

**Lincoln County Master
Gardeners Association**
General Meeting

October 22, 2016

12:50 – 1:09 p.m.

(Site of Apple Squeeze),
105 SE Easter Valley Road, Tidewater, OR

This was a general meeting for the members of the Lincoln County Master Gardeners Association for the purpose of adopting two by-law changes, announcing new board members for the coming year, and any other matters before the association.

Attendees (15):

<i>Heather Fortner</i>	<i>Loyd Collett</i>	<i>Sonja Lovas</i>	<i>Carita Edson</i>
<i>Debie Derkie</i>	<i>Michael Christy</i>	<i>Deanna Trail</i>	<i>Theresa Fritsch</i>
<i>Betty Bahn</i>	<i>Ann Geyer</i>	<i>Verna Collett</i>	<i>Matte Gallo</i>
<i>Mary Ellen Townsend</i>	<i>Kristi Kind</i>	<i>Diana Pinto</i>	

The meeting was called to order by Heather Fortner, serving as State Representative and as speaker for the board, at 12:50 p.m. at the conclusion of the annual Apple Squeeze event.

BY-LAW REVISIONS

Ms. Fortner stated there had been a review of the By-Laws and explained the context of the two proposals.

By-Law Change #1 Proposed: Scholarship. This by-law addition would allow the association to offer scholarships.

By-Law Change #2 Proposed: Non-discrimination Clause. This addition to the by-laws would be a clear prohibition against discrimination based on based on race, religion, national origin and related other language. It was noted that the actual wording had been sent to members earlier so those present would be familiar with the actual wording to be adopted.

MOTION: ADOPTED. It was moved to accept and adopt both by-laws as described. Motion by Mary Ellen Townsend, seconded by Kristi Kind, and approved without dissent by those present.

[Actual language as sent to members by e-mail has been added at the end of these minutes.]

ANNOUNCEMENT of OFFICERS & CALL for OFFICERS

Ms. Fortner said there would several changes to the association's board positions for the upcoming year. The position of secretary was still open and she called for a member to fill this role.

Kristi Kind agreed to serve as secretary.

As such, the slate of new officers for the new year will be:

- **Donna Davis** **President** continuing from current year
- **Deanna Trail** **Vice-President** new
- **Kristi Kind** **Secretary** new
- **Sharon Busby** **Treasurer** new
- **Ann Geyer** **State Representative** new
- **Mary Ellen Townsend** **Historian** continuing but seeking a replacement, according to her own statement.

Ms. Fortner responded to a question as to when the board met as the second Monday of each month from 10 am – noon.

OTHER MATTERS of INTEREST

Website. Mary Ellen Townsend spoke of the newly developing website which she hopes will carry the association's history. Ms. Fortner said the website will be previewed at the class graduation ceremony on November 10 and that Ann Geyer had been fundamental in its development with two training sessions held to date.

Class Schedule for 2017 now available. Ms. Fortner said the class schedule had been placed on the current website.

Posters to promote Master Gardener training. Ms. Fortner asked that the color posters she brought be picked up and posted when it might be seen in the community.

Hospitality. Deanna Trail said the Becky Stiles would be handling Hospitality for the upcoming classes, plant sale, and other events differently. Mrs. Stiles had held a meeting to enlist helpers who would share the workload with Mrs. Stiles coordinating. Additional opportunities are available. Please contact Becky Stiles if you can assist. Outside the plant sale and classes, other events may call on those attending to help do some of the work Hospitality had done in the past.

Heather Fortner called on all members to attend the graduation ceremony on November 10 and other presentations to be held that day.

With no further business, the meeting disbanded at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Trail, pro-tem secretary.

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[Addendum: Text of By-Law changes sent to members by e-mail in advance of this meeting.]

PROPOSED BY-LAW ADDITIONS as of October 23, 2016

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

3. To award scholarships for post-secondary education in fields which provide leadership in the use of effective and environmentally responsible horticultural techniques. Scholarships will be based on merit.

ARTICLE X—MISCELLANEOUS

1. LCMGA prohibits discrimination in all its programs, services, activities, and materials on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, familial/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, genetic information, veteran's status, reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

The above proposals by sent by Pat Shaw by e-mail on October 11, 2016.