



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
March 11th, 2024, Executive Meeting Minutes

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Venue: 400 Townline Road

<https://bathgardeningclub.ca>

Attendees	
President	Sylvia Whalen
Past President: Co-Program Coordinator	Janice Firth
Board Member: Webmaster	Sandra Lowman
Board Member: Planting Committee	Marnie Brough
Board Member: Market Lead	Jane Ledingham
Board Member: Planting Committee Lead	Val Bhém
Board Member: Market Entertainment	Linda Cohen
Board Member: Recording Secretary	Marion Janssens
1. Code of Conduct suggestions (Janice) Janice presented an edited version of the C.O.C. to be reviewed by the club executive.	
2. Speaker Fees (Janice) May's speaker is a master gardener that indicated their fee is now \$100. We decided to pay all speakers the same amount.	
3. Adding sponsors and/or donors to the website: Sandra explained that our community partners are listed on the website, using active logos which are linked to their websites. It was agreed Flourish should be added to this.	
4. Market a) Discussion evolved about the most appropriate titles to minimize confusion yet still make the link to the BGC clear. Those in attendance agreed that the Market Manager would be the person that did the day to day running of the market. The BGC member providing oversight would be the Market Lead (in keeping with our other committees). Market Manager Position (Jane/Sylvia): Sylvia has sent Erin a copy of the job description. Jane will follow up with her. b) Entertainment fees (Linda Cohen) \$200.00 was added to the entertainment budget to reflect an increase in fees paid to entertainers at the market. c) promotional material mock ups (for market -banner and cards, and BGC) Sandra had samples of the advertising cards that are to be used for promoting the BGC. Jane to look into printing costs for the above items. d) Future of the market: There was some discussion about whether the club should continue to run the market. It was noted that it is part of our constitution and a good fundraiser. Questions about who would take it over were raised. More discussion needed before a decision can be made.	



5. Update from the Planting committee. (Val) Remaining planters are ordered (4). There will be a walk about with township staff, on April 25th. Tristan (Flourish) will provide a quote for filling them. Timing will depend on when planters are put out. No more permanent planters will be purchased as there are no more spots for them to be placed as per the township.
6. Creating a sub committee- LaFarge Memorial Grove & Pollinator Garden (Sylvia) Rather than increasing the number of members on the executive/board it was agreed that the Memorial Grove and Pollinator Garden be a subcommittee of the Planting Committee. Val, as planting committee lead, indicated that she would be agreeable to touch base with the pollinator garden lead and bring forward their needs/wants to the executive.
7. Communities in Bloom: Sylvia filled in application and had paid the \$25 fee. We later learned it was free for non-profit groups, so it was decided to leave the fee as a donation. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the table at the membership meeting.
8. May members meeting: There was some discussion about the May meeting, since the third Monday of May falls on the long weekend. Janice will check to see if we can have an evening meeting on the 2nd Monday (May 13).
9. Sandra presented updated flyers to be used for advertising the fertilizer sale. These will be distributed to members, to horticultural societies, and the Honking Goose. There is an online order form on the website. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer. It was determined by the executive that the charge will be \$4.00/bag, with a free bag provided for orders of 10 or more bags.
10. Loyalist Township is hosting an event on Saturday, June 1st. It will be held in the park by the pickle ball court for 2 hours in early afternoon. We were asked if we wanted to be a part of it. Janice will approach Kim to head up tours to the Bugtel or a table.
11. Next meeting: Host TBD May 6th, at 1:30 pm.