

Minutes of RIFGC 86th Annual Meeting
April 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order at Quidnessett Country Club at 10:19 am by President Cathy Moore. Special guests were introduced at the Board meeting.

The proposed 2016-2017 budget was presented by Vera Bowen, on behalf of the Finance Committee. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Betty Ann Taylor, and seconded by Vicki Iannuccillo, to accept next year's budget as presented. There being no opposing votes, the motion was passed, and the budget was accepted. Vera thanked all members of the Finance Committee.

President's Report:

Thanks to all for their support in this, Cathy's first year as President. Special thanks to Holly Lippert and her Awards committee. All clubs are doing a great job. Cathy hopes there will be even more award submissions in the future. Cathy is proud of all the Clubs for the work they do for Rhode Island.

Awards:

Awards were announced by Sue Redden, with Chair Holly Lippert running a slide show of the winning clubs' submissions, and Vera Bowen and President Cathy Moore presenting the awards. (See attached flyer for full details.) Thanks to Holly Lippert, Vera Bowen, Cathy Moore, Sue Redden, Blakely Szosz, BJ Stephens, and Sandi Tinky for serving on the Awards Committee.

The meeting was recessed for shopping and social time at 10:55 am.

Organized by De Feldman and Emily Reade, Annual Luncheon co-Chairs, a luncheon of salad, rolls, chicken parmesan, and tiramisu was served. Members from 20 clubs were present. Centerpieces were created by Ann Huntoon, De Feldman, Sharon Gainey, Marj DeAngelis, and Elaine DiChiara. Cathy Moore recognized Adelaide Clifford, Barrington, with RIFGC's Member Award of Honor, and also announced that Adelaide has also been named Member of the Year for NGC. Cathy Moore distributed Community Project Awards to Portsmouth, Cindywood, and Wantaknowhow Garden Clubs. "Garden Guru," Kent Russell presented unusual annuals and perennials, as well as his collection of Louboutin shoes! followed by a raffle of 33 items donated by our member clubs, and then there was a sale of Kent Russell's magnificent plants brought all the way from Pennsylvania. Treasurer Bernie Larivee announced raffle proceeds of \$1215.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Pollack, Recording Secretary