

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association

Minutes for the General Meeting

May 14, 2024

Meeting held at Val Klaudt's Garden/ 450 County Rd., 200B, Burnet (no Zoom)

Attendance: 37 Members, 6 Associates, 2 Guests

Call to Order: Jennifer McMillan called the meeting to order at 2:30pm after everyone arrived and had refreshments first.

Jennifer introduced our host and speaker Val Klaudt, who gave a demonstration on "Wicking Tubs". After Val's presentation, she gave a tour of her various gardens and plants.

Business Meeting: Terri Winter called the meeting back to order at 3:35pm after the tour.

Terri thanked Val for sharing her gardens with us and also thanked Virginie Lamb for coordinating refreshments as well as thanking everyone who brought food to share.

April General meeting minutes were approved as emailed and published on the website.

Celia Manlove (Treasurer) thanked everyone who has turned in their check requests for reimbursements in a timely manner. She noted that all the projects are tracking well and are on budget. Celia reported that she had to make a correction to the April financials, there was an error of \$100.00 that needed to be credited. Motion was made to approve this adjustment, seconded and all in favor. April financials were then approved.

Terri announced the HLMGA Service Recognitions as of May 10, 2024:

Associate Class Members from 2023 who have now certified:

Bridget McCoy

Courtney Stanley

Associates from 2024 Class who have completed certification hours:

Princess Aschermann

Brenda Goble

Members who have now recertified for 2024:

Jana Barner

Donna Cagle

Diana Castello

Terri Clark

Carolyn Crouchet

Marybeth Edeen

Gail Elgroth

Kathy Forisha

Lavona Fry

Julie Griser
Rebecca Hewett
Ingrid Hoffmeister
Diane Hunter
Karen Koppes-Allen
Fred Machell
Julie McComas
Doug McCoy
Lyn Mefford
Samantha Melvin
Christina Nabors
Marylynn Norman
Karen Roberts
Cathy Sereno
Samm Shive
Marsha Whatley
Lori Whitmire
Terri Winter
Cris Wolff-Northup
Patti Young

Terri noted that there are many members who have completed their hours already but haven't recorded them on the VMS website. Please be sure to get your hours entered.

Roxanne Dunegan spoke briefly about the upcoming Burnet County Area Fair. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer June 5-8, and she will send out the volunteer sign up sheets showing what areas still need volunteers.

Ray Buchanan announced that the HLMGA Scholarship Committee has awarded the annual \$2500 Scholarship to Riley Arrington. "This young lady lives on a ranching farm near Kingsland and will graduate from Burnet High School with a 3.72 GPA. The Scholarship will be applied to her tuition costs at Cisco College, where her winning skills in rodeo will flourish, and then to Angelo State University for the completion of her major in Agricultural Communication. Riley was the most outstanding candidate in terms of involvement in Horticultural activity, leadership and community service and, therefore, we believe that in the future she will make an outstanding contribution to the community in the field of horticulture."

Samantha Melvin gave an update on the Seed Library. Volunteers have sorted through a huge donation from the Llano Seed company. 170 seed packets have been picked up from the library since December 2023. In December, the library had 539 seed packets in inventory, 170 packets were picked up, and with the recent addition of seeds from Llano Seed Company, there are 541 seed packets currently available. Samantha reminded everyone to please use the check out forms so they can keep an accurate count of availability.

Linda Stoneking spoke about the Burnet Farmer and Craft Market which takes place every Saturday until November. Volunteers are needed and can sign up for the 1st shift (7:30-10:30am) or 2nd shift (10:30am-1:30pm). Please contact her via email or text if you are able to help.

The next Green Thumb presentation is Thursday, June 20th, 2-3pm at the Burnet County AgriLife Extension auditorium (607 N. Vandevveer, Burnet). Martel Luedeke will give a presentation on "Companion Gardening".

Our next General meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, at 2:00 pm at the AgriLife Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned: 3:52pm

Submitted by:

Terri Clark/Recording Secretary