

RIFGC General Board Meeting Minutes 4/23/2015

The April meeting of the RIFG board was called to order at 10:15am at The Imperial Ballroom, Warwick, RI by President Sandi Tinyk. Roll call and the treasurer's report were waved. Bernie announced that club distributions from the PVD flower show raffle will be distributed in May.

Club dues to the Federation are due May 30th. The dues form is on the RIFGC website. Please be certain to send the membership list to Bernie as well as we'd like to update the membership list since it hasn't been done since Adelaide did it five years ago. Head of the Finance Committee, Vera Bowen, handed out the proposed budget for 2015-2016. The total is \$18,075 which was approved unanimously after a motion by Vickie Iannucello and a second by Annette Jarvis. A copy of the budget is on file.

Life Member Group is having their summer luncheon at the Dunes on August 20, 2015 according to BJ Stephens. All are welcome. BJ introduced a change to the working rules extending the term of office of the membership chairman from 3 terms to 4 terms in office. Annette Jarvis so moved, Sue Redden 2nd the motion and the motion carried. BJ encouraged all members to join the Life Member group at the cost of \$100.00. Funds are used for scholarships for RI students at any US college/university after the freshman year.

The next NEWS deadline is May 4th and it will be the Awards issue, due out in June. Our next RIFGC meeting has been changed to May 28th from June by unanimous vote.

Announcements:

1. Pam Bishop, president of **Bristol Garden Club** gives a heartfelt thank you to all who helped make their standard flower show at Blithewold a success in May.
2. There will be a **Gentian Garden Club Standard Flower Show** at the home of Jackie Marro, 449 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 11am to 5pm. The home is the historic 19th Century Sam Tourtellot homestead.
3. The **Portsmouth Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale** will be held at Island Garden Shop, 54 Bristol Ferry Road, Portsmouth, RI on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 from 9am-5pm. It will benefit the club's civic beautification activities. Martin Van Hof will give a talk and demonstration at 2:30pm. Free refreshments will be available. The Rain Date is May 21.
4. **Chatham Village Garden Club** is having it's annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 16th, from 9am until noon at Buttonwoods Community Center, 3027 West Shore Rd., Warwick, RI 02886. We have annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetable plants, small bushes and possibly some small trees. There will also be a bake sale and a "slightly used" jewelry table. Reference books will be on hand with our expert to help answer any questions about flowers, etc.
5. The Federation/New England officers are all changing this year. Our Vera Bowen is to be the new president of the NE region. All pertinent changes for the yearbooks for 2015-2016 will be sent out in early May. If there is any change in your club President between now and September, please inform Marnie Sandham, Corresponding Secretary, with the new president's information.

The general meeting was adjourned at 10:26am at which point the 85th annual meeting was convened. See attachment- 85th Annual Meeting of the RI Federation of Garden Clubs

Respectfully submitted
Marnie Sandham, Corresponding Secretary