

Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes- April 9, 2020

Attending: Ellen T., Louise W-R., Chris S., Jeanne C., Nancy S., Margaret M., Rita G., Paula B., and Andy H. Meeting held via ZOOM.

Item	Discussion Points
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by President Ellen T., at 1:03 p.m.
Approval/Correction of Minutes	<p data-bbox="529 428 1198 459">Please review ahead and have corrections ready to note</p> <p data-bbox="529 499 1487 531">Paula B. made a motion to approve minutes as written with Chris S. seconding it.</p>
Treasurer’s Report & Financials	<p data-bbox="529 575 1609 606">Please review ahead of time. Chris wants to discuss adjusting budget because of COVID 19.</p> <p data-bbox="529 646 1593 961">Chris S. voiced concern on how to proceed without plant sale funds. Jeanne C. questioned whether or not additional expenses will occur due to the way we’re operating in this pandemic. Project hours are not being required now until the state lifts restrictions. They are re-emphasizing Stay-at-Home orders per recommendations. Chris Nelson is doing planning for Teaching Garden and will simplify to reduce expenses.....no compost, use seeds. Ideas were discussed about having plant sale later in the year. Jeanne C. made a motion to consider holding plant sale in the fall (September). Nancy S. seconded the motion and also volunteered to contact Sue Merten about this proposal. Paula B. made a motion to approve the Financial Report for March, seconded by Andy H.</p>
Education Report	<p data-bbox="529 1037 857 1068">Education during pandemic</p> <p data-bbox="529 1108 1593 1455">Ellen T. will send out an e-mail to invite all MGVs to share a picture of any garden-related activity they may be doing. Ellen will create a power point presentation for our May Education Meeting to help us stay connected. Andy will send out an e-mail to the ASK-A-MASTER GARDENER group, to inform them they will be discontinuing for now, due to risk of COVID19. Margaret M. reported Project Hours are waived for this year, but Continuing Education Hours are still required. Suggestions for CE Hours are videos, books, Larry Meiller’s Garden Talk on WPR. MUNCH & LEARN—Nancy S. wants to get local school involved. We will discuss this endeavor again in July, due to pandemic. Margaret M. will check on status of Boys & Girls Club for Kids’ Garden volunteers, in case things open up in June.</p>
WIMGA Update	<p data-bbox="529 1572 594 1604">Andy</p> <p data-bbox="529 1644 1008 1675">April Meeting was cancelled, no update.</p>
Projects during COVID 19	<p data-bbox="529 1787 561 1818">All</p> <p data-bbox="529 1858 1349 1890">Engage in online activities until we get the green light from the state.</p>

	By-Laws & SOPs	Update from Louise and Chris No update, committee still engaged.
	Mentoring Program Update	Margaret or Ellen provide update on Zoom planning meeting. Delay in training Delayed for the present time.
	Farm Technology Days	July 20- 23. Still scheduled, but meeting soon to discuss status
	Other Business & Business for April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committees – • Calendar
	Next Meeting	Friday May 8 th 1 pm. Zoom Thanks to Margaret M. for joining us today. Louise W-R. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy S. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.