



MINUTES

**Thursday – November 13, 2008
 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
 TBG - Terrace Room**

**- 2009 -
Board of Directors**

Dick Bostdorff
 2010

Jeff Creque
 2011

Bill Dearing
 2010

Bob Dennis
 2010

Beth Fausey
 2011

Diane Hill
 2009

Theresa Hoen
 2011

Tony Keil
 2009

Walt Krueger
 2011

Kirk Mizerek
 2010

Neil Reid
 2011

Tom Wardell
 2009

Kathy Wenz
 2009

**Terms Expire End of
 Year Indicated**

Joe Perlaky called the meeting to order at 8:09 am

Attendance: (26)

- Joe Perlaky, Tony Keil, Andy Keil, Bill Dearing, Dick Bostdorff, Neil Reid, Kirk Mizerek, Charles Krause, Scott Leisner, Kathy Wenz, Jeff Creque, Wade Smith, Bob Hoen, Theresa Hoen, Serenity Carr, Jonathan Frantz, Tim Dabrunz, George Dabrunz, Deb Bettinger, Sara Brick, Marietta Morrissey, Walt Krueger, Beth Fausey, Paula Ross, John Hart, Amanda Geletka

Old Business: Reports

- Recycling – Joe Perlaky

Joe reported that pilot program is progressing. At present there are approx. 14-15 Growers interested. Pick-up will be scheduled for twice a year – Spring (May) and in the Fall (October). Wholesalers have the option to call Superior to schedule more pick-ups or drop-offs if necessary. A Marketing Committee is being organized (Paula Ross) to work on banners, flyers (bag stuffers), certification flyer to be posted by businesses involved in program – Roll-out will be Spring 09 at the latest. Logistics as to the type of containers are still being discussed with Superior Packaging.

- Gas Program – Kirk Mizerek

Kirk reported that at present there are over 70 included in gas program pool. There is approximately \$5,000.00 in the Gas Program account. Calls continue to come in from ONLA members who are interested in program. Palmer will begin to invoice the Ohio Gas users on behalf of the MVGA the first of the year.

New Business: Announcements & Presentations

- Presentation – Brooks Insurance Agency

Amanda Geletka presented useful advice in order to manage and control cost of risk.

1. Fill out as many AC3 forms to get as many quotes a possible. Deadline: February
2. Businesses need to be a part of sponsoring group for better rates.
3. A structured risk management program will protect the four main asset categories of a business: Organization, Personnel, Property, & Net Income.

- Energy Grants – Joe Perlaky

Joe reported that 23 growers are interested in USDA grant opportunities. Walk thru analysis has been completed at 11 businesses and the remaining will be accomplished next week. The next step: Grant writing team will assist with paperwork.

- Grant Status – Neil Reid

Neil reported that we are still waiting for word.

- Board of Directors Report

The Board takes effect in January and will meet monthly. The next Board of Directors Meeting: December 4, 2008 - Cottage @ TBG

Discussion & Updated List of proposed committees and those interested in serving:

1. Finance – Chair: Diane Hill (Treasurer), Kirk Mizerek
2. Membership – Bill Dearing, Kathy Wenz
3. Marketing and Public Relations – Neil Reid, Paula Ross, Sue Wolf
4. Programs & Education – Beth Fausey, Kirk Mizerek, Walt Krueger, Jonathan Franz, Scott Leisner
5. Government Relations – Chair: Dick Bostdorff, all are encouraged to be involved

It was recommended by Dick that a breakdown of sub-committees may be advantageous to the overall function of the five original committees, ie. Programs & Education – gas, recycling, etc. He also recommended that at least 5 or more serve on each committee. More involvement will be for the good of the overall organization.

Dick Bostdorff: Reported

- ONLA recently started a greenhouse committee.
- He encouraged Members to freely communicate concerns, challenges, etc. in order to work together effectively, successfully accomplishing MVGA goals.
- All Board Meetings are open meetings
- Grower Meetings will be held monthly and Committee meetings will be up to the discretion of each committee and their chairperson.
- MVGA and its members need to make every effort to encompass Wholesale & Retail in the involvement of the organization.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Hoen
Secretary, MVGA

The next meeting is December 11, 2008
8:00 am
Toledo Botanical Gardens