

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2021

2:30 P.M.

I. OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth

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| <p>1. Welcome – Janice welcomed everyone to our first in-person meeting after many months and to those participating via Zoom.
Special thanks to Brad King from the District 3 executive for attending. It was noted that there are 32 members in attendance.</p> |

II. BUSINESS

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| <p>1. Approval of Agenda.
No additional agenda items were presented.
Motion: to approve the agenda for today's annual general meeting.
Put forward: Mary Willing
Second: Roxanna Beddington
Approved unanimously</p> |
| <p>2. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting of November 2020
Motion: to approve the minutes of the annual general meeting from November 2020
Put forward: Marnie Brough
Second: Dawn Ford
Approved unanimously</p> |
| <p>3. Minutes of Meeting of September 20, 2021
Motion: to approve the minutes of the Club meeting of September 20, 2021
Put forward: Sue Nilsson
Second: Pat Chown
Approved unanimously</p> |
| <p>4. Reports
a) Treasurer's Report – Laurie Minorgan and Jane Ledingham
Laurie provided the following update:
Bank account balance - \$13,576.24
Laurie covered the details of the proposed 2021-22 budget. As the Club will resume responsibility for the Bath Sunday Market in 2022, revenue from this source has been added into the budget for the year. The Club will be not be involved with the Amherstview market in 2022.</p> |

Additional monies were received this past year from LaFarge Canada and Trans Canada, which were put towards the Bugtel improvements. These extra grants were one-time only.

The Bath Sunday market coordinator's fee has been increased to \$750.00.

The Xmas decorations costs will increase this year as some new wreaths will have to be purchased.

\$200 will be donated to the Bath Canada committee.

Dawn Ford pointed out that there may be a shortfall in the \$1600.00 for plant purchases. The \$200 earmarked for the Bugtel can be put towards the plants if necessary.

A new team has been hired to take over the watering for next year.

The total income projection for the fiscal year is \$9,380.00. The total projected expense for the year is \$11,645.00, resulting in a projected deficit of \$2,265.00.

Motion: to approve the proposed 2021-2022 budget

Put forward: Erika Dilworth

Second: Judy Hume

Approved unanimously.

Lyla Cho-Kee and Marnie Brough have agreed to act as auditors for the Club for 2021-2022

Motion: to approve the appointment of Lyla Cho-Kee and Marnie Brough as auditors for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for the Bath Gardening Club

Put forward: Sue Nilsson

Second: Roxanna Beddington

Approved unanimously

b) Membership Update – Holly Adam

Elly Warren is taking over the role of membership secretary this year. As of the date of the AGM, there are 39 paid Club members, including 4 new members. The membership numbers generally increase as the year progresses.

c) Program Update – Judy Hume and Mary Drinkwater

Two events have already been held this year – the August 6 home garden tour, and the outdoor meeting on September 20 at Finkle Park. Some great ideas were shared in the breakout groups.

For today's meeting, Nancy Louman from the Rideau 1000 Island Master Gardeners will give a presentation on asters.

For November, a workshop is planned. Please see Judy or Mary if you are willing to help organize the workshop. There will be a meeting next week of volunteers for this event.

December's meeting will be our Xmas lunch at the O'Connor House English Tea House in Deseronto on Friday, December 10.

Sue Nilsson gave a demonstration on milkweed seed balm jars. Milkweed is the only plant on which monarch butterflies will lay their eggs. This project will be planned as a Club activity for next fall.

d) Village Planting Report – Dawn Ford and Pat Chown

Dawn reported that the clean-up of the barrels and planters is complete. The total cost of the plants this past year was \$1,345.42 and the cost of watering was \$1,800.00. New signs were added to the planters this year.

19 volunteers looked after the summer planting this year with a total of 240 volunteer hours reported.

e) Bugtel Update – Janice Firth

Thanks to the work of many volunteers and the donations from LaFarge Canada, the Bugtel received a new facelift this year. New native plants to attract pollinators were added, as well as a new roof. Thanks to Carol Cartier and the watering team for looking after the Bugtel watering. The Township is supposed to be planting trees for the memorial garden this fall.

f) Sunday Market Update – Janice Firth

The Club did not host the Bath Sunday Market this year but plan to do so next year. Bob Moran will again act as market coordinator on behalf of the Club.

Janice is doing a presentation next Monday to the town council to request that the park user fees be waived for the Sunday market. A Club volunteer market committee will need to be set up this year.

III. New Business

a) Proposed change to members' fees for 2022-2023

The Club executive is proposing an increase in the annual Club membership fees from \$10 to \$15 per individual and from \$15 to \$20 for a family. A family membership applies to adults and minor children living in the same household. The fees have not increased since the Club's inception, and expenses have increased in many areas over the years.

A motion was made to accept the definition of family membership as proposed.

Put forward: Margaret Ray

Second: Marnie Brough

Approved unanimously

A motion was made to increase the Club membership fees to \$15 per individual and \$20 per family.

Put forward: Carol Cartier

Second: Nancy Willis

Approved unanimously

b) The following positions require volunteers:

Recording secretary

Webmaster backup to webmaster Sandra Lowman

Bath Sunday Market committee – 6 volunteers are required

Board of Directors – Director position; Hildegard Dorosh has put her name forward to volunteer for the position on the Club Board of Directors

Any member who is willing to volunteer for one of the positions can contact Janice Firth.

c) Volunteer Hours

The volunteer hours report is required as part of the annual OHA report.

Please have your volunteer hours report completed and submitted to the recording secretary Jeannie Pickles by November 30. Hard copies of the report are available if required.

d) Call for Nomination and Election of Officers – Brad King

Brad King, Assistant Director of District 3, provided a detailed update on District 3 activities. Sue Carew, District 3 Director, has stepped down, and Penny Stewart has taken over as interim director until new directors are elected.

Brad provided an update from OHA President Charles Freeman. Highlights included 2022 as being declared “Year of the Garden” in Ontario. All members are encouraged to incorporate the colour red into their garden in honour of this.

The OHA has adopted a Code of Conduct for behavior at meeting and functions. This is optional for adoption by individual clubs.

The 2022 OHA convention has been cancelled. The 2023 and 2024 conventions will proceed.

The members in attendance were asked 3 times as required if there were any new nominations for the positions on the executive or board. There were no new nominations.

The following Club members are standing for the following positions:

President – Janice Firth

Vice President – Mike Janssens

Co-Treasurers – Laurie Minorgan and Jane Ledingham

Recording Secretary – Jeannie Pickles Czesnik

Membership Secretary – Elly Warren

Publicity Secretary – Heather Bennett

Director – Hildegard Dorosh, Roxanna Beddington, Dawn Ford, Melanie Myers

A vote was put forward to the members in attendance. All of the executive and board were installed by unanimous vote of the membership.

iv – Program

Speaker – Nancy Louman – Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardener	Topic - Asters
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