



Annual General Meeting Minutes

7:30pm, Friday March 1, 2013
Harbourview Room
John Braithwaite Community Centre,
145 West 1st Street,
North Vancouver, BC CANADA

Board members in attendance: Heather Johnstone, Marj Carroll, Sharon Davis, Corree Laule,
Maja Regehr, Trevor Kennell

Total number of voting members present: 27

1. Welcome, call to order, quorum and opening remarks (Maja Regehr)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Quorum for our membership was achieved.

2. Approval of Agenda (Maja Regehr)

MOTION: that the agenda be accepted as presented.

moved by Isabelle Howells, seconded by Heather Johnstone

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**

3. Approval of 2012 Minutes (Maja Regehr)

MOTION: that the minutes of the 2012 AGM be approved / be accepted.

moved by Dianna Allen, seconded by Sharon Davis

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**

4. Review of annual report (Maja Regehr)

See attached document for Annual Report. We would like to reiterate the fact that the society really values input from the membership. Please let the coordinators or northshorecommunitygardens@gmail.com have any ideas, suggestions or know of possible funding opportunities to support community gardens on the North Shore.

MOTION: that the annual report be accepted as presented.

moved by Antje seconded by Heather Johnstone

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's report and approval of the financial statements (Sharon Davis)

See attached document for Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: that the Financial Statements for 2012 be accepted.

moved by Sharon Davis, seconded by Trevor Kennell

All in favor, motion **CARRIED**

MOTION: that the contingency fund policy be accepted as outlined.

moved by Barb Dowman, seconded by Heather Johnstone

All in favor, motion **CARRIED**

6. Bylaw amendments (Maja Regehr, Heather Johnstone)

Amendments to the bylaw 5.3(1) were presented. Bylaw 5.3(1) currently states:

5.3(1) Directors are elected for 2 year terms. The directors must retire from office at the annual general meeting when their successors are elected.

The proposed change is as follows:

5.3(1) Board members shall serve for 2 year terms, which are renewable. The election of officers will be staggered to ensure that the full slate of officers is not up for election in the same year. Therefore, in odd-numbered years the President, the Treasurer and 2 director positions shall be up for election, while in even-numbered years the Vice President, the Secretary and remaining director shall be up for election.

MOTION: that the presented amended bylaws be accepted.

moved by Heather, seconded by Trevor

All in favor, motion **CARRIED**

7. Board nominations and elections (Heather Johnstone)

The following nominations were received for:

President: Maja Regehr

Treasurer: Sharon Davis

Director: Marj Carroll, Elizabeth Brodie

Maja Regehr was re-elected as President by acclamation.

Sharon Davis was re-elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

Marj Carroll was re-elected as Director by acclamation.

Elizabeth Brodie was re-elected as Director by acclamation.

8. Website update (Trevor Kennell)

- The website address is www.northshorecommunitygardens.ca
 - Dianna Allen has kindly taken over the daily management of the website. The calendar will be updated regularly, not only with garden-specific events, but also any events that are appropriate and related to gardening activities.
 - The site is available for RSS feeds, except if you use Chrome as a browser.
 - The announcements page will list the coming month's events.
 - A reminder that there is also a discussion forum. This is a great place for sharing advice, asking questions and reaching out to your fellow North Shore gardeners (<http://www.northshorecommunitygardensociety.ca/forum>).
 - The website has a lot of resources on it and it's not restricted to only garden members! Let your friends know!
 - Please let Dianna know about any events (nscgsweb1@gmail.com).
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9. Questions / Comments by gardeners from the floor (Maja)

Question: Are bee houses in garden plots allowed?

Response: Nesting boxes within garden plots are allowed and encouraged.

Question: What about new condo developments including gardens on their roof tops?

Response: Within the city of North Vancouver, the Sylva on 13th has a roof top garden and the new development on West 15th will also have a community garden incorporated. The District of North Vancouver is also looking at how to encourage developers to include green aspects in their proposals.

Question: What is the policy on how accessible plots are allotted?

Response: People with mobility issues have priority. If there is no one with mobility issues, the plot is given to an able body gardener who would then be asked to move if need be.

10. Closing remarks (Maja)

Thank you everyone for attending. Everyone's input is sincerely appreciated and we hope the dialogue and communication can keep going and growing!

11. Adjournment

MOTION: that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

moved by Dianna, seconded by Corree Laule

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**
