

Minutes of Wildflower Bunch Garden Club Meeting (1)
Big Canoe Clubhouse
April 1,2015

Welcome and Remarks

President Eunice Nichols welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to please turn off cell phones. She talked about the great soil condition at Eagles Rest where the wildflowers were planted last month and thanked those who went to help. She then questioned everyone as to whether there were any football fans...or gardening fans..both were answered with cheers. She announced at the end of the program there would be a time for questions and answers.

Introduction of Vince Dooley: Ed Straw

Eunice asked Ed Straw to introduce the guest speaker, Vince Dooley. He was the head football coach at the University of Georgia from December 1963 till January of 1989 and Director of Athletics from 1979 until 2004. He has received many awards and was most recently inducted into the Marine Corp Hall of Fame. He is considered Georgia's most successful coach. In retirement, his passion is as strong in gardening as it was in football. The program was titled "A Horticultural Journey of a Football Coach." Twenty years ago he decided he was going to plant a garden for all seasons. That way something would always be in bloom. He had no background or knowledge of gardening so he decided to start auditing botanical classes which led to many different courses in all areas of plants and trees. Everyone got to see his own beautifully landscaped garden thru pictures on the movie screen, while he talked about each one, commenting on his favorites. One of his funny stories was the gift he gave to his wife, Barbara, for their 40 year anniversary. It was a beautiful Japanese maple and it was the 1st time she has ever been speechless! She walked over to the tree, looking at the leaves, he believes, thinking she would find some "gold". Ladies, you know what I mean. He said he will just need to maybe surprise her someday. Now, if you need a suggestion for a great shade plant that deer will absolutely not touch, he said, it would be Plum Yew.

Business Meeting

Thank Vince Dooley, "The Horticultural Journey of a Football Coach". Eunice thanked Vince for his informative and interesting presentation. She told everyone

that his books would be at the sign-in table for purchase and signing after meeting. Hand out brochures. Eunice asked Ed Straw to help with passing out brochures to new members, while she gave a brief description of them.

Change of date for the Garden Tour in Big Canoe. The tour was scheduled for June 19 – 20 but has been changed to September. She will let everyone know once date has been decided.

Website, hits and website in brochure. The WFB had 450 hits a week ago and the website address is listed in the new brochure. It is wildflowerbunch.com.

Membership Roster to be emailed. Barbara Henry will have the membership roster emailed soon.

Membership: Patsy Wohlwend

Membership Total. There are 125 members of which six new ones were added today.

Introduction of New Members. Patsy Wohlwend was standing in for Barbara Henry and asked all those who had joined today to please stand when she announced their name.

New members-Red Ribbon, please greet them. All new members have a red ribbon that has been attached to the lanyards. This has made it a lot easier to recognize them. Please make them feel welcomed.

Treasure's Report: Jeri Ramo

Jeri reported that there is \$7,000 dollars in the bank account today and \$2,100 has come in thru membership. We will pass on around \$4,000 at the end of this year for next years budget. There will be some more spending but more opportunities will develop to help support the club.

Programs: Ed Straw

Ken Gohring who is a native azalea expert will be at our next general meeting scheduled for the 6th of May. He will be speaking on, “Appreciating Georgia's Native Azaleas.” On June 3rd Sara Henderson will be talking about, “Oakland's Timeless Gardens.” He touched on all upcoming programs.

A & O's: Catherine Mann

Catherine announced that the A & O sign up sheets were in the lobby. Then she

told us about the next two events. The 1st is the Nursery Tour April 24th and the 2nd one will be the Bonsai Tour in Big Canoe the 14th of May.

Plant Sale: Judy Kaufman and Cherie Muehlberger

Judy announced the upcoming plant sale the 17th and 18th of April. There will be a lot of great vendors. We are in need of a few more members for help and cleanup. Also, still in need of wagons and or carts. There will be a potting station, so bring your own container or someone will help you select a pot and plant for purchase.

Door Prizes

Two names were drawn and the lucky winners won Vince Dooley's gardening books!

Closing Remarks

Vince Dooley's Book. Eunice reminded everyone about the book sale and signing in lobby.

Stay for lunch. She then invited everyone to stay and have lunch at the club. The next general meeting is May 6th, 2015.

Teresa Keesecker
Recording Secretary