

Unofficial  
BOD minutes  
Texas Master Gardener Association, Inc  
2014 State Conference  
Odessa, Texas  
September 25, 2014

Officer Attendees:

President Dick Coupe, Dallas County, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Donna Hagar, Somervell County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mary Means, Collin County, Substitute Secretary Peggy Rogers, Wood/Van Zandt County, Treasurer Doug Richards, Hood County, Past President Ginger Bason, Tarrant County. Jayla Fry TMGA coordinator also attended.

BOD Attendees: 45 registered from 35 Associations.

Call to Order:

President Dick Coupe called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

Wayne Rhoden – Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of May 2, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Doug Richards, All reports on website. Balance of \$33,589.25. All reports on website are current.

Treasurer's report referred to Audit.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Donna Hagar:

1. Brenda Cunningham in ICU – covet thoughts and prayers.
2. Proposed by-Law changes vote at December BOD meeting.

Conference Committee Homer Babbitt:

2015 – Bell County “Trails to Rails” – Gary Slanga

2016 – Collin County “Birds & Bark” Myers Park & Convention Center PowerPoint presentation

2017 – Travis County volunteered

Special Advisory Tax Committee Wayne Rhoden:

IRS annual Report due

Nominating Chair Past President Ginger Bason:

President – Donna Hagar, Somervell County; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mary Means, Collin County; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

President – Peggy Rogers, Wood/Van Zandt County; Secretary – Nicky Maddams, Grimes County; Treasurer – Dale Powell, Denton County and Past President – Dick Coupe, Dallas County.

TMGA Coordinator Jayla Fry:

Introduced Dr. Doug Welsh Texas A&M Gardens & Greenway project.

PowerPoint of gardens that will become a forty five acre backyard for Texas A&M. Botanical Garden will be a premier teaching garden and will become a place of pride. Estimate 300,000 visitors a year. TMG has opportunity to have their name on sixteen acre EarthKind® Garden. Naming rights for \$100,000 recognizing TMGA and each County Association.

Homer Babbitt, Dallas County moved that TMGA accept the challenge of raising \$100,000 for naming rights for EarthKind® Garden in the Garden & Greenway project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Hagar. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Checks to be made to Texas A&M Foundation noted for EarthKind®. Jayla will put information on

line for help in presenting to Associations. Dick volunteered to come personally to talk to Associations about the Garden & Greenway.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.