

**Bath Gardening Club
Executive Meeting
June 9, 2025
1 pm at Loyalist Golf Clubhouse**

Present: Sylvia Whalen, Jeri Love, Linda Cohen, Joanne Pearce, Sandra Lowman, Val Behm, Janice Firth, Kim Bonner, Diane Nolting
Regrets: Joanna Sperinck, Marjory Brunsdon, Dawn Ford

Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2025

Following some discussion, the motion was made by Jeri Love and seconded Val Behm
Motion passed

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance is \$18082.76

Activity:

- Full-time & part time vendor Sunday Market in Bath stall rentals to date \$ 8291.60
- 1 part time vendor went full time (Bergeron Winery), still acquiring a few new part time vendors.
- June 8th market was a very busy day, BGC had a table, fertilizer sales, music, June gift certificates spent = approx 20.
- Bugtel expenses primarily incurred for a new poster board and replenishment of plants.
- Sue Nillson provided pictures of our new stand up poster board - board looks great
- Gift certificates returned need documentation on the certificate

Planting Update

- More vinca plants needed as rabbits have been feasting. Bobex spray purchased to deter them
- Val is tracking the watering of barrels and beds
- The beds at Schell's, Post Office and Fast Freddie's are garnering positive comments
- Maintenance teams in place, a few extra volunteers would be welcome.

Pollinator, Memorial Garden And Bugtel Update

- The Memorial Grove plaque has a crack in the wood and needs an overhang on the top edge to keep water off it and prevent any further cracking. Sylvia will run with this.
- Sylvia had the sign refinished and re-sealed.

- David Golden will be approached to construct a cap on the sign to prevent further damage.
- The tall grass that blocked the entrance (and the whole area) to the PG MG and Bugtel has been mowed
- The reimbursement for small plants for the Memorial Grove butterfly garden could be covered by the planting budget. Kim will follow up with Val and then submit receipts to Joanne.

Programming

Summer Outing

Van Berlo Gardens

Maitland Garden of Hope

A donation of \$100 to each garden

Plan would be to carpool and pay mileage to drivers

Lunch at a nearby restaurant to be arranged by Linda and Janice. Members pay for their lunch

Date to be arranged.

Location, Day and Format of Future Meetings

St John's Hall is not readily available at 2 pm for monthly meetings, making it difficult to get set up and conduct meetings as needed.

At the present time, St John's Hall is not being used on Thursdays.

The Executive considered various options including

- Moving monthly meetings to the 3rd Thursday of the month with an earlier start time
- Holding Executive meetings at the Clubhouse, all other meetings at St John's Hall
- Moving the monthly meeting to Loyalist Golf Club on Mondays. This would be subject to availability
- Using a mix and match approach: Speaker meetings at the Golf Club, Business/workshops at St John's Hall
 - September - SJH
 - October AGM at Clubhouse
 - November Workshop at SJH
 - December lunch
 - January - Clubhouse
 - February -Business meeting -SJH
 - March - Clubhouse

- April Business meeting SJH
- May Clubhouse
- June ?

Advantages/Disadvantages

At the Golf Club

Set up is done

Coffee and tea available

AV equipment available and set up ready for the meeting

St John's Hall

Cost is lower

Supporting a community resource

Access to the kitchen

Decision

Will bring this to the membership for input at the June 16 th meeting

Joanne will follow up with Loyalist re the options and the cost

Cost would be included in next year's budget

Sunday Market in Bath

- The power problem was solved with the use of an extension cord. No follow up required
- Parking concerns are not the purview of the SMB . Concerned citizens need to contact Loyalist Township and /or the OPP
- Two vendor has returned to SMB from the Odessa market
- Tarra has made several funding requests:
 - Fund the roadside sign for an additional month
 - Purchase a Boom box speaker to ensure that there is always music at the Market
 - Purchase another SMB flag to be placed at the east side of the Market on Main Street
 - Total Cost \$1.142 This would require going to the membership and concerns about this were raised in terms of how this would be accounted for in the audit

Action

Motion made to

- Consider raising the limit to \$500 from \$300.00
- Borrow a speaker for the remainder of this year and include the cost of a new one in the 2025/2026 budget
- Flag could be purchased if there are two invoice payments
- Okay to extend the roadside sign rental for another month
- Motion Made by Linda Cohen
- Seconded by Janice Firth
- All in favour, motion approved

Membership Initiative Update

- Over the summer Pat Chown, Lynne McDonald and Diane Nolting will review the feedback received, make recommendations for going forward and report to the Executive at the next meeting.

Ontario Horticultural Association Fall Bulb Sale

- Garden Ontario has created a speciality mix of tulips, narcissus, muscari and leucojum which is especially attractive to bees and butterflies. It is being offered through the OHA to sister organizations by case sale at a cost of \$525.00 per case. Each case has 15 packages containing 50 bulbs which must be ordered by July 1.
- The Executive decided to order 2 cases for sale to members and the public at the Sunday Market in Bath

New Business

Constitutional Review

OHA is encouraging members to review and update their constitutions. Resources are available through OHA to do this.

Sylvia will ask for a volunteer to help her complete the review.

Executive Positions

We are still in need of a VP

Slate of Officers for 2025-2026

Members were asked if they intended to stay with their portfolios for 2025 - 2026. The following people have indicated their intention to serve again:

Sylvia - President for **ONE** more year

VP

Joanne - Co -Treasurer returning for 2025/2026

Marjory - Co- Treasurer

Kim - Co lead Bugtel/PG/MG

Carol Cartier - Co Lead Bugtel/PG/MG

Joanna - Membership

Diane - Secretary

Jeri - Publicity

Janice - Programs - wants a co lead

Sandra - Webmaster

Val - Planting

Linda - Market with reservations if Tarra doesn't return

Dawn - Hospitality

Dawn questions whether this is an executive/team lead position

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Monday September 8

Time and place to be announced