

Bath Gardening Club & Horticultural Society

January 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

Attending – Jeri Love, Linda Cohen, Joanne Pearce, Val Behm, Janice Firth

Regrets – Sylvia Whalen, Diane Nolting, Sandra Lowman

Corrections of Minutes from Aug26/24

Committee Updates

Market – Linda will be taking on the role of market manager only until the end of market season due to Erin's resignation.

Mileage – Remove 'should out of town costs be reimbursed? This should be put out for discussion. ' • Approval was unanimous

Business Arising from the Minutes

Treasurer's Report opening balance for start of **fiscal** year **Sept.**

2024 - \$8737.33

Currently. there are 2 outstanding cheques to be cashed and when cashed, balance will be \$6971.38

we have a \$5000 GIC maturing May 2025, which principal + interest will be deposited into bank acct for review of re-investment.

overall, our budgeted fiscal year revenues are slightly below less than our budgeted expenses for the year.

Laurie will be meeting with Marjorie to go through the process for grant applications.

Janice reported from Sylvia that we still do not have a MOU with the Township from Karrie Lamb. Our Loyalist grant cash portion, Sunday Market + Merry Little Main Street rental fees. should be included in MOU.

Membership update

total of 61 members – all present agreed that we should look to increase our numbers

Discussion about how to increase our membership - possibly have a flyer mailed out to residents of Bath outlining what we do and benefits of membership. Cost for this would need to be looked into. Alternately, we could do a door to door drop off with all our walking members doing delivery.

We could set up a table at the market on a monthly basis to promote both membership & market (including fertilizer sale & BGC info). Current insert from welcoming committee needs to be revised.

Committee Updates

Sunday Market

- Linda has had great success in lining up the entertainment for the market season. Below is the line-up:
 - ✓ May 18th - Mary Kennedy - Fiddle Earth and Friends
 - ✓ June 8th - Pierre Laframboise
 - ✓ June 22nd - Henderson & Hemmerling
 - ✓ July 6 - Gerald McGrath
 - ✓ July 20 - Marion Drexler Band
 - ✓ August 17 - Henderson & Hemmerling
 - ✓ August 31 - Marion Drexler Band
 - ✓ September 7 - Gerald McGrath
 - ✓ September 21 - Barry Yuen & His Trio
- Linda has received an e-mail from Tara Williamson inquiring about the market manager position. She has worked with the Frontenac Farmer's Market in the past and had success in increasing the number of vendors attending. Linda will plan to meet with her next week
- There were some issues with the manner of fee collection last year and it may be easier to go back to the cash model
- We would then need to have a volunteers on a weekly basis to collect fees and take attendance.

- The vendors have requested more visibility of the BGC at the market so this would accomplish 2 things.
- Linda was wondering whether vendors needed to sign a new contract each year. The contract is a legal document that gives the club the authority to ask them to leave if they do not follow the terms of the contract.

Canada Day Float

- Dianne & Laurie have volunteered to head this and have 8 volunteers willing to help.
- Carol Cartier had made a suggestion to make things easier - rather than prepare a float, have a group of members that walk the route (with grandchildren, etc) and have them dress as something garden related and carry our banner.

Plaques for Memorial Garden

- Janice reported that the cost for these would be about \$25-\$30 each.
- The question is whether the club covers the cost or asks for a donation from those requesting one. This should be discussed more broadly with the club membership rather than be an executive decision.
- The discussion about where to place the plaques was discussed. Linda suggested the possibility of a large boulder that could also be used as a seat.
- Janice to talk with the clubhouse to see if we could do some bartering to have the grounds staff transport a boulder from the area where they are building in return for the club creating a new garden bed where some of the ash trees have been taken down. This would be primarily perennials for easier maintenance. The clubhouse would then maintain this, not the BGC.
- If this is not an option, then we talk to Loyalist to see where we could locate one at a reasonable price.

Programming

- We have speakers for January to March with April, May & June waiting for confirmation.
- Janice is looking for additional help with the programming since Linda Jamieson is no longer able to help.

Fritz Fertilizer

- it was suggested that the mixing day be changed to a Saturday for easier customer pick-up
- We also discussed that the BGC make additional fertilizer (amt to be determined) for sales throughout the season
- If we are to have a table at the market once a month, having fertilizer available would be good advertizing for the club

Volunteer Hours

- Sandra will forward a summary of hours by activity table for the period Sept 2023 - August 2024 to Laurie before Monday
- In order to keep on top of this, some of us try to input hours shortly after our task while others collect hours and put them in later.
- Joanne received a scam e-mail that appeared as if it was sent from Sylvia . It was requesting money be sent which was totally out of character for Sylvia. Sandra is following up with our web developer.

Planting

- Val reported that the flowers have been ordered from Sun Harvest for an approximate cost of \$1300 – a deposit of \$250 will be sent to secure the order
- There will be some changes to the flowers to include those that are more drought tolerant – Lantana worked well this year and the Val & Elaine and experimenting to see if they will overwinter this year
- Tristan did not bill us for watering this year, so it is difficult to request more watering than he is presently doing
- Val would like to have a discussion with the Township to request assistance

from them since they are already doing some watering on Main Street

New Business - none **Adjournment** 4 pm