

MBC State Board Meeting Minutes — October 18, 2014

The Michigan Botanical Board Meeting was held at Grand Valley State University, Niemeyer Hall, Room 148 Allendale, MI on October 18, 2014.

Bd Members & Committee Chairs Present: Tyler Bassett, Dave Chambers, Garrett Crow, Becky Csia, Mary Danforth, Irene Eiseman, Craig Elston, Richard Fowler, Ruth Hart, Jim Hewitt, Michael Huft, Bob Kelly, Judy Kelly, Lynn Kirkpatrick, Emily Nietering, Larry Nooden, Sarah Nooden, Tony Reznicek, Andy Sawyer, Dorothy Sibley, Lynn Steil, Bev Walters

Call to Order: Judy Kelly at 11:33

Judy Kelly had each person in attendance give their name as an introduction for those new to the board.

Approval of agenda

Minutes. Sarah Nooden said that the minutes (under Nominating Committee Report) should read, "Dave Chambers had suggested possible candidates for Treas." -- he was not a candidate.

Dorothy Sibley moved to accept the minutes with changes. Becky Csia seconded. Motion carried.

Irene Eiseman moved to accept the treasurer's report, Tyler Bassett seconded. Motion carried.

Sarah requested an addition to agenda after Web Master report.

Judy Kelly requested an addition to agenda under new business.

Bev Walters moved to accept the agenda. Mary Danforth seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Kelly reminded everyone that Robert's Rules of Orders will apply to the meeting.

Announcements

Judy Kelly asked if there were any changes to email addresses please let her know for her list.

MBC brochure: Sarah Nooden said she was in the process of reviewing and reworking the brochure for the winter meeting, and expect there will be some changes coming from today's meeting per agenda items. She will email the working draft to the board for comment.

FQA calculator: Bev Walters announced that the FQA calculator is up and running and to try it out. -- <http://uiversalfqa.or>

Committee Reports

Webmaster - Aaron Fown sent his report via email video to the Board.

Aaron reported no security problems or bugs and felt most are having success working with the website and encouraged any who would like instruction to contact him and he can instruct via video-chat or phone. He announced that there have been @2000 hits per month with an audience of 900. Sarah commented that she felt the HVC site on the webpage was very difficult to use. Sarah proposed that a content manager (Sheila Bourgoin) from the HVC, who has volunteered, be the conduit for posting material on the website. She has the skills and expertise to do so. Those having difficulty from any chapter could go to her for entering the information to the website as needed. Judy suggested that that Sarah talk to Aaron and in Jan. we can discuss more and finalize.

Corresponding Secretary - Mary Danforth said that she has sent Arisaema via email to everyone and hard copies to those who want. She also asked that changes to directory be sent to her as soon as possible. The changes will appear in the April Arisaema.

Treasurer -

Foray expenses: Bob Kelly reviewed the foray expenses and noted the excess of remaining funds. After giving several options, he put forth the question of how to handle these funds. Discussion occurred. It was recommended

that since we requested Hanes funds listing specific uses, this amount be set aside for those expenses and the rest would be considered a foray profit. Dennis Woodland (Hanes Trustee) reminded everyone that gifts are determined/limited by how well the stock market is doing. As a result, in a bad year there might not be funds for a specific future foray and that perhaps, setting money aside might be a good idea. Bob Kelly moved that the suitable expenses be made against the Hanes fund and the balance held in reserve for the 2015 foray. Dorothy S. seconded. Discussion, Motion carried.

Report of The Michigan Botanist Audit: Bob Kelly reviewed the audit of Sept. 14. He announced that there is slightly over \$800 for use in The Michigan Botanist production. He asked for production costs from Carol Barkman and announced that for each of the last 5 vol. we have lost @ \$1400. Irene said since this is an annual report that we need it in hard copy. Bob said that Carol's report would be put in the next Arisaema.

Mike Huft said it is clear that available funds for production has decreased because fees have not kept pace with production costs. He is not asking for more funds at this time as the TMB is behind. He wants to appeal to non-professionals and wishes to wait until this happens. He also said that it might be possible to find funds elsewhere. There are @ 20 articles in the pipeline. He hopes to publish two as a double issue as one paper will take @ 80 pages and that will be part of a double issue. It is possible to have 2-3 double issues. His goal is to expand subscription and get back on track for 2016. Michael discussed how it is important to get into the indexing and it must be up to date to do this. He also hopes to maintain and/or increase the professional quality.

Constitution & bylaws: Michael Huft ,Becky C. Bev

W. and Sarah N. have spoken to each other and hope to meet soon. Becky suggested that someone who has been with the club for a long time who can discuss history, be added. Michael Huft mentioned some of the issues/topics that might be of concern for thought. Michael Huft moved to authorize the opening of a checking account for The Michigan Botanist in the name of the Michigan Botanical Club at Centier Bank in Valparaiso, Indiana. Deposits and withdrawals may be made upon the signature of any one of the Editor-in-Chief of The Michigan Botanist, the Business Manager of The Michigan Botanist, and the Treasurer of the Michigan Botanical Club. Currently those individuals are Michael Huft, Nancy L. Robbins, and Robert Kelly. Tyler B. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Foundation: (Pam Laureto) Larry Nooden said he'd like to see the relationship between the club and foundation be more clear. Judy K suggested that he send an email to that effect to Pam Laureto and the Foundation Board.

Big Trees -Andy Sawyer discussed the operation of the data base. He noted that 800 trees are located by gps and must be updated. Andy said that he would update us with the on-line version and that he would eventually need computer programmer to help --\$1000 one-time fee. He also discussed possibility of searching living and dead tree locations, taking photos, and printing data.

Emily Nietering presented the MBC distinguished service award for 2014, normally given at the foray, to Todd Barkman, professor of botany at WMU, KBS and former The Michigan Botanist editor. The membership expressed appreciation for his hard work.

Isobel Dickinson Award Committee -- President Kelly appointed Irene Eiseman to chair the Dickinson Award Committee to issue the student award for TMB Vol 51. Garrett Crow agreed to be a member of the Committee.

Special Members -- Irene Eiseman displayed a visual graphic of the MBC organizational structure and felt for several reasons, the Special Members should be a modified chapter instead of a subset of the Institutional Membership. At this point they may not be considered for board membership. This is for information only and to be prepared to discuss this at the Jan. meeting.

New Business

Chapter memberships -- Bev Walters said that the disparity of chapter memberships (personal, spouse, family, sp. member, etc. posed problems with the foray and may need to be addressed for future forays.

Michael H. felt that the by-law committee should be able to address some of these issues.

RCC Historical Documents - Irene E. announced that the Peebles had Red Cedar documents and asked for any one else who might have documents to give to her where they will go to the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor.

Stewardship Network sponsor—Tyler will be at the conference at E. Lansing on Fri. Jan. 23-24. Judy moved that we be a sponsor of the Stewardship Network Conference. Sarah N. seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Nominating committee - Sarah Nooden announced that regarding the MBC Board, Judy K remains president, Garrett Crow will be vice president., Jim Hewitt will become recording secretary, Mary Danforth will remain corresponding secretary, and Bob Kelly will remain treasurer effective Jan. 1, 2015.

Larry Nooden asked members to look at Winter Wildflowers book for making comments/suggestions.

The next meeting will be at the Michigan Environmental Council Office, 602 West Ionia Street, Lansing, MI. Garret Crow will start the next meeting Jan. 31st, snow date. Feb. 7, 21. 2015

Meeting adjourned. 1:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Steil, Recording Secretary