



## **Hardy Plant Society of Washington**

**Purpose:** Board Meeting

**Date:** 24 Aug 2009

**Location:** Kandy Kroll's house

**Participants:** Grace, Pam, Bob, Kandy, Bonnie

1. Agenda
  - a. Seeds, NWF&GS booth, Sept Meeting, Paperwork with government, stationery, programs, election of officers, mid-year membership
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - a. See Board\_09Feb09.doc
3. Action Arising from Previous Meeting
  - a. A new checking account was created into which membership dues and seed sales are deposited.
  - b. A Seed Donation box was constructed and given to the Miller Library for display. Seed packets shall be stamped with our name/website for good advertising and proceeds are donated to the Miller Library.
  - c. A website was setup, onto which meeting minutes, constitution and seed exchange information has been posted. Additionally, we launched an "Ask the Experts" section, and have posted other events.
  - d. Logos were not obtained through Mr. Nicolay, but we generated a different one for indefinite use on website and stationery.
  - e. No public garden committee has been launched, yet.
4. President's Report
  - a. n/a
5. Secretary's Report (Correspondence In/Out)
  - a. Question arose regarding reduced membership fee for those who join mid-year. It was resolved that no discount shall be given, unless a member joins in December, then that person shall be given a 13 month membership.
6. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Paperwork for non-profit 501c3 status was filed to the state, and a conflict of interest provision was added to the constitution. This needs to be added to the official document and website.
  - b. Treasurer reported that we have \$1048 in the bank, and expect \$400 bill for NWF&GS.
7. Project Report – Seed Exchange

- a. Marian Raitz shall be passing on Seed Exchange duties to Kandy Kroll at this time.
8. Project Report – Plant Sale
  - a. It was determined that a “Rescue Party” shall be organized for the October Meeting where we will pot up Marian’s treasures to save for the First HPSW Spring Plant Sale.
  - b. We shall attempt to get a donation of Cedar Grove Potting Soil.
  - c. We shall need an organizing chair to get plant donations and divisions, advertising (website, craigslist, NWGarden News, etc), pricing, and tags.
  - d. We shall write an article for submission to the Seattle Times as a human interest story, volunteer project, fund raising feel good article to be published in the spring, prior to the plant sale. We will need pictures.
9. Project Report – Programs
  - a. Need to get programs generated for whole year in advance, so we can publish at beginning of year, and hand out at NWF&GS postcards.
  - b. Suzanne Ferris will do November meeting on Julie King and Paul Smith’s garden. Theme is Oku Stone black and white slide show by Stephanie Jeter with soundtrack. What happens when you remove color.
10. Project Report – NWF&GS Booth
  - c. Booth number 2466 has been paid for by Bob Lilly.
  - d. The theme “Realistic Gardens” was selected to fit within the overall show theme of Beauty and Functionality, and shall be demonstrated with a living wall, with some of it exposed so people actually see how it works.
  - e. Volunteers get 2 passes if you work for 4 hours.
  - f. Packets of seeds shall be given out (with HPSW stamped on it) if you join on the spot.
11. Project Report – Website
  - a. No new business – successfully redesigned with new euphorbia logo.
12. Project Report – Public Garden
  - a. n/a
13. Project Report – Officer Election
  - a. Names were proposed to fill slate of officers and Members at Large. Important to come up with a description of duties so people know what they are expected to do. It was resolved to create a Membership Chair, and Program Chair, to be elected in September.
14. Other Business

- a. A question arose about sharing membership lists with other groups, in the event that another group wishes to make an announcement to people in our group. It was resolved that we shall make a decision on a case by case basis whether or not to forward special information to our members.
- b. Possibly come up with “work-chits” that you get if you volunteer for HPSW, you get 1 person-hour donated to your site for a cleanup day, or something like that.

15. Action Items for next meeting.

- a. Add conflict of interest resolution to constitution and website.
- b. Link to the Miller Library Plant Sale list from our website.
- c. Email membership about upcoming Elizabeth Miller Lecture by Roy Lancaster on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Create duties and responsibilities for Officers, Members at Large, and additional chairmanships to announce to membership and post on website.
- e. NWF&GS committee needs to be formed.
- f. Rescue Party needs to be organized.
- g. Spring Plant Sale needs to be organized.

16. Next Board Meeting

- a. Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, or 1.5 hours prior to next official meeting.