

Minutes of the State Board Meeting: October 8, 2011

Hidden Lake Gardens, Tipton, MI

Members Present: Tyler Bassett, Becky Csia, Mary Danforth, Irene Eiseman, Patrick Fields, Richard Fowler, Judy Kelly, Pam Laureto, Mark Ledebuhr, Emily Nietering, Larry Nooden, Sarah Nooden, Lynn Steil, Bev Walters, Alice Ward

Call to Order: MBC President, Judy Kelly, called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Agenda approval: Red Cedar Chapter status was added to "other" under Old Business. Sarah Nooden moved to accept the agenda as amended, Tyler Bassett seconded, unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes: Sarah Nooden moved to approve the minutes, Irene Eiseman seconded, unanimous approval.

Announcements:

Welcome to new members of the board: None were present.

Updated president's email list: List was passed around for updating.

Spring Foray 2012: Huron Valley Chapter is planning the next foray at the U of M Biological Station. Larry Nooden announced that the planning of the next foray is in progress.

He said that it will be the "only foray you'll hear shore-lapping" The cabins have indoor plumbing, but you may opt for student cabins. The MBC is being very welcomed. He said that some nice field trips are being planned.

Old Business:

Michigan Consortium of Botanists: It was announced that there have been small meetings in Hillsdale and that they are still organizing. Bev Walters has given a demo of the online version of the New Michigan Flora which is now in press. Larry Nooden suggested the Michigan Consortium of botanists focus group share plans and insights with Michigan Botanical club. Tyler Bassett said that there is a plan for a website and thoughts to invite the coordinator to speak at our next Board meeting.

Distinguished Service Award and Lifetime Achievement Award: Larry Nooden submitted a list of suggestions and questions for each award. Much discussion ensued. It was also suggested that each chapter recognize accomplished members that may not be known by other chapters. Mark Ledebuhr moved that we add a special recognition award as discussed with specific details be provided by the V.P. Larry Nooden seconded. After discussion Becky Csia suggested that we vote on this after the details are ironed out. Judy Kelly tabled the discussion and motion until this is done. Pam Laureto suggested an award committee be formed. Tyler Bassett suggested that Chapter Presidents or a chapter representative. Emily agreed to prepare a summary of each award discussed for the January meeting. Judy Kelly thanked Larry Nooden on the list of suggestions and questions regarding the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Isabel Dickenson Award: Pam Laureto announced that the award committee has decided on awardees for 2006,7,9,10. Awards decided several years ago was \$100. The Foundation has agreed to increase the award to \$250 starting with the next publication. The awardees will be announced at the general meeting to follow.

Use of email for club business: Much discussion followed regarding sharing of documents, It was expressed by several that the website should be the venue for this to take place. Lynn Steil said she would contact Andy Sawyer to put the minutes on the website so they can be viewed prior to the January meeting.

Red Cedar Status: Mark Ledebuhr reported on the status of the Red Cedar Chapter. He said that with a membership of less than 20 it looked grim. With no president or vice president they may go until Christmas and dissolve. Much discussion followed. It was suggested that a review of the survey be done to help address this. It was agreed that the executive board members as a committee use the Board 360 report to make suggestions to the Red Cedar Chapter.

New Business:

Board 360 Survey: Judy Kelly said that 60% of the board members participated (16 participants) Pam Laureto said this may be symptomatic of our problems. Discussion followed. Mark moved that with regards to futuring activities of the club the executive committee has the authority to engage services they deem necessary with a cap of \$5000. Tyler Bassett seconded. Motion passed with a clear majority.

Reports

WebMaster -- Andy Sawyer: No Report

Corresponding Secretary -- Mary Danforth was concerned about the ability to use the website for the Arisaema . Judy Kelly thanked Mary for agreeing to take on the business of the Arisaema.

Michigan Botanical Foundation -- Pam Laureto

The Michigan Botanist -- Todd Barkman. Todd has agreed to continue as The Botanist editor. Lynda Pelkey provided a treasurer's report for everyone

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Fenner Nature Center. Snow date: Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Fenner Nature Center

Judy Kelly adjourned 1:50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Steil
Recording Secretary