



**Ontario Horticultural Association District 9
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 23rd, 2022
ZOOM Meeting**



The meeting was called to order by District Director, Margaret Tanaszi, who welcomed everyone present.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, December 6th, 2021

MOTION: that the minutes from the Annual General Meeting of November 6th, 2021, be approved. Moved by Jan Harte and seconded by Stephen Hargreaves The motion passed.

Roll Call of District Societies

Recording Secretary, Maggie Corner took the roll call

Dunnville	1
Fort Erie	0
Grimsby	2
Lincoln	0
Niagara Falls	0
Niagara-on-the-Lake	1
Pelham	4
Port Colborne	5
Ridgeway & District	0
Garden City Gardeners	3 (formerly St. Catherines)
Smithville	1
Thorold	5
Welland	1
TOTAL	23

Treasurer's Report

Alan Daniels, Treasurer, highlighted the financial reports from 2019 to 2021 and indicated that all reports will be presented for audit shortly.

MOTION: That the review of the Treasurer's reports, pending audit, be accepted as presented. Moved by Maggie Corner, seconded by Margaret Tanaszi. The motion passed.

Old/New Business

Deb **Zynomirski** questioned whether the second application for an OMAFRA grant is Covid related. About two weeks ago paper had an article about OMAFRA giving a \$1000 grant. Margaret Tanaszi said the deadline for the grant is October 2022, and is called a covid relief grant.

Margaret Tanaszi read out the OHA update from Charles Freeman.

Garden Ontario's trademark has been registered and noted that all member societies using the words Garden Ontario must use the trademark sign, which is the R in a circle.

Susan Lusted will forward the Garden Ontario roles of officers to all societies. .

Margaret Tanaszi noted that there is a new OHA Code of Conduct for Directors and for Societies.

Margaret reported that the OHA has provided vendors insurance through DUUO. All societies and districts are required to submit and cover vendors when attending an event/meeting.

OHA youth forms are on line.

Please use the photo/video testimonial waver release form when using a picture/video related to the OHA.

The Pollinator program has been updated and can be acquired through Rose Odell at the OHA.

The OHA door hangers are available and can be ordered directly by a society. It was noted by members that the ordering went well, was not expensive and had a quick delivery.

Margaret highlighted a postcard available from the OHA, under resources on the website. There are excellent resources on line from the OHA for new presidents and officers.

Susan Lusted asked to be sent dates of all plant sales and will send out to all societies. Please send to Susan at D94OHA@gmail.com.

Susan gave a warning about jumping worms. Information on the Garden Ontario website.

Election and Installation of Executive

Susan Lusted, Nominations Chair, introduced and presented the slate of nominees for election to District 9.

Susan thanked Margaret Tanaszi who had completed her term as District Director, thanking her for her amazing contribution to the District, especially during Covid.

Leslie Daniels stood to be nominated as District Director.

The remaining officers all stood for re-election.

Sandra Mazur, District Director from District 14 highlighted the roles and installed the officers.

District 9 Director	Leslie Daniels
Assistant Director and Corresponding Secretary	Susan Lusted
Assistant Director	Amber Cuthbertson
Treasurer	Alan Daniels
Recording Secretary	Maggie Corner
Past District Director	Margaret Tanazi

All members were elected and installed.

Speaker: David Chapman, photographer and speaker

“Wild, Weird and Wacky Weather:”

www.davidtchapman.com

David 's presentation covers the uniqueness of of North Americas weather, power and beauty in one amazing show. David took us through frosts and clouds, ice bridges and caves, arctic sea smoke, steam devils, sun dogs, sun pillars and light pillars. Fog bows, rainbows, roll clouds, northern lights and lightening.

Additional information can be read at www.spaceweather.com and www.windy.com.

Questions:

Is red in the sky caused by pollution?

Yes, more red in the evening, it has many different compounds to cause the red. Red is the last and longest in the wavelength ray to go beyond the horizon.

What type of camera do you use?

It is a Canon, DSLR using manual settings.

Some of the weather is phenomenal, especially lake affect snow. The photo of the cottage being hit constantly by waves and totally frozen.

Lake effect snow can be very localized.

Niagara's weather comes from both Lakes Erie and Ontario. The peninsula is sandwiched.

Leslie Daniels thanked David for an excellent and informative talk.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie Corner