

North Shore Community Garden Society

Annual General Meeting Minutes

7pm, Wednesday February 10, 2010

Queen Mary Community School Gymnasium, North Vancouver, BC CANADA

Board members in attendance: Linda Moore, Heather Johnstone, Marj Carroll, Debbie Mahal, Sharon Davis, Corree Laule

Total number of voting members present: 31 (quorum reached)

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

1. Welcome comments from the President (*Linda Moore*)

“Welcome Members of the Queen Mary Community Garden! I feel so fortunate to be a part of the first AGM of the North Shore Community Garden Society. The Society was set up late last year to oversee the use and management of new community gardens on the North Shore. Our first garden under the umbrella of the Society is the Queen Mary Garden, of which you are all members. Thank you for coming to the meeting tonight and for your commitment to having this show-case garden in the City of North Vancouver.

The City of North Vancouver deserves special thanks for the exceptional vision and approval that supported the building the Queen Mary Garden. Appreciation goes to Queen Mary School for working together with us in the garden; and to the Edible Garden Project for the hours, blood sweat and tears in getting the garden on the ground. North Shore Neighbourhood House has also been a great partner in this process. Thanks also to the individuals who formed the first board of the NSCGS last winter, blending their skills to create an umbrella society for community gardens on the North Shore. I can assure you that considerable work has gone on behind the scenes to bring us where we are today. And the real fun is just around the corner, when we all start planting in earnest!

At present, the Board of Directors consists of seven persons: Linda Moore (President), Gwen Elliot (Vice President), Corree Laule (Secretary), Sharon Davis (Treasurer), Heather Johnstone (Director), Debbie Mahal (Director), and Marj Carrol (Director). The first community garden under the NSCGS was completed in early October 2009. The Queen Mary Community Garden has as its coordinators Sharon Lisette and Daren Toppin. They have done a great job in getting the plot assignments organized and the membership lists in order.

What stands out to me as a real treasure in the Queen Mary Community Garden is the commitment already shown by the gardeners since October. I feel real promise in the success for this garden due to the great turn-out for the work parties; the patience in the slow unfolding of the garden; and the camaraderie of the gardeners that has already developed. I am confident we will be an appreciated addition to the neighbourhood once we get growing this spring!

As members of the garden, we have all read and signed an agreement to abide by the guidelines. If ever you feel that something is not working in the garden, I encourage you review the guidelines and figure out what needs fixing and how you might contribute to the solution. Community gardens thrive based on the commitment and participation of the members. There is such satisfaction in growing and learning new things in the garden. In these days of climate change and uncertain economic times, we may be pioneers in regaining greater food security on a local level. What better place to participate than in the garden!

I look forward to getting dirty with all of you in the best way possible!”

2. Review of annual report (*Linda Moore*)

Please see attached document for President's Annual Report: Highlights and Key Points.

3. Shed report (*Heather Johnstone*)

Please see attached document for Shed Report.

4. Review of garden guidelines & task list for 2010 summer season (*Heather Johnstone*)

Tasks for the summer season include: perimeter garden weeding, perimeter garden watering, maintaining gravel pathways, rain barrel acquisition/installation, garden grand opening coordination (June 19th), garden border installation, fruit tree stewards, compost captains.

Please email queenmarygarden@gmail.com to sign up for a task!

5. Edible Garden Project report (*Heather Johnstone*)

Please see attached document for Edible Garden Project Report.

6. Treasurer's report and adoption of the financial statements (*Sharon Davis*)

Please see attached document for Treasurer's Report.

Motion to adopt financial statements

Moved/Second: Trevor Kennell / Katherine Hemsworth

Motion carried.

7. Questions / Comments by gardeners from the floor

(a) Comment: Trevor Kennell has set up a Queen Mary Garden facebook group to help build a sense of community – everyone please join! <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=183060389527&ref=ts>

(b) Question: Will the society accept donations? Answer: Yes, but as we are not a charitable organization we cannot give receipts.

(c) Question: Will there be garbage bins provide in the garden? Answer: We are working towards a 'zero-waste' garden and would really like people to take any garbage with them. However, the kids at Queen Mary school will be involved in trash pickup.

(d) Question: Can we get some compost from the city? Answer: No, not going to get any from the city, but perhaps we can look into the costs. Sharon Davis has a compost recipe and will post this on the shed.

(e) Question: Will there be any information sessions or workshops? Answer: Yes! They are in the works!

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved/ Second: Linda Moore / Heather Johnstone

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm
