

**Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
Fall Board Meeting – October 18, 2010**

The Fall Board Meeting of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by GCII President Robyn McCarthy at 10 a.m., Monday, October 18, 2010 at the Ashley Inn in Cascade ID.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rosalyn McCandless. Inspiration – Marge Cojerean. Welcome – Linda Thacker.

Prez Robyn introduced the GCII officers, Pacific Region Director Sandra Ford, Alternate Director Dotty Hurd, and past state presidents Louisa Cone, Sandra Ford, and Dotty Hurd.

The Chair declared a quorum.

**Committee to Approve Minutes: Jodene Caldwell, Linda Symms.
Minute Minders: June Marguet, Carol Feider
Tellers – Jan Morrison, Carole Hearne
Page – Cleo Morton**

Prez Robyn announced the following chairman/position resignations:

**Historian – Jeanne Lundell
Botanical Gardens – Carol Delaney
Flower Show Judges Credentials – Edith Cleaveland
Penny Pines - Kay Rose
State Scholarship – Beverly Green
Webmaster – Elmer Hurd
World Gardening – Lynnda Gilbert**

**Appointments:
Facebook - Juergen Schrattenholzer
Website – Phil Martin**

If any of these vacancies fall within your interests, please contact Prez Robyn.

The minutes of the Initial Board Meeting of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. Friday June 18, 2010 were approved as read. The minutes of the GCII Board Meeting, September 2, 2010 were approved as read.

Report of Officers:

President, Robyn McCarthy. (see folders for handouts): NGC Life Membership application, NGC Membership Contest (winner of most new clubs will have honor of naming a new variety of African Violet), Awards, Guide to Preparing a Book of Evidence, 501 (c) (3) Status, Proxy statement for annual meeting, NGC "Plant it Pink" contest (Breast Cancer Awareness) award application, GCII Website, NGC "Help Membership Bloom" contest, National Garden Club Week poster, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest, Pacific Region info, Script agenda, Let's Make Amends, NGC Fall Board Meeting.

The new GCII bylaws are on the website: www.gcii.org.

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Club Presidents: Please encourage all your members to receive their 'Gem State Gardeners' by e-mail.

Maxine Smolowitz, Treasurer, reviewed the GCII Financial Statement May 2010 – October 2010 (handout).

Membership Form: Club Presidents NOTE: must use the NEW membership form next spring when sending dues to the state. The new form will allow individual members to approve or decline the inclusion of their e-mail address on the website.

District Directors – Clearwater – Jodene Caldwell (for Edith Cole); Southeast – Rosalyn McCandless (for Constance Blyth); Southwest – Inez Thomason (for Pat Baker).

Reports of Committee Chairs: (Reports received were placed on file.) Arboretum, Awards, Bees, Blue Star, Butterflies, Community Gardens, Facebook, 501 (c) (3), Flower Show Schools, Gem State Gardeners, Horticulture Therapy, Judges Credentials, Membership, Memorial Gardens, Ornaments, Wildflowers, Xeriscape and Water Conservation.

- **Blue Star Markers:** Idaho has five (5) Blue Star Memorial Markers and seven (7) Blue Star By-way Markers. Current cost \$1250 and \$410 plus s&h. There are 2123 Blue Star markers nation wide. A new ByWay Marker will be placed at the Boise airport this year.

Nominating Committee: Darlene Adams – 2011-2013. President - Robyn McCarthy, 1st VP _____, 2nd VP _____, Treasurer - Maxine Smolowitz and Inez Thomason; Recording Secretary - Joyce Parr. Darlene reported disappointment in not being able to fill the slate of nominees for state offices and pleaded for all members to reconsider running for any of these state offices. **It is imperative to the continued operation of the organization that we fill the positions of 1st and 2nd VP.**

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Invocation – Marge Cojerean.
Meeting reconvened following lunch with Unfinished Business.

Daffodil Sales – remainder will be sold today.

2009-2011 State Ornaments: There are 19 fish ornaments remaining @ \$15. The design for a "next-in-the-series" ornament is being discussed. The suggested "Appaloosa and Syringa" design was passed around. Louisa said she has had interest also in a "huckleberry" ornament. Lynnda Gilbert moved that the Appaloosa be used as the basis for the ornament design. Seconded and carried. Louisa was asked to send a copy of the proposed design to all club presidents and ask for any additional suggestions.

Wildflower Grant Money. Garden Talk GC – Children's Gardening Program and native plant garden. World Center for Birds of Prey – Elmer Hurd (see display)

Habitat for Humanity – Joyce Parr

GCII Policies and Procedures "Blue Book" – Maxine presented the proposed book which is being developed and hopefully ready for approval at the June 2011 State Convention.

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New Business.

Most Beautiful Bulb Display contest: (1) forced, (2) naturalized, (3) formal bed. Submit photos of spring blooms to Maxine by June 10.

502 (c) (3) – Jerry McCarthy. Effective June 2010. Individual clubs must go through the GCI to take advantage of the tax exempt status (see handout in folder). Dotty asked that this be clarified with each club.

Voting by proxy. According to our bylaws, a quorum at state convention will be the total membership of the state. Rather than assigning delegates from each club, a proxy system has been developed (see handout in folder). Club Presidents need to report this procedure to their members.

Dotty Hurd moved that the 2nd VP President serve as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, effective immediate with the District Directors serving on that committee. Seconded and carried.

Announcements.

November 1 – deadline for entries in Wildflower and Butterfly Photo contests to Inez Thomason.

November 1 – deadline for articles and Christmas greetings for Gem State Gardeners.

December 1 – deadline for award applications to Maxine Smolowitz.

April 14-16, 2011 – Pacific Region Convention, Scottsdale, AZ. Pre-convention tour April 14 to the Cosanti Windbell factory or the Desert Botanical Garden.

April 25-27, 2011 – Course I, Flower Show School, Clarkston, WA

May 24-30, 2011 – NGC Convention, Washington, D. C.

June 22-24, 2011 – GCI State Convention, Hilton Inn, Idaho Falls, ID

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. with a "Happy Trails" serenade with Long Valley VP Jan Morrison on her ukulele.

PROGRAM: Pat Peutz. Forcing Bulbs, Layering Bulbs (handouts).

**Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary
GCI**

2:00 p.m. Tour of Long Valley Gardeners Mosaic Mural and Garden.

3:00 p.m. Meeting of the Policies and Procedures Committee.

Attested to:

Jodene Caldwell - October 25, 2010

Linda Symms – October 25, 2010

Louisa Cone – October 28, 2010