



Garden City Gardeners

Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2022

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The first order of business is amendments to the constitution. Susan read out the current by-laws and the amendments. Voting commenced as follows:

By-Law 8 FISCAL YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR

8.1 The fiscal year of the Society shall be from November 1 to October 31.

Amendment: The fiscal year of the Society shall be from October 1 to September 30.

Rationale: to allow time for the auditor to complete the work.

Yes: Majority

No: 0

Abstain: 0

By-Law 9 QUORUMS AND VOTING

9.1 General Meeting or Annual Meeting Quorum: 65% of an average of attendance of the last 6 general meetings.

Amendment: General Meeting or Annual Meeting Quorum: 50% plus ONE (1) of those present, a member in good standing and voting. Every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

Rationale: this is difficult to regulate and keep track of and was recommended by the OHA

Yes: Majority

No: 0

Abstain: 0

By-Law 10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.1 Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting shall be held within 15 months of the last Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the scheduled date and shall start no earlier than 6:00 p.m. at a place located within the City of St. Catharines.

Amendment: Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting shall be held within 15 months of the last Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the scheduled date, time and place as determined by the executive.

Rationale: this is a convenience matter more than anything else. The site of meetings is covered in the constitution under section 5B under Meetings.

Yes: Majority

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Once passed, these amendments take effect immediately.

Minutes of the previous AGM - as distributed or as read; omissions and corrections?

- Minutes were not taken at 2019 AGM.

Treasurer's Annual Report - a summary of incomes and expenses as distributed.

- As of October 31, 2022: closing balance: \$24,437.88
 - Cash: \$11,326.16
 - GIC 1: \$7096
 - GIC 2: \$6015.72
- Majority in favour, no opposed, no abstains.
- Sandy gave an overview of her tasks as treasurer, in case any GCG member wishes to take over:
 - Treasurer collects bank info, completes banking, pays bills, then gives all receipts to Dwayne to complete the audit.

Auditors' Report or Review - Indicating approval of the above Treasurer's Report.

- Dwayne (accountant) to send Susan a full report.
 - Linda Matheson moves - Janice seconded - All in favour.
- The audit certificate must be signed by two persons as a bookkeeper is not a professional accounting person. Discussion ensued around having Dwayne as auditor. He is very good, and has a good price.
 - Motion: Nafee Faigou - Second: Maureen MacArthur - All in favour.

Annual Reports of Committees (if any) - these are received as read or distributed; the Secretary moves acceptance of all after the last report.

- No reports.

President's Annual Report - Summarizes the past year's highlights. A copy of this is to be attached to the OHA Annual Information Report. Copies may be printed and circulated.

- The GCG was restarted in March 2022
- We have completed a few workshops this year
- Planted a pollinator garden at Victoria Lawn Cemetery

Nominations of Officers, Directors and Auditors - usually run by the Past President

- Report of Nominating Committee (often the Past-President or Secretary)
- Nominations from the floor - if any can be Past President or District Director
- Voting or Acclamation for each office in turn as required, can be the Past President or the District Director.

Installation of Officers - Leslie Daniels - usually by the District Director or an Assistant Director; this may be done at the next general meeting of the society. Officers may take office at the end of the meeting at which they are elected or the beginning of the next general meeting, which allows for smoother takeover and the completion of paperwork by the outgoing executive.

- Leslie read the Installation of Officers document, all stood to receive.
- There were no objections.

Other Business, Awards, Presentations, Entertainment or Speakers

- Cathy Swain gave a wonderful presentation on forcing bulbs
- Sue Lusted was awarded the Garden Hero award by District Director Leslie Daniels

Motion to adjourn meeting - approximately 2:30 p.m.

- Diana motioned - Naffee seconded - Meeting adjourned.