

# *The Lily Pad*

*The Topeka Area Water Garden Society*

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## **November 17, 2004 TAWGS Minutes**

TAWGS members enjoyed a bountiful pot luck dinner before the November 17, 2004 meeting. President Tom Platis called the meeting to order following the delicious meal. Donnis Hodges moved and Mary Pat Fischer seconded that the October minutes be approved as printed in the November Lily Pad. Motion carried.

President Platis reported that we had forgotten to officially elect officers at the October meeting. The slate as presented at the September meeting was: Tom Platis, President; Floyd Gruver, Vice President; Diane Gruver, Secretary; and Jim Green, Treasurer. Marikay Peterman moved and Carol Gnagy seconded that the nominated officers be elected. Motion carried.

Diane Gruver gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Jim Green. She reported that we have \$2,618.30 in the checking account and \$2,128.56 in the savings account for a total of \$4,746.86.

President Platis reported that if anyone needed free mulch to call 286-3761.

A volunteer was requested for a chairman of the Pond Tour committee. Mary Ann Bechtold agreed to chair the event again this year if someone else would be in charge of lining up the ponds. She is especially adamant that we have a large number of member ponds on the tour as she feels that member participation is very important. Tom Platis agreed to put their pond on the tour and other ponds suggested were the ponds built at the VA, Hospice and the one that we will probably build at the Wildlife and Parks Department. Another pond suggested was one that volunteer Scott O'Shea has built. If any member is willing to share their pond on the tour, which is June 25-26, please call Mary at 785-267-1611 or Floyd Gruver at 785-364-3046. Others volunteering to help Mary were: Floyd Gruver will help line up the ponds; Diane Gruver will work on the advertising; Jon Fischer will do the map. Others willing to serve on the committee are: Marikay and Doug Peterman, Gerald and Donnis Hodges, Tom and Helen Platis and Carol Gnagy. If anyone else would like to help please let Mary know.

Mary Pat Fischer reported that she has not heard back from a representative from the Shawnee County Lake about the relocation of the sign at the Binkley gardens at the lake.

Dean Demoss reported that he and Ray Schroeder closed the fountain recently and that nothing further needs to be done until it is time to open it again.

Bob Saathoff reported that the committee is

## **Monthly Meeting**

**7:00 p.m., Wed., Feb. 16, 2005**

**Program to be announced later**

getting ready to start building the mock up of the pond for the lawn and garden show. Bob Whitehead has agreed to let them build the pond in his building. Puddles and Pads has agreed to loan equipment and plants as well as Blackburn and Skinners will loan plants for the 25'x10' booth. "Pretty neat!" is how Bob described the pond. The theme for the show is "30<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration". Others helping Bob are his wife Cheryl, Doug & Marikay Peterman, Don & Ruth Taliaferro and Dean Demoss. Earlene Jirik moved and Don Taliaferro seconded that we allow the committee to spend up to \$300 for the booth. Motion carried. Marikay said they would like to have some 8x10 pictures of member's ponds to display at the booth so if anyone has a picture to please send it to her at 7225 SW Marian RD, Topeka, KS 66614 by the first of February. Volunteers will be necessary to work at the booth Friday through Sunday. If you can work please let one of the committee members know.

Bob Saathoff reported on the Wildlife & Parks project that has been proposed for our next year's pond project. He said that they plan to use a wetland filter at the top of a creek bed which goes under a bridge into a 14x16 pond. The estimated cost of the pond is \$4,400. Puddles and Pads has agreed to send a representative to oversee the project and to loan their bobcat. Mary Pat Fischer moved and Helen Platis seconded that the TAWGS project for 2005 be the watergarden at the new Wildlife and Parks Dept. office building. Motion carried. It is hoped that a lot of the material from the lawn and garden show can be re-used on the project to help lower the cost.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup>. Helen Platis and Diane Gruver will bring refreshments.

Have a Happy Holiday Season.



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## Calendar of Events

December <b>2005</b>	No Meeting
January	No Meeting
Feb. 11-13	Metropolitan L&G Show, American Royal Center
Feb. 16	TAWGS Monthly Meeting
Feb. 18-20	Topeka Lawn & Garden Show
Feb. 25-27	Johnson Co. H&G Show, Overland Park Convention Center
March 3-6	Wichita Lawn & Garden Show
June 25-26	Topeka Pond Tour

## Pond Tip

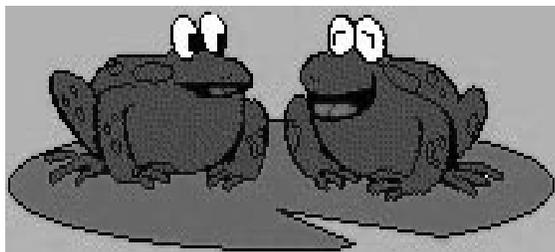
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