AAMG EAB Meeting Minutes
3 September 2014

Actions

**Mike**: When the instructor schedule is finalized, send it out in a Newsflash.

**Mike**: Bring the laptop and projector to the September meeting next week.

**Mike**: (and Joyce) Get recognition item for November Chair Meeting.

**Sharon**: Send out a Newsflash requesting everyone updating their profiles.

**Carole**: Provide a display on the Village Garden and order forms for bricks to be used at the County Fair table.

In attendance today were Mike Ensor, Joyce Dail, Sharon Smith, Kathy Enderle, Carole Fullagar, and Kay Stringfellow.

Coordinator’s Comments

- Intern training begins on Thursday, September 11. We have a confirmed 27 students, with a possibility of 5 more. Project Chairs are encouraged to arrange with Mike a date to give a project briefing to the class. When the instructor schedule is finalized, Mike will send it out in a Newsflash.

- The County Fair is September 10 – 14. Opportunities still remain to help Pat Shema with the flower booth or man a MG table on Saturday and Sunday. Ask-a-MG will man the table on certain hours on Saturday, and Composting will be there on Sunday. The Dairy Farm committee will provide a display and forms to hopefully generate more brick sales.

- On October 24, the Extension Office will hold an Open House to celebrate 100 Years of Extension. Plans are still being finalized. Hopefully, we will have the banners and signs by then.

Project Reports

- Dairy Farm: Carole will provide a display on the Village Garden and order forms for bricks to be used at the County Fair table. She is taking the lead on the brick project, revisiting previous cost and design estimates and speaking with an additional vendor.

- Ask-A-MG: Has 3,141 contacts and counting!

- Wildflower Garden: The native wildflower garden is going well, adding more flowers this month, labeling plants, and applying hay for winterization. They conducted a well-received educational session with the children from the Apprentice Garden.

- Bay-Wise: Crofton Village Garden Club is fully embracing Bay-Wise, making it their club theme for the upcoming year and kicking off their season with a SECOND Bay-Wise presentation. Next week Mary Yee and Becky Peterson will be doing a program for the club, taking the members
through the yardstick together. Their program sounds fun, lively and perfect for a garden club that wants to dig deeper into the Bay-Wise process. After the presentation, the club will go to Nancy Percivall’s Bay-Wise Certified yard where signs will denote good practices.

- Grow It Eat It: Lisa Winters has agreed to chair this project for another year with plans to revitalize it, now that the Governor’s Mansion is no longer having a garden.
- Speakers Bureau: Michelle Corkadel has agreed to assume responsibility for this project.

**Finances:** A reminder to Project Chairs to report any grant money received and provide paperwork to Mike and Kathy.

**Time Tracking Database**

- A reminder: The new database, the Time Tracking System, is the only official way to track your hours. The former timesheet, now labeled as a Worksheet on the web site, should only be used for personal tracking of your hours. To receive credit, you must enter your hours into the database itself. The link is available on the web site under Just for MGs/Timesheets/Master Gardener Time Tracking System.
- Some members still have not entered any hours. Unlike in the past, there will be NO grace period at the end of the year. Hours must be entered before 2014 ends! In addition, Sharon and Carole must approve all hours that are entered. It is quite time-consuming, and we don’t want to overburden them at the end of the year. Please enter your hours (except for the Holiday Party) by December 1.

**Other Projects**

- The EAB will discuss a possible Seed Swap (since we cannot have a Seed Library) at the October EAB meeting.
- We have not heard from any members interested in participating in projects at the Tawes Garden. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Dail.
- There was discussion and agreement that MG hours cannot be earned on non-MG projects.

**November Project Chairs Meeting**

- We plan to serve chili, two soups, fruit salad, veggie tray, cornbread, and dessert. Assignments:
  - Soup – Kathy and Joyce
  - Chili – Mike
  - Fruit -- Sharon
  - Veggie Tray – Joyce
  - Hummus and tzatiki – Sharon
  - Cornbread – Kay and Kathy
  - Dessert – Harry and Carole
  - Something fabulous – Rosemary
- From Extension: bowls, plates, napkins, spoons, forks, knives, salt and pepper, water.