

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Monday March 19, 2018; 2:00-4:00pm (St. John's Hall, Bath, ON.)

I. OPENING

1	Welcome (Co-President Christine Weir) <i>Co-President Christine Weir chaired the meeting. New and returning members and guests were welcomed.</i>
2	Approval of Agenda <i>Motion – to accept the meeting agenda for Monday, March 19, 2018</i> <i>To accept: Dawn Ford</i> <i>Second: Wendy O'Neill</i> <i>Carried unanimously</i>
3	Garden Quote (C. Weir) <i>"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul."</i> <i>Luther Burbank</i> <i>If anyone has a special quote that you would like to present at our next meeting, please let Christine Weir know.</i>
4	Announcement (C. Weir) <i>In support of St. John's Hall renovations, a sign-up order sheet with prices was available on the side table for those wishing to order baked goods. Please contact Deb Noiles if you have any questions.</i>
5	Acknowledgements (C. Weir) <i>Thank you to the members preparing coffee/tea and bringing treats. For today's meeting, thanks to Wendy O'Neill and Sandra Lowman for preparing the coffee/tea, and to Sylvia Whalen, Jeannie Pickles Czesnik and Christine Weir for bringing treats.</i>
6	Housekeeping/Reminders (C. Weir)) Coffee/Treats, Mugs, Parking, Sign-up Sheets – <i>Please bring your own coffee cup, wear your name tag & leave parking spaces close to the building entrance for members with mobility issues.</i> <i>If you are able, please restack your chair at the end of the meeting (Note: chairs should only be stacked 4 high)</i> <i>If your phone number or email address changes, please let Recording Secretary Jeannie Pickles Czesnik know.</i>

II. BUSINESS UPDATES

7	Approval of the Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 19, 2018 (C. Weir) <i>Motion - to accept the minutes of the Bath Gardening Club meeting from Monday, February 19, 2018</i> <i>To accept: Laurie Minorgan</i> <i>Second: Marnie Brough</i> <i>Carried unanimously</i>
8	Treasurer's Report (Deferred) <i>No report for this meeting</i>
9	Membership Report/Dues (Deferred) <i>No report for this meeting.</i>
10	BGC Volunteer Positions Open for 2018-2019 (C. Weir) <i>Four positions (two elected and two non-elected positions) will be open at the end of June this year. We need your help in filling these!</i> <i>The two executive positions which will be vacant are:</i> <i>1) Treasurer – Current treasurer Lyla Cho-Kee will be stepping down due to the many demands of her full-time job.</i> <i>2) Vice-President – Current Vice President Jane Ledingham will be assuming the position of president next year, thus leaving the vice-president position open.</i> <i>Members were asked to please consider putting their name forward for one of the Executive positions.</i> <i>Two other non-elected positions will also be available:</i> <i>3) Bath Sunday Market Coordinator – Current coordinator Gus Panageotopoulos will be stepping down after the upcoming summer season. The main task includes collecting the money from the vendors who set up their vendor stalls every Sunday in the Park starting in May, and running through to September. Gus advised that this takes approximately 10 hours per year. There is a separate paid liaison person who looks after dealing directly with vendor issues. Detailed instructions on the process will be provided. Please let Christine Weir know if you are interested or would like further information.</i> <i>4) Webmaster - Bill Bradford, our webmaster, will be stepping down at the end of this summer (2018). The main task is periodically updating the BGC website. Hands-on instruction and support activities are available. Ted Eedson and Sandra Lowman have indicated their interest in this position. Discussions are ongoing.</i>

11	2018 OHA Convention Update (Jeanne Czesnik) 11.1 Jeannie reported that Bath GC is responsible for manning the welcome/information desk along with the Kingston club at the OHA convention. There is a sign-up sheet on the side table indicating which time slots still need to be filled over the 3-day period. Many thanks to those who have already signed up for time slots for this function at the convention – Dawn Ford, Dianne Bradley, Sandra Lowman, Christine Weir, Laurie Minorgan, and Janice Firth. Members who had signed up previously for other activities may still receive a call from the volunteer coordinator. There will be a need for stand-by volunteers. Also, thank you to Wendy O'Neill who did a lot of work putting together information for the brochure that will be given to conference attendees and information on Kingston which will be posted on the OHA website. The pamphlet, map and information that Bath was responsible for have all been completed.
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III. NEW BUSINESS

	Standing Committee Updates 12.1 Plant Sale Update – (Janice Firth) The annual club plant sale will be held this year on the Sunday (May 20th) of the long weekend to coincide with the opening of the Bath Sunday Market. The revenues from the plant sale were down last year, as were the number of plant donations. This was probably due to the unseasonably cold and wet weather. Also, Janice has spoken to members of other societies and determined that our pricing has been too low. Therefore, prices will be raised this year, and a sign made up letting people know that this is a fund-raising event. We are looking for volunteers to help dig out plants for those that may be unable to do everything on their own. Volunteers are also needed for the plant sale. Empty pots should be brought to the April meeting. Also, please label your plants with its name, shade/sun requirements, and colour. Old plastic mini-blinds work well for labelling the plants. Wendy O'Neill advised that the blinds should be cut to approx.10-12 inches to allow for labelling. The volunteer sign-up sheet for the plant sale is on the side table. 12.2 Fertilizer Mixing and Sale (Marjorie Martin) Marjorie advised that the fertilizer ingredients have been ordered. The mixing will take place on May 17 at the home of Anne Jukes-Hughes on Country Club Drive. The sign-up sheet for the fertilizer mixing and the fertilizer order sheet are on the side table. Marjorie will send out reminder notices and the order forms for ordering the fertilizer. 5 gallon pails are required for use in mixing the fertilizer, so if you have one that could be used on mixing day, please let Marjorie know. Due to increased costs, the overall order will exceed last year's order by approx..
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	\$40.00. Please see Marjorie if you have any questions. 12.3 Barrel Committee – (Marnie Brough) The sign-up sheet for the barrel planting committee is on the side table. 13. Canada Day Announcement – (Laurie Minorgan) Laurie advised that on Sunday, May 6 from 2-4 pm at Bath United Church, a fundraiser for Bath Canada Day will be held. The Nostalgic Sound Big Band will be featured, and refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cost is \$25 per person. A fund raiser dance will be held on Saturday June 9 from 7-11 pm at the Loyalist Golf and Country Club. Cost will be \$15 per person.
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IV. PROGRAMME (C. Weir)

SPEAKER	TITLE	
Daniel Chin, M. Sc. PT., B. SC IMIN, CSCS	Body Mechanics & Gardening – Influence of Strength & Flexi- bility	Club members were given a talk and demonstration on body mechanics and exercises to increase flexibility and strength and prevent injuries from gardening activities. An exercise handout prepared by Daniel was distributed.