

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jill Fries at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Present were: Deb Studley, Donna Amidon, Jill Fries, Linda Anderson, Jessie Crane, Jill Schmalz-Washkuhn, Janet Mangold and Terri Johnson.

**Minutes of March 24, 2022:** A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Jill W. to accept the minutes with the correction of today's meeting date. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved

**Board Meeting highlights of April 27, 2022**

- Jill will send out an email to the NCMGVA list requesting that members personally pay their \$5.00 WIMGA dues to Jill Schmalz-Washkuhn, our Treasurer. She will then send one check with a list of those who have paid to the WIMGA Treasurer.
- Jessie suggested starting to meet face to face in May at the Ag. Station.
- Janet will get answers from UW-Extension on the latest Covid-19 meeting guidelines.
- Jill will also ask Phil if it is possible to give the MGV's a tour of the Ag. Station and explain what it being worked on this season.
- Jill F. will send an email next week to the NCMGV list to ask for volunteers needed to complete the tasks for the plant sale, the teaching and display garden, and the TGT.
- Linda reported that the 24 volunteer hours and 10 CE hours are required to stay certified in addition to completing the On-Boarding Lite and criminal background check requirements and suggested sending out that information in Jill's email next week. All of this information was previously sent to everyone on March 23, 2022, by Sue Reinardy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jill W. reported a checking account balance of \$3,224.16. A check for \$250 has been received by West Bend Insurance for plant sale liability coverage since the sale is not on UW-Extension grounds.

**WIMGA Update:** Janet reported that the next WIMGA Board Meeting will be June 2, 2022, at 6:30 PM via Zoom instead of traveling to the Hancock Station.

**Plant Sale Update:** Volunteers are needed to fill gaps for tasks related to the plant sale. Jill will explain in next week's email. A few tomatoes will be available for sale other than those already pre-ordered. The garlic chives did not germinate well for the herb packs. Jessie has garlic chives to donate and will work with Jill to get them potted up.

**Teaching & Display Garden:**

- More volunteers are needed in the perennial garden – contact Terri Johnson if interested at 715-416-2808 or [tjolady@gmail.com](mailto:tjolady@gmail.com). The tree hasn't yet been cut down. Jill suggested a clean-up day on June 4<sup>th</sup> to get the plant signage up and spruce up the area.
- More volunteers are needed in the children's garden – contact Roseann if interested at 608-332-1622 or [rmeixe@gmail.com](mailto:rmeixe@gmail.com)

- More volunteers are needed in the Pin Wheel gardens – contact Vicki Gee-Treft if interested at 651-246-9534 or [vgee-treft@hotmail.com](mailto:vgee-treft@hotmail.com)
- The Twilight Garden Tour Committee has met and Donna has provided lists of tasks that will need volunteers. The consensus of the group was to keep the TGT in the late afternoon on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be further discussions with Kevin.

**Website, blogs, Facebook:**

- June 20-26 is pollinator week – we should try to have postings on social media to make the public more aware of what they can do to help with pollinators.
- Linda Anderson is working on a blog about native plants.
- We have a new North Country Master Gardener Facebook page developed by Kimberly Kayler.

**Online Reporting System:** [https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org/vms/sec\\_Login](https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org/vms/sec_Login)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Jessie asked for a motion to spend \$150 on supplies for the Washburn Family Fair on June 4<sup>th</sup> for peat pots, planting mix and seeds. A motion was made and seconded to provide this funding. Motion approved.

**Horticultural Inquiries:** Roseann, Jill F. and Vicki have volunteered to help with inquiries. Linda will take the calls and make referrals if needed.

**Upcoming Events:**


Kevin will be giving a grape pruning demonstration at Fort Folle Avoine, located on County Road U a few miles west of Highway 35, between Webster and Danbury on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Janet suggested developing a “go native” campaign to sway gardeners toward that type of gardening which supports pollinators. People need to learn what conditions are required for each type of native plant for maximum growth and health.

The next meeting will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Plans will be made to meet at the Ag. Station if possible.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Studley  
Secretary