

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

AGM, October 16, 2023

2:30 – 4:40 pm

Annual General Meeting	
1. OPENING REMARKS – President; Janice Firth	
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Wendy O'Neill Second: Dawn Ford Motion carried.	
3. Approval of the Minutes – AGM, 2022 A motion to approve the minutes Moved: Jeri Love Second: Kim Bonner Motion carried.	
4. Garden Question – What are some common garden plants toxic to dogs and cats? rhubarb, milkweed, lilies, ivy, calla lilies, asparagus ferns, hosta, hydrangea, begonia, carnations.	

II. BUSINESS/ REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report – Laurie Minorgan,	
☐ Motion to acquire 5 more iron planters, Moved: Diane Nolting, Seconded: Sue Nilsson. Carried	
Placement of planters to be decided with the township approval.	
☐ Acceptance of financial report and budget. Moved: Wendy O'Neill, Seconded: Diane Nolting	
Moved: Marnie Brough Second: Roxanna Beddington, Carried	
☐ Motion to appoint Financial Reviewers, Marnie Brough and Lyla Cho-Kee	
Moved: Sylvia Whalen, Seconded: Pat Chown Carried	
B. Membership – Diane Nolting,	
Diane thanked Elly Warren who began the year as the Membership Secretary. I benefited greatly from her organizational skills when she and John moved away and the role fell to me. As of June 15, 2023, there were 96 members on the list.	
The numbers fluctuated over the year with new members coming on, some resignations and some who had indicated they wanted to join but never paid the fee.	
There were 22 new members last year	

Approximately 75% of the membership volunteered for some activities. Others, for a variety of reasons, limited their involvement to meetings or simply buying a membership to support Club activities.	Respectfully submitted	Diane Nolting
C. Program Committee Update – Mary Drinkwater, This position is open. Mary thanked Susan O’connor for her help. □ Sign-up sheet for the November workshop was left out for interested members. The workshop will involve the assembly of bird feeders using wood pieces filled with suet and seeds. Wood to be provided by Mike Whalen . Workshop will be led by Linda Dishy and Janice Firth. □ Possibilities for Christmas lunch-potluck at the hall were discussed. Dave Bryant could possibly supply pulled pork, and members could supply salads and other side dishes.		
D. Village Planting – Pat Chown, Pat expressed her appreciation for all members who helped her in this important aspect of the BGC endeavors to beautify the community.		
E. Lafarge Memorial Grove & Pollinator Garden – Carol Cartier,		
F. Bath Sunday Market Report – Jane Ledingham,		
G. Website – Sandra Lowman,		

III. – New Business

A. November workshop – It was decided by members present that the workshop will be scheduled for the evening of November 20, (3 rd Monday in Nov). Further discussion regarding evening meetings took place, and it was decided that a survey of membership would be helpful in determining whether evening meetings would help provide more opportunity for working people to attend meetings.
B. Update from District 3 Jim Kimberley commended the work of the Bath Garden Club. He indicated that the Colour of the Year for 2024 Communities in Bloom is going to be Orange. The annual convention is going to be held in Guelph (Delta Hotel) next year on July 12-14th. He shared with all present to be aware of a new disease found in Ontario called Oak Wilt. It is recommended if you have to prune oak trees to only do so between November and April.
C. Call for nominations & election of officers No additional members were nominated at this time

Executive

President – Sylvia Whalen

Vice President – vacant

Treasurer – Laurie Minorgan / Joanne Pearce

Recording Secretary – Marion Janssens

Membership Secretary – Diane Nolting

Publicity Secretary – Jeri Love

Board Members

Val Behm

Marnie Brough – Village Planting

Linda Cohen

Jane Ledingham – Bath Sunday Market

Sandra Lowman – Webmaster

Joanna Spernick - Hospitality

All nominated members were installed, by Jim Kimberley of OHA D3, in the positions listed.

Moved: Jane Ledingham, Seconded : Sue Nilsson

Carried

IV Program**Presentation – What Grew in Bath this Summer?**

Sue: coleus

Sylvia: watermelon, squash (some hybrid)

Janice: day-lillies, pink and purple

Marion: pumpkins