The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Emilia Lacy.

Board members present: Emilia Lacy, Anne Irving, Michael and Sally Noack, Rick Booth, Mark Dixon, Pam McElroy, and Jeannie Singler. Chairs, Coordinators, and others present: Bill Biernacki, Bob Deming, Mark McConnell, Diana Pinto, Betty Bahn, and Sam Angima, OSU Extension Agent

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Dixon, seconded by Rick Booth, and passed unanimously.

Re issue from last meeting of proxy votes, Michael Noack said we should have a discussion regarding adding an amendment to Bylaws to allow proxy votes.” Michael will review OMGA Bylaws for proxy issue information.

Michael Noack also commented on the inventory issue and said he sees that as a history that could then move forward with the organization.

Susan Burton has resigned as Librarian due to family health issues. Diana Pinto will research the library issues.

Treasurer’s Report

Anne Irving reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. One of the recommendations from the audit report included establishing a reserve fund. We should discuss this during next year’s budget determinations.

Home & Garden Show

Pam McElroy reviewed the Home & Garden Show; the LCMGA booth had 190 visitors, answered 154 questions and did 47 pH tests. The apprentices did a great job of responding to clients and questions. Emilia Lacy said we should probably revisit the issue of participation for next year.

Plant Sale

Sally Noack said we still have a contract to use the Exhibition Hall for the plant sale. Mark Dixon reviewed publicity plans for the plant sale.

Newsletter Report
Mark Dixon reported on the newsletter. The priority for the newsletter now is bringing everyone up to date on the current issues regarding the demonstration gardens and other challenges we are facing. Articles will be coming up regarding Mini-College in July.

**Coastal Demonstration Gardens**

Sam Angima thanked all members who had attended the Fair Board meeting in Lincoln City. He said MGs have vision and commitment. He also reviewed meeting he and Emilia had with Bill Hall, County Commissioner. Once appointed, the Fair Board is autonomous; the only way to change a decision they make is to go to court. Emilia and Sam will meet with two Fair Board members on Friday for further discussions.

We will need to find a new location for demo gardens next year. There are five community gardens now, and we may want to use those as our demo gardens for 2008 apprentices. There are many options available to them to get their hours, to work in their home communities, and to create their gardens. Betty Bahn also suggested checking with Parks & Recreation for possible space for gardens. Sally Noack urged that we move from the Fairgrounds and utilize the community gardens for apprentices to meet their hours. We can relocate the beds from the Fairgrounds, and the new greenhouse is on skids, and so very moveable. Anne Irving felt we should move as soon as possible from the Fairgrounds. Mark McConnell said the agreement with the Presbyterian Church allows for no permanent structures, but the gardens we very well received last year. He will also contact Parks & Rec and the Church. Emilia Lacy noted that we need to take short-term measures, but also need to have a long-term plan review. We can use community garden sites for the short-term requirements, and have discussions with Presbyterian Church, Parks & Rec, Newport HS, and other possible venues for long-terms needs. Sam reiterated that students can do their demo garden requirements in any of the community gardens. Sally Noack said we can showcase students’ work at the community gardens, as we did at the current demo gardens. Sam will meet with 2008 class on Tuesday, show them the plans we have come up with, get their input, and notify them they can get their hours in at community gardens.

A motion to vacate the Fairgrounds, as soon as possible but no later than June 1st, and remove all of our belongings on the Fairgrounds and in the Craft Hall was made by Sally Noack, seconded by Jeanie Singler and passed unanimously.

Bob Deming has a tractor with a front end loader and a dump trailer. He will bring them to the garden removal work party. We will need to plan for removal of trees, espaliers, compost bins, etc.

Following further discussion, work party plans were as follows: The greenhouses, raised beds, compost bins, and all other LCMGA items will be removed to Waldport community gardens, Lincoln City community gardens, 12th Street community gardens (Presbyterian Church) and the Food Share garden. Other items can be moved to LCMGA storage at the Extension Office. David Moffitt will be asked to coordinate the removal of the raised beds.
Work Parties for removal of demo garden are scheduled for April 25th, 26th, and 27th. The Thursday session will be coordinated by Sally and Michael Noack, the Friday session by Mark Dixon and Pam McElroy, and the Saturday one by Emilia Lacy. Sam also said we have a General Meeting scheduled on May 10th at Yachats Community Center.

OMGA Mini-College

Michael Noack reviewed Send-A-Friend program for Mini-College. Last year LCMGA sent one student, and we also have sent a $25 contribution to OMGA for this program. He said we have the capital available to send one or two people this year, and we get a great return on our investment from an education standpoint. Jeanie Singler asked if we provide all funds. Perhaps we could also offer partial scholarships. Anne Irving said there is a budget item of $255 for the Send-A-Friend program. Sally Noack also said it is important that whoever goes is available to attend all the meetings. Emilia commented that she may also be able to find a sponsor. Sam said when we present scholarship opportunity, we need to include items that are required for eligibility. The Scholarship Committee will make these decisions.

A motion to provide a Send-A-Friend scholarship to this year’s Mini-College was made by Mark Dixon, seconded by Sally Noack and passed unanimously.

Emilia Lacy appointed scholarship selection committee of Michael Noack, Harry McAdams, and Bob Deming. Michael also noted that if we can get scholarship applications and appointment done in time (June 10y 22), there is a 10% discount. Sam added that we need to clarify that any LCMGA member is eligible for this scholarship, not just student apprentices.

Michael Noack said we have received a request for a donation to the McNeilan Fund.

A motion to donate $50 to Send-A-Friend was made by Jeanie Singler, seconded by Sally Noack, and approved unanimously.

A motion to donate $75 to the McNeilan Fund was made by Pam McElroy, seconded by Mark Dixon, and approved unanimously.

Michael Noack reviewed need for an OMGA Mini-College Chapter Display from LCMGA. Sally Noack commented that Carmen Lord said she would assist with this. Jeanie Singler said she could not take responsibility for this. She needs to have some community assistance and cannot take on the full responsibility. Michael stated that the display needs to be completed prior to July 23rd.
Farmers’ Market

David Lavrinets (Farmers’ Market Chair) will be holding a practice session on April 26th at the OSU Extension Office. The market is also in a new location. It will be held between City Hall and Salvation Army, and Angle Street will be blocked off for the market.

Old Business

2008 Budget, Audit Committee Recommendations, and Presbytery Grant

Anne Irving asked if there any questions regarding the proposed 2008 budget, the recommendations from the Audit Committee, or the distributions from the Presbytery Grant. Emilia said Mark McConnell has requested $131 for compost for the 12th Street community garden. Anne will reimburse him.

Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo

Emilia Lacy stated she had received a letter from Linda, Fair Secretary, regarding special award sponsorship. Sally Noack said this is an appropriate use of our funds and we have budgeted for these awards.

A motion to contribute $210 for special awards for the Fair was made by Sally Noack, seconded by Jeanie Singler, and approved unanimously.

LCMGA Website

Sam Angima said the website will not be finalized until August 1st. Anyone will work on the website will need an OSU ID. The Tillamook MG newsletter is online and seems to be working well.

Programming

Mark Dixon noted that the general meeting is scheduled for May 10th at the Yachats Commons. It will be an Asian themed potluck and the bonsai presentation.

He has also gotten an invitation for LCMGA to have a tour and the general meeting at the chevre farm in Logsden. The green roof project and other topics are also coming up.

Sam requested a five year plan. He also said it is possible that we might put together trips to Costa Rica or Australia for plants, birding, landscapes, etc. Mark and Cindy McConnell had experience in this area.

Futures Meeting Subcommittee Reports
Mark Dixon reported that the Futures meeting wrap-up has been sent to all. A number of the items on it have been completed, and there are only four items remaining.

**A motion to table discussion of the Futures Meeting Subcommittee Reports until May was made by Emilia Lacy, seconded by Mark Dixon, and approved.**

**Plant Sale**

Liz Dillon reported that things are going along well for the plant, although she does not have a real feel for what plants are being donated. Preliminary set is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 14, continuing through Thursday and Friday. The Plant Sale is May 17th at the Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

**New Business**

Emilia Lacy said we have the OSU/Seafest project coming up on Saturday, June 28th and will staff a table with information on invasive weeds and respond to gardening questions. The OSU 4-Hers have already registered for Seafest and hope to be located by us. Bill Biernacki noted that this is the same date as the Oregon Coast Garden Expo at Newport Middle School. Bob Deming will be advisor to this project, and will discuss PSAs for it with Mark McConnell.

Emilia also reported that she had received a request from Ingrid Olsen to work with 2nd graders on education and plant identification on May 29th. Michael Noack volunteered to do this.

Emilia reported on a project review request from Cubby Preschool. Sam Angima and Mark Dixon will review the request and bring it to the Board for action.

**LCMGA Property Equipment List**

David Moffitt was not able to attend this meeting, so his report will follow at a later date.

**RSVP**

Emilia reviewed memo from RSVP regarding the possibility of becoming associated with MGs. This could provide mileage reimbursement from home to volunteer site (capped at $25/month), $2 meal reimbursements. This partnership could help defray some of the costs our volunteers incur, and would be available to all of our volunteers.

**A motion to put information in the newsletter regarding the RSVP program and refer any volunteers directly to RSVP was made by Mark Dixon, seconded by Pam McElroy, and approved.**

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pam McElroy
Board Secretary