



## MGSOC Board Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2023

### Online meeting

#### Executive Board Officers:

Present: L. Propst, S. Bolle, D. Foster, J. Fromm

Absent: J. VanDerAue

#### Committee Chairs:

Present: A. Koran, J. Bird, C. Roney, N. Schmid, J. Grissom, M. Truza, B. Peters, K. Sobanski

Absent: D. Brown

#### Others Present:

E. Ersher

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Lucy Propst reported:

- L. Propst discussed our first general meeting back at BSLC. S. Bolle will send BSLC a room diagram showing how we need the room set up for our future meetings.

SECRETARY:

Julie Fromm reported:

- **L. Propst made a motion to approve the January 30, 2023, MGSOC board meeting minutes with revisions. D. Foster seconded this motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCE:

Dianah Foster reported:

- D. Foster reported on the checking account balances for the: primary elite checking x3078 and the Flourish account.
- D. Foster stated that we could save annually if we switch to Citizens Insurance.
- **S. Bolle made a motion to change our insurance policy to Citizen's Insurance. C. Roney seconded this motion. Motion passed.**



- D. Foster asked about the MMGA ([www.michiganmastergardener.org/membership/](http://www.michiganmastergardener.org/membership/)). She will investigate this.

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:

S. Bolle reported:

- Nothing new to report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2023 MG CONFERENCE:

Betty Peters reported:

- B. Peters is working on the survey to send out to previous conference attendees to find out their expectations for future MGSOC conferences. She is hoping to get this out by the end of the month or early April.
- The committee meets every other month.
- There is no venue scheduled for the 2024 conference. We are penciled in with Oakland Schools facility which won't be confirmed until after Memorial Day.
- B. Peters talked about the MSUE SMART Gardening conference.

FUNDRAISING:

Denise Brown absent:

- N. Schmid reported that they are going to the Jackson County conference on Saturday to sell merchandise.
- D. Brown has only one other person on her team.
- S. Bolle noted that a team volunteer showed up at the last general meeting to help but D. Brown was not there.
- Denise needs to write up a brief appeal and send it to S. Bolle.

HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Sobanski reported:

- K. Sobanski noted that she has a conflict for our Wednesday general membership meetings.
- J. Fromm volunteered to help set up and clean up.
- S. Bolle asked K. Sobanski to write up a brief appeal for hospitality volunteers.
- The question of whether volunteers could earn MSUE hours needs to be asked at our next meeting.
- J. Bird suggested that MGSOC door greeters be put under Membership. S. Bolle will send out a notice to the general membership that we need volunteers for this.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR:

Janie Grissom reported:

- There is no 2023 conference this year therefore there will be no raffle.



- J. Grissom will bring inventoried items to the general meetings to give away no new purchases will be purchased.
- \$20.00 maximum per meeting for gifts from current inventory for reimbursement to J. Grissom.
- Lucy will bring the cash boxes.
- J. Grissom says she has raffle tickets and D. Foster volunteered to sell tickets.

EDUCATION:

Amanda Koran reported:

- The MGSOC General Membership Meetings will move to the second Wednesdays of the month due to the BSLC availability. The May meeting at Telly's will remain on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>2023.
- A. Koran talked about a production tour at Telly's Shelby Township location. This could be a day trip. S. Bolle noted this could be a fund-raising event.

MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS:

Julie Bird reported:

- J. Bird will send out lists of members interested in working on committees.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Cecily Roney reported:

- C. Roney reported that she sent a thank you card to Janet Macunovich.

BOWERS FARM:

Nancy Schmid reported:

- A meeting is planned for some time in the first week of April.
- A native plant sale is planned.
- They have a good core group of volunteers this season and new management on Alan Jaros's farm team. N. Schmid would like to get approval to do an Ask A Master Gardener booth one Sunday a month.
- There is a sunflower fort planned where farm camps could be held.

BSLC RENOVATIONS:

Margy Truza reported:

- M. Truza will do an assessment of the grounds. She has only had one volunteer so far.
- S. Bolle noted that John Wenskey is the BSLC property caretaker and property updates should be coordinated with him.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Julie Fromm reported:

- Nothing new to report.



**TRIPS & TOURS:**

S. Bolle reported:

- MSGOC needs a new team leader for this committee.
- Discussion on a day trip to Proven Winners for a facility tour.

**Marketing & Communications:**

Sally Bolle reported:

- S. Bolle talked about Orion TV allowing for one hour of free monthly airtime for 501c3.
- S. Bolle will send out an eblast requesting volunteers for the Hospitality, Greeter sign-in table, Fundraising, and Trips & Tours committees.
- S. Bolle is working on getting photos up on the web site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- D. Foster will follow up with D. Brown regarding inventory.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- No new business.

**Motion:** Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Required hours: 2.0.

Next Meeting: May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Zoom

- All reports are available from the Secretary. Requests must be made in writing. These minutes will be posted on our website, but without financial information. They may also be edited for content.
- Website: [www.mgsoc.org](http://www.mgsoc.org).