



NAPLES GARDEN CLUB

nurturing, growing & contributing

VISION

Community-wide interest in horticulture, floral design and the environment

MISSION

Provide opportunities for sharing and learning about horticulture, floral design and the environment

In a congenial, supportive atmosphere

CORE VALUES

Teamwork, Creativity, Friendship, Education, Community Involvement

Board of Directors via Zoom Meeting Minutes May 11, 2020

Attendance

Present: Sally Lutz, Terry Aufranc, Carole Whittemore, Mary Schmidek, Eliza Nevin, Kathleen Hawryluk, Connie Willson, Melinda Earle, Polly Galliker, Suzanne Pindyck, Raynelle Perkins, Sudie Minamyler, Donna Lindberg, Linda LaRue, Brown, Jane Ewy

Absent: Dara Foundyller, Ellen Meister

Call to order: 10:12 AM

Motion to Approve February 22, 2020 Minutes and March 11, 2020 – April 16, 2020 Minutes
Jane Ewy

APPROVED

President's Report

Sally Lutz

- Gift to acknowledge Kathleen Hawryluk's highly successful tenure as President will be presented at the October 26 Board Meeting.
- Via email or Zoom the Board will be kept up to date of activities during the off-season.
- Board is to be aware of "scam emails" such as a phishing email that compromised Catherine's Ware's email asking for money. Delete as Sally will never ask for money.
- If an email requires input by all members or a vote you may reply, "To All" otherwise reply only, "to Sender" to keep emails to minimum.
- Critical Date: The Annual Meeting and Luncheon will both be on the same day, April 5, 2021. The morning meeting will be at Kapnick and the Luncheon and short afternoon induction of officers will be at Windstar Country Club.

- Botanical Garden Agreement
 - We are set with agreement other than the cost per hour of staff. We cannot sign until cost number is received and approved.
 - We will receive staff hourly reports on a monthly basis.
- Bold Solution Completion.
 - We have an agreement, which can be reviewed at any time for no extra charge.
 - NGC registration payments via the website will be **credit card only** to reserve a space. Rarely (such as a senior member) a check will be accepted on a one-time basis.
- Consent Form:
We are looking for ways to streamline this process.

Interest Groups

Kathleen Hawryluk

- Kathleen will continue as lead.
- Needlepoint will be promoted as a new group.
- Interest groups could possibly exhibit at Flower Show.

VP House & Garden Tour

Mary Schmidek

- Mary presented a well-researched, innovative and viable solution for the 2021 Tour in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the health & safety of our members and guests. She invited us to “*Let’s Get Virtual!*”
 - We would provide a virtual tour of the gardens of members’ Naples and northern retreats via photograph and video.
 - Floral designs could also be incorporated within member’s home and gardens.
 - Would be a professionally produced video with background music.
 - Ann Howat and the Sponsor Committees are on board to try to obtain sponsors to help defray the cost of the video.
 - Raffle would continue and be offered to members on January 1 and to those who view the virtual tour on February 6.
 - Link would be made available on February 6 as a free gift by e-blast initially to NGC members and to our mailing list of former Tour participants and then subsequently opened up, perhaps, to NBG members and the public.
 - May need someone to vet the photographs and video and ensure that GPS is not embedded in the video
 - Garden Calendar for purchase, produced from photos is one of the ideas being discussed.
 - “Make a Donation” link is possible option at the end of video.
 - *Gulf Shore Life* and *Naples Charity Register* information due in July

Motion was made to approve the 2021 H&G Virtual Tour

Sally Lutz

APPROVED

Treasurer Report

Eliza Nevin

Eliza provided a Statement of Financial Position and April 2020 Financial Activities.

Membership

Donna Lindberg

- Dues paying process continues through May 31, 2020.
- Final dues reminder letter will be sent May 15th (so far ~ 20 members) and if dues are not paid by June 1, 2020 members are considered resigned.
- Currently we have nine resignations and three members moved to newly created senior membership
- The Provisional Class is 26.
 - They have not met In Toto but are scheduled for an October 29, 2020 meeting in Buehler with five presenters (may be a Zoom meeting).
 - Carole Whittemore will host a welcome back gathering in her home November 6, 2020

Program Education

Carole Whittemore

The November 2020 meeting will begin with the 2020 Spring Annual Meeting and end with the regularly scheduled 2020 General meeting. The remainder of the Membership Meetings remains fluid and responsive to what may develop in the current pandemic environment.

- The workshops are all planned with a good balance between our three areas of focus
- We feel that workshops will take place as they vary in size from 10-30 participants and many are held outdoors.
- Horticulture examples are: Rock garden visit, vegetable gardening, succulent propagation
- Design will offer creative mechanics and fruit and vegetable centerpieces.
- Environment examples are a visit to an organic farm and exploring mangroves at Clam Pass.

Flower Show

Terry Aufranc

- We are proceeding believing Flower Show will happen with NBG approval.
- Committee heads and members are continuing in positions from 2020. Regular meetings are ~40 members so how to meet will be an issue.
- Questions remain regarding tent availability or affordable if need to purchase. Would Buehler be a possibility instead of tent?
- Need to decide new name for the Flower Show.
 - Possibilities are to add: 2020ne or 2020 Redux.
 - Graphic Design group has not been responsive
 - Logo will need NBG approval

Governance

Kathleen Hawryluk

- The Naples Garden Club Board Handbook of bylaws will be updated and new issue published this summer
- Bylaws are reviewed by the Governance Chair and Standing Rules reviewed by the President Elect.

Communications

Suzanne Pindyck

The *April Trowel Prints* and *Florida Gardener* were published.

Idea Garden

Sudie Minamyer

- Work has begun on Pop-Up Programs. In this Covid-19 environment we are unsure what will be allowed.
- Before NBG is open to public we hope for early admittance to provide garden maintenance and movement of IG plants and topiary.

Past President Council

Linda LaRue Brown

Meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2020. It is important and helpful to incoming president.

General Discussion

Raffle Suggestion

Sudie Minamyer

Sudie made a suggestion for a possible fundraiser project at the NGC general monthly meetings; a raffle of a floral design created by one of our own members. Suggestion was favorably received.

Office Outside Space

- We may be meeting more outside this upcoming Garden Club season. Therefore we may want to add more improvements to our office outdoor space.
- Eliza Nevin cautioned us not to spend a lot of money on space
- Remember this space belongs to the NBG
- Linda LaRue Brown suggested a fundraiser within our membership to improve our outdoor space.

President Sally Lutz ended the meeting reminding us to, *Be Flexible, Be Creative, Not take things too seriously and to Stop and Smell the Roses*

Meeting Adjourned 11:19 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ewy, Secretary
05/12/2020

Addendum: From the NGC *Condolence* card was sent to Audrey Hennesey regarding the death of her husband. *Get Well Wishes* card was sent to Linda LaRue Brown regarding her accident and recovery.