



NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
June 11, 2022 – 8:45 am to 9:45 am
Inn on Prince, Truro
Hosted by Central District 3

Minutes

1. Call to Order
Kathy d'Entremont called the meeting to order at 8.55am and welcomed everyone
2. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum: Secretary
Attendance of delegates was noted as they arrived for the meeting and picked up their voting cards. 31/53 clubs were represented
3. Adoption of Agenda
Michele Stevens motioned to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Bibiane Lessard. Approved.
4. Minutes of June 8, 2019 Annual General Meeting.
Although the minutes for 2019 were attached, Kathy d'Entremont pointed out that the previous AGM had, in fact, been held via Zoom in 2021. Kathy read the minutes of that meeting. Pamela MacLean motioned to approve the minutes, as read. Seconded by Brenda Grasser. Approved.
A motion was then made by Pamela to amend the Agenda to reflect the fact that the most recent meeting minutes were from 2021, not 2019. Seconded by Deb Bowes-Lyon. Approved.
5. President's report
Kathy d'Entremont presented her report (as below)
6. Treasurer's Report and Financials (Previously shared)
In the absence of the Treasurer, Ginny Blayney presented the Financial report.
Pamela MacLean mentioned that there was an error in the calculations under General Expenses in the 22-23 Budget. Total General expenses should be \$300, not \$200.
Discussion: A member asked whether any grants had been applied for. Deb Bowes-Lyon answered that the only sizable expense that the Association had had over the past year had been for the Website Development, and there were no grants available at that time for this exact use.
Anne Gratton motioned to approve the Financial reports, as amended. Seconded by Cathy Newton. Approved.
7. Nominations
Pamela MacLean presented the Nominations Committee report:
Board
Chair: Kathy d'Entremont
Vice Chair: Deborah Bowes-Lyon

Past Chair: Pamela MacLean
Nomination Chair: Pamela MacLean
Secretary: Ginny Blayney
Treasurer: Susan Hazelwood
Tags and Seals: Susan Hazelwood
Website Content: Susan Hazelwood
Historian: Dixie Cress
Plant GiveAway: Geoff MacDonald
Photo Contest: Sharon Bryson
Newsletter Editor: Emily Walker
Awards: Pamela MacLean

District Directors:

District 1 Cape Breton: Glynis Thomas
District 2 Eastern: Anne Gratton
District 3 Central North: **Vacant**
District 3 Central South: **Vacant**
District 4 Halifax: Nancy MacCara
District 5 Valley: Melissa Weir
District 6 South Shore: **Vacant**
District 7 Western: **Vacant**

When asking for any nominations from the floor, Michele Stevens was proposed for the position of District Director for District 6 by Sue Gilmour and seconded by Evelyn Snyder. Approved.

Pamela motioned to approve the slate of Board and Directors, including the addition. Seconded by Darlene Hart. Approved

8. New Business

The Mahone Bay club brought up the issue that they had had with their NSAGC giveaway plants. They had a lot of trouble getting them to grow, as the plants were so small when they arrived. Bibiane Lessard mentioned that her club had had similar problems. Sharon Bryson noted that these Balloon Flower plants were notoriously slow growing and difficult. Arthur Haskins suggested that we request some tips from the suppliers if all future plants were to be supplied in this format.

On the flip side, Liz Hill said that she and her club had had great success with the plants.

9. 2023 Convention – Hosted by Halifax District 4

Pamela MacLean spoke about the 2023 Convention: It's taking place on 3rd and 4th June at Mt. St. Vincent's University. Student residences will be available for convenient and affordable accommodations. The November Newsletter will contain the registration form.

10. Door Prize

Daylily named 'The Fiddler', in memory of Emily Tuck, was won by Jane Swallow.

11. Adjournment – Pamela Maclean moved to adjourn.



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A G E N D A

12. Call to Order
13. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum: Secretary
14. Adoption of Agenda
15. Minutes of June 8, 2019 Annual General Meeting (attachment)
16. President's report
17. Treasurer's Report and Financials (attachments)
18. Nominations (attachment): Pamela MacLean
19. New Business
20. 2023 Convention – Hosted by District 4
21. Door Prize
22. Adjournment



**Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Louis Millett Community Centre, New Minas
Hosted by Valley, District 5
June 8, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Pamela MacLean called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Susan Hazelwood explained that the purpose of the vote card is to count clubs as being present during roll call to establish a quorum for the meeting and for voting on motions. Two vote cards per club are issued. She then asked for a show of hands from the voting representatives from each of the clubs and declared a quorum (roll call attached).

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt Agenda: Eleanor Smith
Seconded: Donna Marshall
Motion Carried

4. Minutes of June 2, 2018 Annual General Meeting

Motion to adopt Minutes of June 2, 2018 Annual General Meeting as distributed: Arthur Haskins
Seconded: Susan Norris
Motion Carried

5. Treasurer's Report – Janet Simpson (read by Susan Hazelwood) – report attached.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Sue Gilmore
Seconded: Linda Kanne
Motion Carried

6. Reports

- a) **President** –Pamela MacLean – report attached.
- b) **Photo Contest** – Betty Anne Cameron – report attached.
- c) **Newsletter and Facebook** – Ann Jones – report attached.

- d) **Plant Give Away** – Jamie MacLellan, co-chair, explained the logistics of the plant sale (attached). Geoff MacDonald, co-chair, presented the report (attached).

Motion to accept all of the reports as presented: Marilyn Johnston
Seconded: Kathy Harvie
Motion Carried

7. **Nominations** – Vicki Willis – report attached.

Moved by Vicki Willis that nominations cease.
Seconded: Ann Jones
Motion Carried

8. **New Business**

- a) Arthur Haskins noted that clubs are looking for Programs. He asked if Paul Despres would send out the contests that were presented at the convention to the clubs. Paul agreed to do so.
- b) It was asked what the plans are for the web site given that there is no web master at this time. Pamela responded that the hope is that the Secretary will be able to keep the documents on the site current. We are working on a new web design and getting a web master to replace Paul Despres.

9. **2020 Convention** – Kathy Harvie – report attached.

10. **Door Prize**

The door prize was a tree peony. The winner of the door prize for attending the AGM was Laura Reddick.

11. **Adjournment**

Pamela asked that someone move that the meeting adjourn.

Moved by: Sue Gilmore

Recorded by Susan Hazelwood, NSAGC Secretary

President's Report, NSAGC AGM
Saturday, June 11, 2022

Good morning and thank you all for attending the 2022 AGM of the NS Association of Garden Clubs; the first in-person one since 2019. Thank you to the delegates for representing your clubs so that we may have a quorum for completing the voting process.

The past two and ½ years have been challenging, to say the least. Clubs have struggled with membership, and a few have decided not to rejoin the NSAGC. Hopefully, this is just a temporary measure until they can get re-established.

A common theme reported by Garden clubs across the province is that members are not stepping up to participate in executive and committee roles. Instead, they are relying on a small handful of people to constantly reinvent themselves. The clubs need fresh faces with new ideas to avoid stagnation.

As a reflection of the situation with provincial garden clubs, the NSAGC is also faced with low participation. It is becoming more and more difficult to find willing candidates, primarily for the District Director positions. I cannot emphasize enough how important their role is in keeping the clubs connected. It is not a demanding job but, none the less, provides a major link between the clubs and the NSAGC.

Without District Directors, the NSAGC structure will be forced to change, and I don't know what impact that may have on how we are able to support the garden clubs. So please, I implore you, volunteer.

We all think that we haven't much to offer but, as JFK so famously stated; "Every person can make a difference, and every person should try."

To continue, on a positive note; we have also seen progress during the pandemic. This year, we launched our fresh new website at nsagc.com! It isn't perfect, yet, and we welcome your feedback to help us improve.

Our NSAGC Facebook page has grown to 14,572 members, last time I checked. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all those folks joined their local garden club?

2022 is the "Year of the Garden", and justifiably so, with the Canadian Garden Council reporting nearly 83% of Canadian households tended some form of a garden in 2021. How encouraging is that?

To kick off my second year as your chairperson, I intend to thoroughly enjoy every moment of this convention and fully appreciate what we have all overcome to be here today. I hope you do too!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy d'Entremont

Financial Reports

Balance Sheet - As of 2022-03-31

Account	2022-03-31 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Interest /Savings	10,066.85
Chequing	7,959.73
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	18,026.58
Other Assets	
Tags & Seals Inventory	1,564.20
TOTAL Other Assets	1,564.20
TOTAL ASSETS	19,590.78
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Unearned Dues-Affiliates	200.00
Unearned Dues-Garden Clubs	5,549.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,749.00
EQUITY	13,841.78

Budget 2022-2023

Category	Budget
INCOME	
Income from Activities	
Newsletter Advertising	100.00
Sales of Surplus Plants	3,000.00
Sales of Tags & Seals	100.00
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TOTAL Income from Activities	3,200.00
Other Income	
Affiliated Garden Club Dues	200.00
Garden Club Dues	6,000.00
Interest	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
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TOTAL Other Income	6,220.00
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TOTAL INCOME	9,420.00
EXPENSES	
General Expenses	
Awards	200.00
Plant Give Away	3,000.00
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TOTAL Future Projects	3,200.00
Newsletter	50.00
Photo Contest	250.00
Provincial Gardening Week	0.00
Tags & Seals	0.00
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TOTAL General Expenses	200.00
Meeting Expenses	
Board Meetings	1,500.00
Executive Expenses (printing, postage, gas, handbook)	250.00
Gas Expense	200.00
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TOTAL Expenses	1,950.00
Office Expenses	
Bank Charges	100.00
Incidentals (printing, postage, etc.)	50.00
Insurance	1,400.00
Joint Stock	32.00

Website Expense	1,000.00	
TOTAL Office Expenses	2,582.0	
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,032.00	
PROFIT (LOSS)	1,388.00	-

NSAGC Chequing Account:	
April 1 2021 opening balance	\$11,426.58
Income, Assessments \$4,029 (cheques)	5537.00
\$1,508 (e transfers)	
Insurance rebate	267.00
Sub total \$17,230.58	
Expenses, bank fee	47.10
E transfers	7.50
Plants for membership	2,289.83
2020 and 2021 insurance	2,676.00
Meetings Fall 2021	798.32
Meeting 2019	555.46
Thank you to retiring board members	225.00
Web site	2,603.04
Miscellaneous	148.60
Sub total \$8,350.85	
March 31, 2022 Balance	\$7,959.73

NSAGC Savings Account:	
April 1 2021 opening balance	\$10,066.71
Income, bank interest	20.14
Bank charges	20.00
March 31, 2022 Balance	\$10,066.85

Profit & Loss Comparison

Category	Last Year	Budget	Current
INCOME			
Income from Activities			
Newsletter Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales of Surplus Plants	104.00	0.00	0.00
Sales of Tags & Seals	22.60	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL Income from Activities	126.60	0.00	0.00
Other Income			
Affiliated Garden Club Dues	0.00	300.00	200.00
Garden Club Dues	0.00	6,600.00	5,549.00
Interest	59.99	20.00	20.14
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	267.00
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TOTAL Other Income	186.59	6,920.00	6,036.14
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TOTAL INCOME	186.59	6,920.00	6,036.14
EXPENSES			
General Expenses			
Awards	200.00	200.00	225.00
Plant Give Away	3,220.00	3,200.00	2,289.83
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TOTAL Future Projects	3,420.00	3,400.00	2,514.83
Newsletter	0.00	50.00	46.00
Photo Contest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provincial Gardening Week	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tags & Seals	22.60	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL General Expenses	22.60	50.00	46.00
Meeting Expenses			
Board Meetings	0.00	1,500.00	1,472.02
Executive Expenses (printing, postage, gas, handbook)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL Expenses	3,442.60	1,500.00	1,472.02
Office Expenses			
Bank Charges	70.00	100.00	74.74
Incidentals (printing, postage, etc.)	0.00	50.00	0.00
Insurance	1,030.00	1,250.00	1,334.00
Joint Stock	31.15	31.10	31.15

Website Expense	200.00	60.00	2,694.14
TOTAL Office Expenses	1,331.15	1,291.15	4,134.03
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,773.75	6,691.15	8,166.88
PROFIT (LOSS)	-4,587.16	228.85	-2,130.74

Note: Covid-19 had an impact on the financial situation. No dues were collected for 2021-2022. There was no plant sale in 2021-2022, but there will be income from plant sales in 2022-2023 which should be greater than the loss noted above.