



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

Minutes from Board Activity June – July 2020

Membership: Barbara Sampson on 06/15/2020 provided an Excel spreadsheet with the NGC 2020/2021 Membership numbers. We have a total of 277 members compiled of Active 232, Provisional 26, Sustaining 10, Senior 7, and Honorary 2

President Sally Lutz: July 7, 2020. Through Corresponding with Donna McGinnis, an agreement regarding the *Safety Protocol* when visiting the Garden and our office was compiled. In particular we agree to not hold the Garden liable for contracting the virus should that occur.

The Board was asked to read and send back an "OK" if you agree to the terms. As we get closer to September Sally will eblast a copy to the general membership

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Board of Directors via Zoom Meeting Minutes August 25, 2020

Attendance

Present: Sally Lutz, Carole Whittemore, Eliza Nevin, Dara Foundyller, Kathleen Hawryluk, Connie Willson, Gail Camalier, Melinda Earle, Polly Galliker, Raynelle Perkins, Sandy Lasch, Ellen Meister, Sudie Minamyler, Donna Lindberg, Linda LaRue Brown, Jane Ewy

Absent: Mary Schmidek, Terry Aufranc

Call to order: 10:00 AM

Motion to Approve: Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2020 **Linda LaRue Brown**

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Presidents Report

Sally Lutz

New Board Members

- Julia Pfannenstiehl (VP Elect H>) and Suzanne Pindyck (Communications Chair) have resigned their positions.
- Their replacements are Gail Camalier (VP Elect H>) and Sandy Lasch (Communications Chair).

Naples Botanical Garden

- Our Office
 - Has had a one time thorough cleaning
 - Recently our air conditioner broke and a new one was installed. Cleaning staff will need to re-clean office the end of September. **Ellen Meister** to inform and coordinate with Gary.
 - Once functioning we will need to sign in and out of office.
- Buehler Auditorium is a possibility for meetings but it is owned by FGCU and has not been cleaned
- Kapnick Hall, when cleaned, will be allowed the capacity of 50 people
- A NBG tent may be available but not functional until January.
- Currently, our members are not allowed in the Idea Garden as no volunteers are permitted.
- As of July 1, we have a new Agreement with the NBG. They do not want our annual \$15,000 stipend for interns. In stead, when using NBG personnel we will be charged for services.

The Year Book/Directory will be online only this year.

Nonprofits in Naples: Sally looked at several local non profit clubs such as the League Club and Women's Club and they are struggling with the same issues we are with respect to their programs in this Covid environment.

Due to the Covid-19 environment, three options were presented for the Naples Garden Club season 20/21

1. Continue the season as is and muddle through as the current environment permits. Cancel each activity as needed.
2. Push season back to January 2021 as a vaccine may become available.
3. Push "Pause Button" until season 21/22. Which means to move everything until next year. *Perhaps the only moral or prudent choice.*
 - The H> Virtual Tour 2021 will continue
 - There will be no charge for former tour clients. Sponsorship will provide some revenue.
 - Members brainstormed ideas
 - "Pause" but find ways to stay connected with members
 - We can organize events/classes on an impromptu basis.

- Demos can be filmed and shown on video. Educational instruction by Zoom is possible. Provisionals could obtain credit.
- Keep in mind our mission of *Design, Horticulture, Environment*
- Provide virtual tour of Idea Garden to inform Provisionals in November.

Kathleen Hawryluk moved that the Board approve Option 3. Sudie Minamyer seconded.

Approved

Sally will inform the NGC in her next *Message from the President*

Membership Chair

Donna Lindberg

Provisional Class 20/21

- One member has decided to discontinue this season, as she does not feel she can add another organization in “these times”. This brings the total to 25.
- Has not received responses on how members are feeling about this upcoming year.
- Spring Orientation was postponed until October 29th with Welcome Back Provisional Party scheduled for November 6th.
- Being as Orientation is a required event for membership, does not feel that either planned events can take place.
- Shortening the year or lessening the requirements does not provide the full learning experience we value.
- Virtual does not provide the bonding we want to happen. If we have impromptu workshops, Donna wants members to participate either virtually or personally.
- Donna and Provisionals have not met in person to date as members were accepted in March during “shelter in place”.
- If we roll over to next year, Orientation could be April 21 or delayed to October 2021. Donna is in favor of rolling over the class to be 2021/2022.
- Donna favors rolling over their \$160 dues to the 21/22 year. Dues to be discussed with Eliza Nevin.

Program/Education

Carole Whittemore

We need to find a way to respect boundaries and our membership.

- Does not want to post classes during our usual September period
- We need more factual information to move forward but we will be considering, if viable, some videos or zoom presentations to maintain connections.
- Looking at impromptu meetings.
- Carol asked opinion on the following monthly plans
 - December creating a virtual holiday design program
 - January, celebrating the Idea Garden 10th Anniversary in some virtual manner
 - February launching the Virtual H>
 - March focusing on an environmental program

(The Board enthusiastically endorsed these monthly ideas)

General Discussion

Mail

A question was raised whether we continue to receive mail at NBG office?

- Carol Greenwood retrieves the mail but currently no one is allowed in the office.
- Sally is to contact Carol in this regard.

Grants

- Further discussion needed.
- Our website needs to be updated with respect to grant applications. Sally Lutz will handle.

Treasurer

Eliza Nevin

The NGC is solvent and has enough money for two years of operations

Ellen Meister made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 11:24 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jane Ewy, Secretary