

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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January 17, 2022

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Via Zoom

I. OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth

1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us. 23 members were in attendance today. Welcome to previous and new members!
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Mary Drinkwater Second: Jeri Love Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “A society grows great when old men/women plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”
4. Reminders – If you have not already done so, please send your volunteer hours into Jeannie as the report to the OHA by February 1, 2022.

II. BUSINESS

5. Approval of the Minutes – Annual General Meeting, October 18, 2021 A motion to approve the minutes from the annual general meeting of October 18, 2021 was put forward. Moved: Sue Nilsson Second: Gaile Heywood Motion carried.
6. Reports Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Minorgan The current bank balance is \$11,073.36. A small amount of this will be put into investments. Membership Report – Elly Warren There are currently 87 Club members in good standing. A total of \$800 in membership fees has been collected. The Club welcomed new member Doris Powers who is president of the Collins Bay society, and also is a master gardener. Welcome Doris!

Program Report – Mary Drinkwater and Judy Hume

Judy and Mary covered some of the planned speakers and events for 2022. The speaker for February is Ken Brown, author of the very popular “Dallying in the Dirt”. A spring workshop and summer outing in August are being planned.

Village Planting – Pat Chown

A meeting with Allison of Sun Harvest greenhouses took place in December to select and order the plants for the planters for the coming year. As this is the “Year of the Garden”, with red as the official colour of the year, the planting will incorporate red along with a selection of other colours. The red plantings will include sunpatiens, cannas, as well as other varieties. 398 plants have been ordered. The next Club newsletter will contain more information about this.

Sunday Market – Janice Firth

The Township recently agreed to waive the park hourly user fees for the Club for the Bath Sunday market. Bob Moran has agreed to manage the Sunday market on behalf of the Club in the upcoming season. Jane Ledingham and Melanie Myers have volunteered to lead the Sunday market committee. They will be looking for Club volunteers to assist with the responsibilities for the market.

7. Executive Openings – Janice Firth

The following positions will be vacant in the upcoming year, and volunteers are need to fill these positions:

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Board Member

There are statements of duties for the various positions. If anyone is willing to volunteer, please let Janice or one of the executive members know.

III. NEW BUSINESS

8. Outcomes from D3 Meeting – Janice Firth

Year of the Garden 2022 – Gardeners have been encouraged to use the colour red in plantings this year as a symbol of the Year of the Garden. June 1 has been declared to be National Garden Day. The week of June 11-19 has been declared Gardening Week. The OHA has printed door hangers which can be purchased on their website in recognition of the Year of the Garden.

Code of Conduct – The OHA is developing a Code of Conduct. We will incorporate this code into our Club constitution.

Membership Dues – OHA dues were increased this past year. As agreed at the AGM, the Club dues will increase in September to \$15 per individual, and \$20 per family. As an incentive for

members to pay their annual dues as early as possible, an early-bird draw for a free membership will be held.

9. Club Directory – Janice Firth

At the last executive meeting, creation of a Club directory was discussed. As Elly is working on a complete membership list with contact information, a directory could be ready for next fall. Members expressed concerns about unauthorized individuals gaining access to any directory lists. Janice and Sandra will check with our webmaster to see if it would be possible to park a directory on the Club website that would be password protected.

10. Committee Leads – Janice Firth

Village Planting – Dawn Ford will continue to lead this committee this year, and will pass this role along to Pat Chown next year.

Fertilizer Committee – Laurie Minorgan will lead the committee again this year. She reported that there are 150 bags of fertilizer unsold from last year. An additional 700 bags will be prepared this year. Communication will go out in a couple of months regarding the annual sale. The price per bag of the fertilizer will remain at \$4, and \$3.75 for Club members.

Sunday Market – Jane Ledingham and Melanie Myers will be the market committee leads for this year.

Plant Sale – A committee lead is needed to head up the plant sale. Instead of having a large plant sale in May, it was suggested that a few smaller plant sales could be held at the market on more than one Sunday. If anyone is willing to volunteer as committee lead, please let Janice know.

Canada Day – there currently are no plans for a Canada Day float as this will depend on the Covid situation

12. Opening of the Lafarge Memorial Garden and Pollinator Garden – Janice Firth

The township has planted the trees by the Bugtel for the memorial garden. The plan is to have a formal garden opening with Lafarge, the mayor, and include students from the school when it is safe to have outdoor gatherings, in late spring or early summer. We are looking for a couple of Club members to organize this.

IV Program

SPEAKER – Cathy Christie, Chair of the Kingston Area Seed Society (KASSI) and a Master Gardener in Training	Planning Your Food Garden – Selecting, Planting and Saving Seeds
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