



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meeting MINUTES (FINAL)

Date and Time: February 22, 2023. 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Venue: St. John's Hall, Church St., Bath, ON

I. OPENING REMARKS - J. Firth, President
1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us. There were XX members and XX guests in attendance today.
2. Approval of Agenda - There were no changes to the agenda. Moved Marnie Brough. Seconded Holly Adams. Motion carried
3. Garden Quote – <i>Old gardeners never die, they just go to seed.</i> – unknown
4. Approval of minutes - January 2023 meeting Moved Sylvia Whalen, Seconded Judy Hume. Motion carried
5. Coffee/Tea Preparation – Social Time Thank you today to Wendy O'Neill, Laurie Pickles and Joanna Sperinck for bringing treats, and to Joanna Sperinck for preparing the coffee/tea.

II. BUSINESS
1. Reports
Treasurer's Report - presented by Laurie Minorgan Bank account balance is \$9,278.55 Investment account balance: \$5,110.38 GIC Laurie attended a meeting of the Renewable Energy Fund Grant Review Committee on Tuesday, February 21 st at the Loyalist Township Council Chambers. At the meeting the committee approved our grant application for \$5,070, \$2,070 for rental of Centennial Park for the Bath Sunday Market and \$3,000 to go towards the purchase of iron planters for the village.
Sunday Market Report - presented by Jane Ledingham BGC will take over management from Bob Morin and coordinate the market. Our BGC Facebook page and our website will be updated to facilitate this process. Question: Expectations of the Gardening Club role in recruitment of vendors? Answer: At least 51% of the participants to be Farm Based with remainder allocated to Artisans. Question: Do vendors have to pay for the privilege? Answer: Vendors are charged \$15 per week to attend the market. BGC received a grant to cover the cost of the park fees (\$15 per hour) Question: Have we faced an oversubscription of vendors? Answer: No oversubscription but hoping to introduce more diversity Question: Will Bob be present? Answer: Code of Conduct will be applied to ensure compliance
Village Planting Program Committee - presented by Marnie Brough Plants are sprouting! Spring is in the air!!! Planting is tentatively scheduled for end of May.
Program Committee Update – presented by Janice Firth Tentative agenda topics for March, April, May and June meetings:



- Pruning shrubs & trees
- Carson Arthur
- Ticks –KFL&A Public Health
- Physiotherapist to give a lecture on Gardening and Body Mechanics

III. New Business – Presented by XXX

- Village clean-up at end of April – Fast Freddy's and Township on Board
- Bath Wellness Consultant has made the suggestion to have a contest "Beautify Bath" to encourage beautifying of Main Street properties. This would happen in July if we go ahead with this.
- Kingston is promoting No-mo May to encourage growth of natural plants which would support the bees, our pollinators!
- Napanee has invited BGC to participate, by manning a table at their "Community in Bloom" event scheduled for early April. It was suggested that we could promote fertilizer at this event as there are still 65 bags left over from last year's sales. Also, plan for potentially 500 more bags to be prepared for this growing season. We may consider promoting sales by distributing door-to-door notices to some residence who may have missed last year's promotional information.
- Canna lily bulbs were offered to the BGC members and there are still lots available. Also, Canna lily seeds were provided to those adventurous enough to try and grow their own from seeds. Growing the plants from seeds would save about \$4.50 per plant (\$9 per planter). Seeds need to be scored, soaked in water, and then planted in soil. Thank you very much Janice for providing both!
- New owners of the Pizza place are starting a flower farm at the home in Sydenham. They have offered the BGC space for parking flowers that we may want to start from seed.
- Linda Dishy and her husband brought in birdfeeders for show and tell. These birdfeeders were simply made but very attractive. A thick stump is drilled with a "doorknob" drill to make a few 1 and 1/2-inch holes. These holes are then filled with home-made feed. The feeder is hung in desired locations by hanger hooks. Linda also shared a recipe for the suet to put into the welled holes and apparently many birds are attracted to the feed. Thank you very much to Linda and her husband.

<https://www.familyhandyman.com/article/homemade-suet-recipes-and-suet-feeding-tips-for-birds/>

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

V. PROGRAMME

Pesticide Safety for Home Gardeners – Speaker Mike Janssens

Mike gave an excellent and stimulating talk on Pesticide Safety for Home Gardeners. Highly enlightening and worthy of strong consideration by all gardeners!