

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Community Center, Wellington, FL**  
**September 6, 2016**

- I. **Meeting called to order at 10:14 AM** – Kathy Siena
  - A. Welcome to members and guests
  - B. Quorum has been met – 61 members
  - C. Reflection “Why do plants have such a positive impact on us ”
  - D. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Club Business- Officers Reports:**
  - A. **Minutes** – Kathy for Maria Wolfe  
Reading of the May meeting minutes is waived. Motion passed. Copy is available at EC table.
  - B. Reading of the Financial Report waived (emailed to members)
- III. **Club Business -Committee Chair Reports:** (See attachments)
  - A. **Environmental-** Kathy for Diane Rice
    - 1. Coastal Beach Clean-up will be Saturday, September 17 from 8:30 – 1:00pm to be held at Ocean Inlet Park in Boynton Beach. \$6.00 charge for lunch
    - 2. Tree Planting – Saturday, September 24 beginning at 8:30am at the Wellington Preserve on Flying Cow Road. 350 native trees will be planted. Contact Lisa Ferrano for more information.
  - B. **Adopt-A-Street** – Kathy for Mary Ann Hesser – Tuesday October 11. Meet at the Dog Park on Greenbriar
  - C. **District X Fall Meeting** – Kathy for Twig Morris  
Thursday, October 13 at the Boca Raton County Club. The \$30.00 fee can be reimbursed from WGC.
  - D. **NGC** - Kathy  
Gardening Study School Course 3, Series 4 is scheduled for October 26-27 in Davie Florida
  - E. **Around & About**– Kathy for Kimberly Helms  
Kevin Easton’s Bees at Home on October 18 from 10-11 AM in Palm Beach Gardens is at no cost to the members. The Beekeeper recommends you not attend this event if you are allergic to bees. Another activity is actually two venues on November 8, 10 AM-12 PM at La Maison Fleurie in Rio/Jensen Beach and Tropical Ranch Botanical Gardens in Stuart for a total cost of \$5.00
  - F. **Garden Crafts** – Kathy for Carol Lazzarino  
Pebble Craft Art will be held on October 24 from 9am – 1pm at a cost of \$12.00
  - G. **Floral Design Classes** – Kathy for Bernice Correra & Jayne Kieseewetter  
6 comprehensive classes will resume in November. See Bernice or Jayne about enrolling.
  - H. **Pineapple Presentation by member, Phil Macnak**  
The Palm Beach Historical Society is hosting this informative session at their headquarters in West Palm Beach on Saturday, October 22 from 2:00 – 5:00

**IV. New Business:**

- A. October 3<sup>rd</sup> monthly meeting** – Debbie Kaplan made a motion to investigate changing the meeting date in October to October 5 due to Rosh Hashanah. Kay Brown seconded. The motion carried. Kathy will contact the VOW and attempt to change the meeting date and notify the membership in an e-mail.

**V. Business-Proposed & Revised Articles of Association:**

- A.** Kathy announced that we would be voting on the proposed Articles of Association.
- B.** Stormi Bivin – Parliamentarian was called to the podium to propose the parameters for discussion of the proposed Articles.
1. She reported that a quorum of 45 people was needed to proceed and that had been met.
  2. She further reported that a 2/3 majority of all in attendance would be needed to approve the proposed changes.
  3. She introduced Tom Bivin and Dale Hesser as tellers.
  4. She introduced Dan Moore and Jim Wenham as time keepers. Each member would have 3 minutes to talk. Each proposed section would be limited to a total discussion time of 15 minutes.
  5. John Siena made a motion to accept the parameters as outlined by Stormi. Sylvia Evans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C.** Kathy thanked the Hospitality Committee for the breakfast items and encouraged members to sign up to bring items in the coming months.
- D.** Kathy received consent from the members by a show of hands for Carol Coleman to preside over the presentation and voting part of the proposed Articles of Association.
- E.** Carol Coleman began reading each Article explaining that the screen on the left listed each article and the rationale. The screen on the right listed the changes in a narrative form highlighted in red.
1. 3.4 Twig Morris asked for clarification.
  2. 4.2 Joan Kaplan questioned the meaning of the word “Couple.” It was clarified as two people residing in the same house.
  3. Article 5 Judy Schweitzer stated that officers being installed at the May meeting are business. Twig Morris stated that an installation is not classified as business.
  4. Article 7 John Siena questioned whether it should say paid members. The answer was no.
  5. Jim Wenham indicated that attendance was up to 63 people
  6. Article 8 Stormi Bivin clarified “ex-officio” for an Immediate former president does not mean non-voting. Parliamentarian is allowed to vote when a ballot is used. Deb Russell asked for clarification. Doreen Baxter asked for clarification on ballot versus hand vote.
  7. Twig Morris asked for members to wait for her to bring the microphone to the individual before speaking so all can hear what is being discussed.
  8. Article 10.I Doreen Baxter who was running the left screen projector indicated that a number error was evident on the screen and that “9” was missing. She clarified that all numbers would be changed on the final Articles of Association to be correct but for today’s discussion the numbers would stay at indicated on the screen.
  9. Article 10.3 Beth Stewart was still confused about the number change. Larry Grosser indicated that the numbering on the left screen is correct.
  10. Article 10.4 Diane Rice unintelligible
  11. Article 10.6 Deb Russell because this is a new section, she wanted to know why this was added. Twig Morris answered because other clubs allow more input from General

membership. This proposed change would include more of the WGC membership because all the committee chairs would be involved.

Joan Kaplan asked how many does this now include.

Kathy Siena indicated the following: EC 9, Committee chairs 30"something", At-large members 2 for a total of 41+. If Group Liaisons were used that would change the numbers to the following: EC9, Group Liaisons 5, At-Large 2 for a total of 16

Mary Drexler asked why we should be talking about changing if we haven't tried it yet.

12. Article 11.1 Twig Morris made the following motion "I propose the following change to Article 11, Section 11.1. That the date for committee chairs to submit their budgetary needs to the Finance committee be changed from February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Seconded by Diane Rice. Discussion ensued. Joan Kaplan remarked that since the Garden Tour is in March-April, this early date for budgets may be a problem. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. Article 13.1 Judy Schweitzer asked for a clarification of "consecutive terms." It was clarified that this would mean 4 years since a term was two years.
14. Article 12.2 Twig Morris made the following motion "Prepare a fiscal year budget to be mailed or emailed to members and voted on at the April meeting." Jim Wenham seconded. It was passed unanimously.

15. Article 17 Diane Rice voiced some concerns about this Article. Twig said that "substantial" was there because our club focus is on education. FFGC states that we are to inform and educate. Jayne Kiesewetter shared that she joined the WGC for relaxation and enjoyment. She is well informed on issues and does not want to be pressured or inundated with information while at meetings. Jan Seagrave indicated that substantial needed to be defined. Kathy Siena clarified substantial. Based on a motion passed at the Jan 18 Special Call Meeting, there is to be 1 member's meeting announcement, 1 e-mail blast, 1 time in newsletter and flyers at table area per subject. Information can be placed on the tables for pickup, if desired. Jan S, Laurie Hristov indicated that there is no harm in community.

Judy Schweitzer made a motion to Article 17, first sentence that "no part of the activities of this organization shall participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office." Diana Rice seconded. A vote was taken and this motion was lost.

Tom Wenham made a motion to remove the word "substantial" from the first sentence. Ellen Rawlings seconded. A vote was taken and this motion was lost.

The time limit for discussion on that Article was reached. Deb Russell made a motion to extend the time limit. Twig Morris seconded. A vote was taken and this motion was lost.

16. Maria Wolfe called the question
17. Beth Stewart made the following motion "I move we adopt the Wellington Garden Club's Articles of Association Revision as amended today with the change in numbers. John Siena seconded. Motion was passed.
18. Kathy Siena resumed the chair and leadership of the meeting. She thanked the Revision Committee and everyone else who helped run the voting session and for the long hours and hard work they had put into this project. She also thanked the Executive Committee and the members for their time and attention to this voting session.
19. Meeting was adjourned at 12:12

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