



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

March 18th, 2024, Minutes of Meeting

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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

<http://.bathgardeningclub.ca>

1. Welcome – Introductions

Sylvia was ill so Janice chaired the meeting. Janice gave a quick reminder to the members to make sure to participate in the parks & rec survey.

Members present: 25 with 5 guests

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Feb. 19, 2024)

Approved without changes.

Moved: Diane Nolting

2nd: Dawn Ford

3. Agenda approved without changes

4. Garden Question(s) from the members:

Val Bhém asked about discouraging rabbits from eating plant shoots. Suggestions: Plant Skydd and Bobbex deer and rabbit repellent. A covering of mulch was also suggested.

Kim asked about supporting tree limbs that have split from the main trunk. Basically, anything that will hold the branch in place in order to allow it to heal will work. Bolts, wire or strapping were all good suggestions.

There was also some discussion of how to discourage grub eating critters from making a mess of grassy areas.

Reports

5. Treasurer's Report: Bank balance as at March 1st is **\$10,171.92**, GIC is **\$5,259.48** (matures May 5, 2024 at \$5278.78)

Cheque toward payment of the iron planters for \$3,056.65 was processed.

A number of grant requests have been sent to LaFarge, Loyalist and OPG. The funds are typically received in May.

A Memorandum of Understanding is in the process of being established with Loyalist Township. This would provide BCG with a minimum of \$5,000 annually.

6. Executive Positions: We are looking for a market liaison, to oversee market coordinator, correspondence secretary and vice president.

7. Clean Up Day: Sue Nilsson.

There was a sign-up sheet for volunteers for Clean Up Day at the meeting.

Date: April 20th, between 9 and 12 noon. Bring gloves.

8. Planting: Val Behm

Planters were ordered by Marnie. Flourish (Tristan) will fill them upon acceptance of their quote.

May 10th is the date set aside for the Planting Committee to add fertilizer and coir.

May 22 and 23 are scheduled for planting, rain or shine. There is a signup sheet available to volunteer to help.



9. Fertilizer Day – Diane

There was also an opportunity to order fertilizer, at the meeting, by filling out a paper order form.

Date: May 4th, starting at 10:30 for mixing and packaging, pick up of orders from 12:30 to 4:30 pm.

Cost: \$4.00 per bag, with a free bag for a 10 bag, order.

There was a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with packaging and pick-up of orders.

10. Communities In Bloom;

We signed up for a table at the show again this year.

There are 3 time slots to fill, (with 2 volunteers for each slot. There was a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the meeting. We will offer fertilizer bags left over from last year.

11. Looking for member feedback on

- Plant sale: Do we continue with it? What changes can improve profitability?
Could we do a plant exchange instead? Is it better scheduled in the fall?
It is typically a one-day event. Linda Cohen said there is a township event in conjunction with Doors Open. Lots of people expected, so it might be better to coordinate with them.
- Summer outings: Janice suggested a walking garden tour and possibly finishing at Sylvia's for a swim.

13. (from Agenda) June 1st Township's recreation and leisure event was deferred to next meeting.

Next meeting April 15, 2024, 7:00 pm.

Program: Lyme Diseases & Other Vector-Borne Diseases:
by Natalie Lalonde,
Public Health Nurse, KFLA

Guests welcome!
Bring your mug and name tag!

Program

Melanie Saunders from Wise Owl Herbal Clinic did a talk on herbs used for medicinal and culinary purposes. Her information will be posted on the BGC website.