

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES

January 18th, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Via Zoom

I. OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth

1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us today.
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.
3. Garden Quote – Anyone who thinks gardening begins in spring and ends in fall is missing the best part of the whole year, for gardening begins in January with the dream.

II. BUSINESS

4. Approval of the Minutes from the AGM – November 20, 2020 The motion to approve the minutes from the annual general meeting of November 20, 2020 was put forward. Moved: Laurie Minorgan Second: Roxanna Beddington Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report – Laurie Minorgan The current bank balance is \$7,913.04 vs \$11,394.62 reported on November 20, 2020 at the AGM, a difference of \$3,481.58. Laurie was pleased to report that the budget revenue projections for memberships was exceeded. We now have 88 members, with revenue income of \$835.00. 30 members took advantage of the e-transfer payment option. An OMAFRA grant in the amount of \$1,000 has been received. Jane is writing request letters for other grants. Expenditures were as follows: \$2,000 (\$1900 plus \$100) for new website (vs \$2,500 budgeted) \$1,600 for barrel, planter, bridge garden and Bugtel watering \$734.77 for new Xmas decorations (vs \$1,200 budgeted) The balance of the expenses was for administration costs including the post office box, and OHA fees.

Motion: A motion to approve the treasurer's report was put forward.
Moved: Ted Eedson
Second: Pat Chown

III. NEW BUSINESS

6. New Website – Sandra Lowman

Sandra demonstrated the features of the new Bath Gardening Club website. All links in the website open on a separate tab. Whenever there is a Club event, Sandra will add this to the website. The drawings which were done by Shirley Miller on the old website have been incorporated into the new website. Any messages recorded on the Contact page on the website will go directly to the secretary for action. More pictures will be added shortly. Members commented that the new website looks fantastic. Janice asked members to think about a motto for the club. This could be added to the website to promote and further identify the club. Any ideas can be forwarded on the website Contact page to the secretary.

7. Resource Links on Website – Janice Firth

A committee has been struck to develop some guidelines for use in determining what we do or do not accept on the club's website to add as a resource link. Mike Janssens, Melanie Myers, and Roxanna Beddington have volunteered as committee members to develop guidelines.

8. OHA Technical Grant – Janice Firth

Janice has applied for an OHA technical grant in the amount of \$250.00. The OHA is only giving out a total of 4 of these monetary awards. Janice will advise when she hears back if the club was chosen as a recipient.

9. Memorial Garden for BGC – Janice Firth

Former Bath Gardening Club member and secretary Roz Kunze recently passed away. In the past, memorials for club members have been done on an ad hoc basis. Janice suggested that the club may want to consider a more permanent memorial in the community, such as a rock with plaques, or a grove of trees. She encouraged club members to give some thought to this for further consideration and a future meeting.

10. BGC Article – Napanee Beaver – Janice Firth

Janice was interviewed by the Napanee Beaver for an article on the Club. She will let members know when the article will appear in the paper.
(Update: The article is attached.)

IV. PROGRAM

TOPIC – Organic Gardening	SPEAKER – Linda Jameson, Owner, Frog Pond Farms	Contact Info: frogpondfarmsodessa@gmail.com
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