



Annual General Meeting Minutes

7:00pm, Thursday, February 21, 2019

Ross Road Elementary School

2875 Bushnell Place

North Vancouver, BC CANADA

Board members in attendance: Susan Brennan, Carley Fitzpatrick, Isabelle Howells, Sharon Davis, Dianna Allen

Total number of voting members present: 75

1. Welcome comments and approval of 2018 AGM minutes (Susan Brennan)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Quorum for our membership was achieved.

Thank you remarks to:

City of North Vancouver

District of North Vancouver

Thrifty Foods

Starbucks

MOTION: that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be approved & accepted.

moved by Sheila Cano, seconded by Carley Fitzpatrick.

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**

2. Review of annual report (Susan Brennan)

Please take the time to attend workshops, and visit with your garden neighbours. Isabelle and Dianna will be leaving the board this year, and we thank them for their service, and have bought them gift certificates from GardenWorks as a thank you. 2018 was a year that saw repairs started in the gardens as our infrastructure starts to age. Queen Mary was on the tail end of the almost 2 years of construction that saw LEC run a pipeline through the garden, and thanks to Dianna and David Lebeter for seeing the project through to the end. North Vancouver City Hall Garden, and Charros Garden both received new road base gravel in their spaces in 2018, with more work slated for this year. We will be using garden funds this year to replace gravel in two of our district gardens, and we have some funds left from a city grant to replace the Queen Mary road base this year. Social media is active this year, which Carley will speak about later, Please see the 2018 Annual Report for further details. Please let the coordinators or northshorecommunitygardens@gmail.com know if you 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:

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moved by Sharon Davis, seconded by Sheila Cano.

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**

3. Treasurer's report and adoption of the financial statement (Sharon Davis)

See Treasurer's Report outlined in the 2019 Annual Report. This report is posted on our website and was emailed in the annual report package to each member in good standing in January of this year, along with the notice of the AGM.

Please know that garden fee cheques will not be cashed until April 1st at the earliest. Please ensure you have the funds in your account for when cheques are cashed at this time.

MOTION: that the Financial Statements for 2018 be accepted as presented:

moved by Brian Radburn, seconded by Sheila Cano.

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**

4. Constitution and Society Status Amendments (Dianna Allen)

In 2018, all societies in BC were required to complete the transition to the New Societies Act, which governs all not for profit societies. The Act includes significant updates to allow for more flexibility in how societies operate, while still protecting the public interest. Under that transition, Societies were also allowed to change their designation from an ordinary society to a member funded society for free, as long as it was completed before November 28, 2018. Dianna outlined the changes that would affect the NSCGS, and asked the membership for approval of the following Special Resolution:

MOTION: to approve a Special Resolution by the members to change our designation from an original society to a member funded society

- Moved by Carley Fitzpatrick, seconded by Sheila Cano
- All in favour, 1 opposed, motion **CARRIED**

As the change to become a member funded society has been approved, we must amend our constitution to add the clause outlined below.

MOTION: To amend the text of our constitution as required under the Society Act

- From: The purpose of the North Shore Community Garden Society(NSCGS) is to oversee the use and management of community gardens on the North Shore. Our aim is to
 - promote a diversity of approaches to sustainable gardening;
 - to encourage cooperation, education and community involvement centered around organic gardening;
 - share and develop knowledge and practice of organic gardening ;
 - promote well-being by providing access to garden space, and to public gathering space;
 - establish and maintain a sustainable method of bio-diverse gardening

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- To read: as outlined above exactly, but to add the following clause;
 - This society is a member-funded society . It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members.
 - Moved by Kimberley Beugger, seconded by Sheila Cano
 - All in favour, 1 opposed, motion **CARRIED**
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5. Approval of Proposed Fee Increase (Susan Brennan)

Susan outlined the proposed plot fee increases, to take effect for 2019, which would increase the price of most plots by 10¢ a square foot, and the reasoning behind the increase as outlined in the December 2018 proposal sent to all members. She also outlined the proposal to have an automatic increase of 10¢ per square foot for each plot take effect every two years after this, meaning the next increase would be in 2021, 2023, 2025 etc. Discussion ensued, and the motion was amended as follows:

MOTION: to approve an increase in plot garden fees of 10¢ per square foot for the 2019 and 2021 gardening years, which will see our plot prices increase by 10¢ per square foot in 2019 and 2021. The motion will be reviewed at the AGM in 2023.

- Moved by Lilya Boyko, seconded by Chris Henry.
 - All in favour, 3 opposedmotion **CARRIED**
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6. NSC Gardens Social Media Accounts (Carley Fitzpatrick)

Carley advised that the social media platforms for the North Shore Community Garden Society that are currently active are the website, at nscgardens.ca, our Facebook account, under nscgardens, and our Instagram account at #nscgardens. This year will see the return of the annual photo contest, with more information to be sent once we've started the new gardening year.

7. Election of Officers (Susan Brennan)

The following people have chosen to put their names forward for the Board of Directors, for the 2019 election, and have been endorsed by the Board of Directors.

After approaching the current membership for nominations, and having no interest from the current gardeners, the wait listed gardeners were approached and offered the chance at a plot in return for service to the board. All new board members who are standing election from the waitlist shall serve on the board for a minimum of two (2) years, in order to retain a plot in the garden of their choice, or a space on that gardens waitlist, if a plot is not immediately available.

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President: Carley Fitzpatrick (2 year term)

Vice President: Susan Brennan (1 year term)

Secretary: Shannon Miller* (1 year term)

Directors at Large:

Joel Weiss*(1 year term)

Molly Horton * (2 year term - Garden coordinator liaison)

Ainsley Erickson* (1 year term)

Madeline Boscoe* (2 year term)

Sharon Davis is the **Treasurer** by acclamation, and her term will expire in 2021

MOTION: to elect the above slate of candidates to the NSCGS Board of directors for the terms as outlined above.

Moved by Susan Brennan, seconded by Tracy Jeffrey.

All in favour, motion **CARRIED**

8. Adjournment (Susan Brennan)

Thank you to the garden coordinators, who truly are the ones who keep the gardens running, and sometimes have a thankless job! Thank you everyone for supporting your garden coordinators, and for attending the meeting tonight. Everyone's input is sincerely appreciated and we hope the dialogue and communication can keep going and growing!

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting for 2019 at 8:15 pm

- Moved by Carley Fitzpatrick, seconded by Dianna Allen.
- All in favour, motion **CARRIED**