

**COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

**ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:**

Tina Powers	Greg Reynolds
Ed Powers	Mary Ann Babb
Grace Horning	Mike Mueller
Lynn Jackson	

**IN PERSON ATTENDANTS:**

Billie Reeves	Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Claudia Turner	Bob German
Laurie Wartnik	Kathy Creason
Val Berg	Caren Brewster
Cathe Barter	Phil Reher

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner 10:04 am with both in person and zoom members present.

**ADDITIONS:** No additions to the meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** No introductions

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bob German's daughter is a master gardener in McCall Idaho and wrote an article about the shorter growing season and it is a nice article.

**Minutes:** Val Berg motioned to accept minutes from June's meeting, Cathie Barter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion, motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance at New Account : First Community Credit Union)</i>	<b>19,381.09</b>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	<b>20.00</b>
<i>Interest</i>	
<i>Expenses (office expenses)</i>	<b>2,890.00</b>
<i>Ending balance June 30, 2022</i>	<b>16,511.09</b>

*Current Savings CD is \$8432.85 still at Banner Bank*  
**Dues are due for 2022 \$15.00, Trainees are 5.00**  
Expenses were for School Garden Grants and Gift Certificates for OMG and Coos County Fair.

## COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

### **July Garden Report:**

*Lady Bug Landing is exploding with beautiful vegetables and flowers. Cindy Delgado an LBL gardener has been helping oversee the garden while Renee is recovering from knee replacement surgery, with the help of other gardeners who have helped with watering, weeding and harvesting of the demo areas. Renee has been thankful for their help and love of the garden. There is a real sense of community among most the gardeners. There has been about 75 pounds of produce taken to the Food bank so far, mainly lettuce, chard and cabbages. Also all the fall shallots have been dug and are hanging in Renee's garage until they have dried, then will be dispersed to people helping at the garden. The apple tree has some scab this year due to some leaves not having been raked under it this winter and all the Spring rains. The garden is thriving.*

*Happy Gardening*

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

### **July Report**

*The garden s looking so much better since I'm feeling so much better and can work there. The Coquille Garden Club came with a team of 6 people to help me clean up the garden. They worked for several hours and were much appreciated. Most of the beds are looking great even wit the delayed start due to weather. We were concerned because the scouts had not come to work their beds. It turns out they had been at camp and would be in soon to work on their gardening badges. We were part of the Coquille Garden tour Saturday. I was a garden angel for the garden. Everyone who came really loved the garden and asked lots of questions. We had several people ask how to rent a bed next year. Most people did not know the garden was even there. The Garden Club has decided to send a work party to help me at least once a month. One person's husband wants help me often. The Garden club has also to make the community garden part of the tour every year. Sandra has left the garden and abandoned her beds. One is full of flowers and I have left it. The second bed have planted to use as a food bank bed. There is a short bed on the fence and it seems no one is using it so I will probably use it for a food bank bed. I will put in the last of my left over plants in it. The library had a plant exchange in the month of May and I donated 6 flats of plants for that and they were very appreciative. We are still struggling to get a bank account. The Credit Union opened one and then closed it because there was a problem with how one of the gardens opened their bank account. Still working on this.*

*Valerie Berg*

**Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon**

### **July News!**

*Lynn reported: The garden is looking good. Lots of beds with flowers. WE had a work party that moved in new bark and removed old heavy equipment. WE have 5 beds set aside for donation growing. We sent out a survey to see if folks are interested in volunteer gardening. WE are considering volunteer gardening and things are growing and moving along, possibly year round gardening.*

*Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader ( ; Lynn*

**Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:** *HELP WE need help, we have few folks to volunteer. Some people could not make it in due to illness. So PLEASE volunteer. Calendar is wide open. We need a certified MG on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. August is empty so PLEASE sign up. Virtual plant clinic has been discussed but it is not very feasible or doable due to the nature of the plant clinic with walk ins. Mondays and Thursdays work.*

*We need folks to sign up now. ECHO is extra, yes, but it is easy and with help from mentors it is no big deal to learn, the system is still the same as the last several years, and we all have similar issues to get here, so lets make the effort to volunteer so that we serve our public. Anyone can come up with an excuse to not do this, but there is a good manual to help out, and support to do the job, so, its ok to not know everything, and its easy to research and bottom line, so dive on in, if you really care, make the effort to help out. Our stake holders expect our service. We do understand about the price of gas, but with more people gardening now, we need to continue this service to our community. MG's need 10/10 and 10. Outreach. Educational hours, do something, write an article, get involved. The days chosen for the Clinic are split out 4 and 3 Monday, and Thursday due to the Farmers Market. There is nothing stopping anyone from coming in on a Tuesday but there would not be the ability for walk ins on that day. ( Several volunteered! Yay! and Thank You)*

***Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama Tina Powers Chairperson***

*Nothing new to report at this time. Our next meeting will be in August after the next MG meeting. WE will wrap up the evaluation on this years' sale and plan to start for 2023.*

***Scholarship Committee:*** *Closed this year.*

***School Garden Grants:*** *Checks were sent out to the schools and programs, and Myrtle Point purchased the tools and equipment and a Red White and Blue scheme, and are progressing nicely. We will follow up after school starts back up in the fall.*

***Coos Bay Farmers Market***

*Plugging along at the Market. It has been busy and we are at the corner of the main market, lots of market interest and we have been sending out seeds from Grow This to the public to generate interest for potential volunteers. A lot of it is educating the general public about the plants and gardens, etc. Handing out lots of flyers for interest. We need flyers for both the Bandon and Coos Bay community garden to generate interest.*

***Bandon Farmers Market***

*Steady stream of customers asking questions. Bringing in samples and there are two openings for volunteers in August and September. We are inside and comfortable in the Bandon Building. To get information out we suggest contacting the Shopper.*

***Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –***

***(DEI) Committee Report: Donna Leveridge-Campbell:***

*Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force Report*

*For July 12, 2022 CCMGA meeting*

*I attended the DEI Task Force Zoom meeting on June 16 while I was in California.*

*Unfortunately, my set up wasn't very conducive for participation and note-taking and my notes aren't as thorough as usual. But I can report on some aspects of the meeting. In general, we discussed some areas that various task force members might like to work on and some opportunities that may be available though OSU.*

*Gail Langelotto explained that the OSU Extension has taken on administration of the Seed to Supper program from the Oregon Food Bank to help address food insecurity.*

*"Seed to Supper is a free, comprehensive beginning gardening course that gives novice, adult gardeners the tools and confidence they need to successfully grow a*

*portion of their own food on a limited budget. Spanish language sessions and family classes are offered. Participants learn about building healthy soil; planning, planting, and caring for their garden; and harvesting and using their bounty."*

*There is a contractual agreement for the Seed to Supper program that includes the obligation for OSU to include outreach to 5 demographic groups (some of whom may have experienced trauma, distrust, etc.). The groups are: immigrants, non-English speakers, older adults, trans gender people, and single mothers.*

*We also learned that the Metro Master Gardeners have a DEI Checklist that they have found to be a really helpful tool for MG Chapters.*

*Our next DEI Task Force meeting will be on July 21.*

*Donna Leveridge-Campbell*

**Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) No report at this time.

**COMMENTS from Samantha Clayburn, OSU EXTENSION SERVICE:**

*SCGA flyer is ready and should be brought up at the next SCGA meeting to update it. Its just to get the information out and it does need a few tweaks, but it will work for the interim to get the word out. It looks great.*

*Fair is fast approaching. Those of you that have signed up should have your passes. We will get them to you. Parking is in the field and does cost. Rumor has the possibility of a ride from busses.*

*WE have 3 spots per shift and a minimum of two. Stars and Stripes and Warm Summer nights. WE are a smaller group and we want to support our trainees. Oct. 31 is your cut off for volunteer hours.*

*August Samantha will be taking a week vacation. She will be camping with her family. Master Food Preserver training will be starting in September and a Cap Stone project on 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September.*

*Office is usually closed on Fridays. Doors are locked but sometimes we are here or working from home.*

*The second week in August, 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday though Thursday, the Coquille tribe is doing a summer camp. We can participate with a morning class with the younger kids and in the afternoon, with the older class. Kind of like Grow your Own. Make sure if you do that, you need the criminal background check. This will be held at the Plank House on the reservation. Plank House is their main gathering point, their spiritual center. Wednesday might be the best day for our participation.*

*Samantha will send out information. Question raised. How is North Bend School doing? WE will find out after school starts to give them time to get the program up and going. Anything else? Mike Mueller talked about the Farmers Market and Plant Clinic. People have been bringing in pictures of their problems and we can give them book marks with our on line info so that they can send pictures for the plant clinic. Great idea and it is working as several have sent in their pictures. WE will make sure that book marks will be sent to the Farmers Market (100) sent along. Make sure to put, client will be sending in your plant picture. Thanks Mike.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 11:13 a.m.

**EDUCATIONAL TOPIC:** The next meeting August 9th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **Respectfully** submitted by: Tina Powers