

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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MARCH 15th, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Via Zoom

- **OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth**

1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us today. 22 members were in attendance today.

2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.

Motion: to approve the meeting agenda

Moved: Dawn Ford

Second: Laurie Minorgan

Motion carried.

3. Garden Quote – “Gardening adds life to your years, and years to your life.”

- **OLD BUSINESS**

4. Approval of the Minutes – February 15, 2021

The motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 15, 2021 was put forward.

Moved: Jane Ledingham

Second: Sue Nilsson

Motion carried.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Minorgan

The current bank balance is \$8,378.39

Since the month of February, we have received \$50 in membership dues – two new family memberships and two singles. The total Club membership now is 94, versus 63 members last year. That represents a 49% increase.

The Club received a one-time payment of \$1140 from OMAFRA. This was the Ontario Agriculture and Horticulture Support and Recovery Funding Initiative. All other grant and donation requests are pending.

Motion: A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was put forward.

Moved: Sylvia Whalen

Second: Kathy ffolliott

Motion carried.

6. Volunteers Needed for Program Planning – Janice Firth

Janice reminded members that volunteers are still required for the 2021-2022 Program committee. Any Club members who would like to volunteer for the Program committee should contact a member of the Club executive.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Resource Library – Janice Firth

The Club has several gardening books which are currently being held at St. John's Hall. Janice asked if members were interested in a physical library of books that can be borrowed. Members suggested that the books could be donated to the Bath library for use by the local community. It was also suggested that a list of the Bath gardening club books be maintained on the Club website.

Action: Janice will contact the local librarian to see if they would take the books. Sylvia and Lisa will review what books are on hand, what is current and relevant and could be donated.

8. Communities in Bloom – Hope Gardens – Janice Firth

Communities in Bloom contacted the Club to promote the planting of gardens using the colour yellow to symbolize hope for this year. The Club has already placed its order for the summer planting of barrels, planters, and gardens. Janice encouraged members to plant yellow flowers this year. She will also reach out to the golf club manager to see if one of their gardens could incorporate yellow flowers this year. The link for the Communities in Bloom website is included herein.

<https://communitiesinbloom.ca/>

Action: Janice will contact Jim Burlington at Loyalist Golf Club regarding the use of yellow flowers in their gardens.

9. Fertilizer Sale – Laurie Minorgan

Laurie will be reaching out to members regarding organizing and assigning tasks for the fertilizer sale. It was agreed that the price of a bag of fertilizer would be raised this year from \$3 to \$4.

IV. PROGRAM

TOPIC – Re-Introducing Native Plants to Local Gardens, One Seed at a Time

SPEAKER- Peter Fuller, Fuller Native and Rare Plants, Belleville, ON