

Minutes of RIFGC Board Meeting

April 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at the Event Center of Twin River Casino at 10:13 am by President Sandi Tinyk.

Sandi introduced special guests:

Maria Nahom, Director of the New England Region of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Jacqueline Connell, President of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut

Michelle Mensinger, President, New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs

Rita Langlais, Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont

Marisa McCoy, President of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and her First Vice President, Betty Sanders

Linda Nelson, President of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. was unable to join us as planned due to illness – she sends her regrets and best wishes and hopes to attend one of our other events in the coming year.

Roll was not called. Attendance will be recorded through annual meeting registrations. Minutes of the March 27th Board meeting were accepted as previously electronically distributed.

The Treasurer's report was not read, but was filed for audit.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Portsmouth Garden Club is having a flower show on May 3 & 4 at Atria in Portsmouth.

Gentian is having its plant sale in Scituate on May 10 from 9:00 am to noon.

Cindy Wood Garden Club's plant sale will be held May 10, beginning at 9:00 am, at the American Legion hall in East Greenwich.

Life Member luncheons will be held May 15 at Mount Hope Farm in Bristol and September 18 at the Dunes Club. The video loop being shown during today's lunch, put together by Vera Bowen and Leonora Graves has pictures of many of our activities and includes photographs by the 5/15 speaker, Dr. Orban.

Chatham Village Garden Club is having a plant sale at Buttonwoods Senior Center, in Warwick, on May 17.

Sogkonate is having its "Blossoms and Sweets" sale on May 24, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Bayberry is having its plant sale on May 31 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the VFW Hall on Hope Street in Bristol.

Somerset is having its plant sale on May 31 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Route 31.

Quononoquott Garden Club is hosting a garden tour on June 7 to celebrate their 65th anniversary.

Barrington Garden Club is having a garden tour and small standard flower show on June 11.

Sogkonate Garden Club is having a flower show on June 14 & 15 at the Community Center in Little Compton.

The Rhode Island Rose Society is having its annual rose show at the Community Senior Center in Wickford Village on June 14 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

The Gardeners of Westerly are sponsoring a lecture by Candace Morgenstern, "Spring and Summer Splendor," on June 18 at the Yacht Club. Tickets are \$15.

Any Presidents or Club Representatives with new e-mail addresses need to contact Marnie Sandham (rifgc.marnie@gmail.com) with the new information.

The final board meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, June 5 at Roger Williams Casino. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am as the speaker is driving from some distance. Please try to arrive no later than 10:15. The meeting will begin with our speaker, John Mitchell, author of An Eden of Sorts: The Natural History of My Feral Garden. His lecture will help us to improve our gardens to enhance their biodiversity. We will then move outdoors to the rose garden for our board meeting and an optional lunch. The cost of the lunch is still being negotiated with L'Attitude but will be announced in an upcoming flyer to be emailed soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Pollack, Recording Secretary