



Annual General Meeting Minutes

7:12pm, Tuesday Feb. 11, 2020

Seymour Heights Elementary School

2640 Carnation Street

North Vancouver, BC CANADA

Board members in attendance: Carley Fitzpatrick, Susan Brennan, Shannon Miller, Sharon Davis, Molly Horton, Joel Weiss

Regrets: Madeline Boscoe, Ainsley Erickson

Total number of voting members present: 108

1. Welcome comments and approval of 2019 AGM minutes (Carley Fitzpatrick)

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Quorum for our membership was achieved.

Apologies for the mix-up with the AGM venue.

Thank you remarks to:

City of North Vancouver

District of North Vancouver

MOTION: that the minutes of the 2019 AGM be approved and accepted.
moved by Isabel Howells, seconded by Heidi Jacobs

2. Review of annual report (Carley Fitzpatrick)

- 2019 was yet another wonderful growing season in many ways! Please see the Annual Report for further details. The society really values input from the membership. 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.
- This year, NSCGS was awarded the Living City Award by the City of North Vancouver. Thank you to Chandra Lesmeister with the City and Cristina Rucci with the District for their support!
- Gravel projects were successful, they had great turnouts and the gardens look beautiful. Until recently we've been raising funds on an as-needed basis. As we build out our planning document, the Board has decided to rename it the "Repairs & Maintenance Report" instead of "Depreciation Report" to make it more relevant and clear to members.

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- The compost bin replacement project at Queen Mary garden: Great work, everyone who participated! The Coordinators were helpful in organizing the project beforehand, too. We wanted to send out a special thank you to the Coordinators and the volunteers.
- On a less positive note, the North Shore Neighbourhood House is slated for redevelopment. Charros will be affected and may have to be relocated. The Board invited a Councillor from the City of North Vancouver to the garden to walk through and discuss. We are also asking members to contact the City with letters to show support for Charros.
- Annual reminder to all members to continue to help out with the maintenance. Community means being active in your individual plot and the bigger garden space overall.

MOTION: that the annual report be accepted as presented.

moved by Joanne Wilson, seconded by Lori Munro

Thank you to outgoing Coordinators - \$25 gift cards for each: Norma, Ieva, and Debbie

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

See Treasurer's Report outlined in the 2019 Annual Report posted on the website. Hopefully everyone has already had a chance to review.

Question: Regarding the opening balance for Queen Mary garden, the amount was XXX and expenditures were XXX so why are the closing amounts not working out?

Answer: If you add on the amounts received and deduct the expenses, it does work out. For example, the gravel project this year was expensive.

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 2019 be accepted.

moved by Dianna Allen seconded by Sylvia Cromack

4. Thank you to our outgoing Board members (Carley Fitzpatrick)

Carley Fitzpatrick is stepping down as President and from the board. Joel Weiss and Ainsley Erickson stepped down as directors.

Thank you to all for all your hard work!

5. Election of Officers (Carley Fitzpatrick)

President: Susan Brennan (Filling the second half of Carley's 2 year term, term will expire in 2021).

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Vice President: Madeline Boscoe (2 year term, position up for election in 2022).

Secretary: Shannon Miller (2 year term, position up for election in 2022).

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

Molly Horton is **Garden Coordinator Liaison**, and her term will expire in 2021.

Director (2 year term, up for election in 2022): Lori Monroe (Replacing Ainsley)

Director (1 year term, up for election in 2021): Sylvia Cromack (Filling Madeline's term)

All except Sharon and Molly who are on to their second year in the position should be elected by acclamation.

No further nominations from the floor.

MOTION: that the proposed officers for 2020 be accepted.

moved by Tracy Jeffery, seconded by Susan Brennan

6. Other items submitted by gardeners prior to meeting or from the floor

- **Question regarding Charros:** If the garden does close down, could current members move to the top of other NSCGS gardens' waitlists?
Response from Carley: That hasn't been considered by the Board as the plan is to have an alternate site in place by then. We anticipate it will be a fair amount of time before we would need to vacate.
- **Response from original question:** Waitlists are very long in nearby gardens. Perhaps the Board could consider some way to accommodate those who've already been active members in Charros garden?
Response from Carley: Board can discuss options in the coming year.
- **Question:** Queen Mary had a previously approved section to expand into - could we use that as an alternate for Charros?
Response from Carley: Parent Advisory Council blocked us from doing that at the time, but could explore now that the new PAC is in place.

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

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.
