

**Columbia Gorge Master Gardeners
Executive Meeting
August 15, 2005
Wasco County Extension Office Meeting Room**

Members present – Laurie Fadness, Cheri Austin, Lana Tepfer, Etta Myers, Dede Garcia, Lee Bryant, Shirley Chrisman, Coleen Garrabrant – Others present – Lynn Long, Judy Davis, Sandi Rousseau

Laurie called the meeting to order. The October meeting is scheduled for October 10th, at 9:30 am in The Dalles.

Minutes were read and 2 corrections were made. Jack Archer and Anna Nolan names were added to the mini college scholarship recipients, and the Wasco County Extension will be voted on to become a service district in the fall 2006 election.

The treasurer's report was given, as of August 12, 2005 the checking balance is \$165.11 and the money market balance is \$7920.49.

Laurie handed out the draft of proposed nominating committee policies. The slate of officers for next year was read. Dede Garcia – President, Cheri Austin – Pres. Elect, Debbie McDonald – Secretary, Lee Bryant – Treasurer, Kathy Emmons – Historian, Lana Tepfer, Sally Ann Kortge – OMGA Rep. Glenda Ryan – OMGA Alt Rep. Coleen motioned to accept the slate and Etta second, slate was approved.

Proposed changes to the Bylaws, including the election of officers by a mail in ballot was presented by Sandi Rousseau, for the nominating committee. Dede moved to approve the proposal Lee seconded, motioned passed, with 2 abstaining.

Dede made the motion that if the by – law change's are approved at the quarterly meeting; the mail in ballot will be done this year. Lee seconded and the motioned passed 5-3.

The 2006 budget was presented by Lee and each item discussed. Revisions included additional \$50.00 for postage (mail in ballot), \$350.00 for donations (\$50. Oregon Garden and \$200 OMGA Endowment fund) \$550 for Plant Clinic (more in-depth soil testing startup fund), and \$25 for Wasco County Fair. Cheri motioned to accept the budget, Coleen second budget was approved to present to the membership.

Dede Garcia was appointed to help with the auditing of the treasurer's books.

Cheri Austin brought up for discussion that the Oregon Department of Agriculture had contacted us on the exotic beetles that have become an issue in our area, asking for our help. We will wait for them to come up with some type of plan and then we will help any way we can.

Laurie informed us of a women's conference in October at the Shilo Inn. Master Gardeners were asked if we would like to have a booth. They charge a fee of \$50.00; Laurie will call them back and decline.

Cheri reported on the Wasco County happenings, the plant clinic is busy, and the Wasco County Master Gardeners will have a booth at the county fair this year. Lee Bryant will be heading this up.

The Hood River Classes will be at Valley Christian Church and everything is moving along nicely.

Elizabeth is still trying to line up some workers for the Oregon State Fair.

Etta is asking for any other gardens for the 2006 garden tours.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Cheri Austin for Marlene Long