

## **Grimsby Garden Club**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2022**, prepared by Sue Rigato

**Monday, November 28, 2022 at The Livingston Activity Centre**

**Welcome** by President, Stephen Hargrave

**Motion to Accept 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes:** Karen Gough; Seconded: Deena Errampalli

**Proposed Amendments to the Grimsby Garden Club Constitution by Stephen Hargrave:**

Stephen read out the proposed changes to the Grimsby Garden Club Constitution as follows:

- 5.A.2 will change to “The elected officers may include...” instead of ‘...shall include...’ due to difficulties recruiting new Board members and filling the role of V.P.
- 5.B.1 will state ‘Meetings may be held once a month.’ The reference to meetings being on the last Monday of the month will be removed. The reason for this change is that our meeting location, the Livingston Activity Centre, will not be available to us on Mondays, starting in January 2023.
- 5.B.8 will be added, to reflect similar changes adopted by the OHA at their AGM in July 2022 regarding electronic meetings (eg. Zoom). ‘Meeting means any meeting that may be held at an in-person venue or may be held by telephone or other communication facilities as permits all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously.’

**Motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Grimsby Garden Club constitution** by Susan Lusted and seconded by Deena Errampalli. All were in favor and carried.

**New monthly meeting schedule for 2023:** Starting in January, our Club meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month at the Livingston Activity Centre. Mondays are no longer available at the Livingston Activity Centre. The club’s next monthly meeting is on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

**Review of 2022 programs and accomplishments by Stephen Hargrave:**

Stephen recalled the key programs that the club executed in 2022 and thanked the individuals who led these activities and their teams of volunteers, as well as the entire membership, The Town of Grimsby and the many community partners for participating in a highly successful season. 2022 Programs included the monthly Speaker Series, the Annual Plant & Tree Sales, led by Chair, Liza Fuller, the Garden Tour, led by Chair Deena Errampalli, the annual Trillium Awards Program led by Trillium Chair, Club President Stephen Hargrave, and the many Civic Improvement initiatives led by Directors of Civic Improvements, Karen Gough and Denise Carter. Thank you to Marilyn Cornwell for maintaining the Club’s social media presence and support of our extensive activities and to our Club Membership Chair, Mary McLaren, guiding us to our present level of 160+ members. Thank you to Susan Rigato, our Club Secretary and to our Treasurer, Joe Fisher. Thank you to Donna Saunders and Mary Korporaal, our “kitchen chairs”.

Special thank you to outgoing members of the board, Sue Rigato and Liza Fuller.

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### **Treasurer's Report from Joe Fisher, presented by Karen Gough**

2022 was a good year for the club. We have \$11,700 in cash, \$19,700 in investments, totalling \$31,400. 2022 revenue included sales from plant & tree sales, garden tour ticket sales and membership fees. 2022 expenses included new plants for the Elm Street garden beds, the Town's hanging baskets & planters, event advertising and supplies, speaker fees, scholarships, Fantasy of Trees contribution, and Town Hall Christmas tree decorations.

In 2023 we anticipate spending money on Scholarships, running our monthly meetings, Town hanging baskets & planters, continued maintenance and improvements to the Elm Street garden beds and contributing to the garden landscaping at the new West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's report: Dorothy Wood; Seconded: Lil Haworth, All in favor, Carried.

### **Installation of the Officers and Directors for 2022 by Sandy Martin, OHA District 9**

- Close 2022 Board:
  - Motion to approve the actions and decisions of the executive committee and board of directors of the Grimsby Garden Club for the year 2022 by Susan Lusted and seconded by Mary McLaren.
  - Sandy declared the past board for the Grimsby Garden Club closed for 2022.
- Election of 2023 Officers:
  - Stephen Hargrave President
  - Joe Fisher Treasurer
  - Maureen Strong Secretary
  - Denise Carter Director
  - Karen Gough Director
- Sandy asked if there were any other nominations from the meeting attendees. Question repeated three times. No new nominations came forward. Sandy then declared elections were closed.
- Installation of 2023 Officers:
  - At this time, you, the incoming executive, are offering yourselves for service in the community to promote the objectives of the club and to promote the objectives of the Ontario Horticultural Association. As the elected officers of the Grimsby Garden Club, you hereby accept the articles and bylaws of the constitution of the Grimsby Garden Club.
  - Motion to the board to accept the responsibilities and duties associated with the offices to which you are elected: EVERYONE SAID YES.
  - Message to the members of the Grimsby Garden Club: You have chosen your officers and they have accepted their responsibility. Its important that you, the membership, support the incoming executive in their efforts to carry out a successful program. By working together, you will have another successful year. Question to the membership: will you support the incoming executive to carry out a successful program? The membership responded "yes".
  - Sandy declared members of the Executive Committee and Directors to be duly installed with best wishes and gratitude from the Ontario Horticultural Association and District 9 for the coming year.

Meeting Adjourned.