have the information in a timely manner.

- **Plant Clinic: Cathy Creason**

March we will start plant clinic but at this time we have nothing to report. Samantha will be sending the ECHO program out for a statewide data base. It is a way to see trends, etc. It is not scary, just is data entry that is standardized. There is some training on that so be on the look out for the log in information. We will do some mock training here at the extension after March. Samantha had planned to send out the info but will do this in the future.

- **Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama**

Lots of information. No restrictions from OSU at this time.

- *We had a meeting last month. Tina contacted Pony Village mall for a possible place and date, and we got a green light from them as well as a possible site from the Coos Head Coop. WE also have the Extension in Myrtle Point as a viable option for our sale. Our plant sale is a new version of what we have done in the past, and with a smaller footprint, we have many options open to us. We will have less varieties of tomatoes and plants. The name will stay the same, Tomato-Rama due to the name recognition of the past and we are known for this.*
- *WE will have to decide where we want to have the sale.*
- *We should be able to dig up plants to sell such as bulbs, dahlias and other perennials for our plant sale. Use best practices. Think about what type of plants we want to sell and grow. Left over plants from the sale can perhaps go to the Bandon Farmers Market to sell. WE should focus on quality versus quantity and not have so many left over stragglers. Let's not overcommit. We would rather run out and start small like the beginning. Advertising can give people a list of what we will be selling so they can plan to buy. First come first serve and try to get the plants sold out and a bigger turn out. WE will have a plant sale meeting today after this meeting so minutes on this meeting to follow. We had 3700 tomatoes approx. last sale and 4000 plus other plants. We will have a list of plants for members to choose from to grow for the sale. We have plenty of pots, we need to discuss soil and will do so after this meeting. Tina will get a list from the plant sale committee and then send out what varieties would be recommended.*
The Pony Village Mall site has the Fun Fair that weekend and might be a negative for us.
- **Scholarship Committee:** *Closed this year. Not budgeted this year with funds going to School Garden Grant.*
- **School Garden Grants:** *Applications will be available at the end of this month and sent out to all of the schools, Head Start and Boys and Girls club.*
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market :** *Next year we might be back every week if we have enough volunteers, and back at the Bandon market. No update at this time.*
- **Bandon Farmers Market:** *No update at this time.*
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –Tina Powers** *My term is complete. New group starts in March.*
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** *(Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) Mini college will be in June or July. We have some time.*

COMMENTS from Sam Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County

Gail sent out the 2021 impact report. Each county was tasked to send in information on how we made it through the year (covid) Gail did an overview and talked about how we did our online classes, our outreach while covid limited us. Report was 42 pages so Samantha highlighted our parts. Growing inclusion talked about our inclusive program. Each program got a blurb in the impact report. We have 5 trainees that completed the MG program, and we donated over 1200 lbs. of produce and reached 6489 people we helped with over 1800 volunteer hours. We pivoted from the cancelled plant sales to giving to the community, by giving the plants to the Pelican Harbor food share and we addressed food security. Samantha also did the Curry County report to help them. Online Zoom classes and community supper along with the strawberry festival and Rylie Creek Garden with 85 participants. They were busy. Sam will send out the whole report for your enjoyment and inspiration for our programs. Shared pictures for your enjoyment as well as a story from an ICU nurse MG that shared her story about how the gardening became her mental health break.

Samantha went over the Ideologic for the new class and the MG's for their continuing education hours. She has offered one on ones to those that are struggling with this. All the training is online for

continuing education. Each time you have to go through Ideologic link. [OSU Extension Service \(ideal-logic.com\)](https://www.ideal-logic.com)

Again, some had some difficulty with the program so Samantha demonstrated how to get into the system. If you still have difficulties, she will do one on one's with those that need the help. If you find a broken link or have problems, contact Samantha via email. If you want to take the quizzes, you may. They will not be graded by Samantha, and are not required by MG's doing education hours.

Speaking of hours, the system that we have used in the past to record our hours is being discontinued and you should keep track of your hours in a notebook until we have the new system in place so you don't lose track of what you have already done and the future hours until Samantha has the new system information in place.

Free soil testing is at Coquille Supply on February 20th? Double check the time.

Training is going well. All of the Coos County trainees are doing well and completing their tasks. With 23 trainees this is successful. Curry has 10 and we have 13.

Planting seeds class at Dottie's farm. March 5th and the 6th for seed work in the afternoon. For a couple of hours. Possibly a weekday option as well.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 11:17 a.m.

REMINDER: The new 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

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: The next meeting will be a combination meeting at the Myrtle Point Extension office March 8th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers