
Nepean Allotment Garden Association Annual General Meeting

April 22, 2017, 1:00 p.m., Tanglewood Community Centre

41 members present

Call to order: 1:05 p.m.

1. Welcome and introduction of board members – Mike Chebbo

2015/2016 Executive Committee:

Mike Chebbo (Chair)

Abdallah Anani (Director at Large)

Amanda Lancaster (Vice Chair)

Jim Koss (Director at Large)

Benson Kwan (Treasurer)

Vince Comunale (Director at Large)

Michele McMillan (Secretary)

Ron Rogers (Director at Large)

Dengi Wang (Maintenance Director)

2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting - Michele McMillan

Michele briefly went over last year's minutes from the handout.

Motion to accept 2016 minutes: 1-Susan Green; 2-Albert Disipio; Motion passed.

3 - Director's Reports

3.1 Chairperson's Report: Mike Chebbo

- We didn't get any city compost this year because another community garden claimed it all first. The city does not have as much organic material as the green bin organic material.
- Condolences to the friends and families of Kaz Senkowski, Denis St-Jean (late husband of Mary, past registrar), and Lee Coates.
- There were 4-5 gardeners who lost their plots due to neglect, but people kept good care of their plots overall
- \$3,000 surplus from last year (only reason is that we did not bring the compost, which is expensive and we did not have a lot of maintenance costs, no one broke into the sheds or caused damage last year - we were lucky.
- Our lease agreement expired March 31, 2017 so Amanda signed a new agreement for the next 5 years.
- Mike Chebbo and Benson Kwan are stepping down from the board.
- Ron Elmer kindly offered to donate a laptop to the NAGA board, if it was required

3.2 Treasurer's Report: Benson Kwan

- 2016 - we have good numbers. Benson went over the budget report, which was handed out to all members in attendance.

3.3 Registrar's Report: Amanda Lancaster

- We lost Paty from the board last year but the new registrar declined the board position, so Paty acted as registrar all year last year. Amanda Lancaster, Brian Martin, and Pamela Gleeson have worked together on this year's registration. A huge thank-you to all of you for your hard work!

3.4 Plot Patrollers' Report: Ron Rogers -

- Ron indicated that there were fewer problems this time around. He said that one time only, he sent out an infraction letter to a gardener in error because the staking we have in place is not very clear. Thus, we have plans to repaint the number onto the stakes to ensure that everyone knows where their plots are and so no other letters are sent in error. He said that almost everyone responded to their letter of correction by improving their gardening habits. Things get better every year.
 - One woman grows nettles and some children got hurt on them, so it was been suggested that we add nettles to the list of prohibited plants. Ron mentioned that he doesn't know if that's the best way to proceed since nobody should be in anyone else's plot anyway. No changes have been made on the inspection criteria. The inspectors are very understanding if someone has health issues, etc. Let them know and we may even find someone to help out temporarily.
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4. Election and/or re-election of Directors

Motion to re-elect directors that have agreed to stay for another term: 1-Mike Chebbo 2 -Joseph Assaad; Motion passed.

Motion to elect Amanda Lancaster as new Chair: 1-Mike Chebbo; 2-Michele McMillan; Motion passed.

Motion to elect Ruth Qi as new Treasurer; 1 - Benson Kwan 2- Mike Chebbo; Motion passed.

Motion to elect Brian Martin and Pamela Gleeson as the new Registrars (It was decided that is it a lot of work and therefore better to divide between two people) - 1- Amanda Lancaster 2- Albert Disipio; Motion passed.

2017/18 Board of directors:

Chairperson: Amanda Lancaster

Abdallah Anani (Director at Large)

Registrars: Brian Martin and Pamela Gleeson

Vince Comunale (Director at Large)

Treasurer: Ruth Qi

Jim Koss (Director at Large)

Secretary: Michele McMillan

Ron Rogers (Director at Large)

Maintenance Director: Dengi Wang

5. Review of rules on amendments, composting, garbage, and headlands - composting on plot, take garbage home, cannot leave anything on headlands and must keep headlands trimmed. Also, if you are going to be adding to your plot (i.e. a truck load of mushroom compost), we need to give a spec sheet to submit to the city.

6. Food bank donations, food bank plot - Ron Rogers organized this last year. We decided to make one plot (A3) into a food bank plot this year so all are welcome to help out with the weeding and watering. There is the potential for us to be donating more than we are donating. Contact Ron Rogers in person or via e-mail for more information. Michele suggested that we mark the plot in a special way to remind people that it is the food bank plot and to help care for the plot.

7. Perennial communal shrubs - We got \$600 reimbursement from the hydro company for damaging some of our trees. We will set up two spots to plant Saskatoon berries, elderberries, currants, etc. When the plants come we will be putting out a call to help plant them.

8. Spring clean up April 29, 2017 at 9 a.m. - noon. If it's raining hard it will be moved to the Sunday. We will be cleaning up, putting new numbers on the plot stakes. Amanda will bring coffee and Timbits to the clean up. It was suggested that we should put in metal markers instead of the wooden markers. We don't have time to do it over the next 3 weeks but we'll look into it as a possibility for next year.

9. Winter storage area / pallet clean up - June 17, 9 a.m.-noon. Amanda has rented two dumpsters for this day. Gardeners were reminded to remove all items from the winter storage area before this date and will be reminded again before the date via e-mail and a note on the board. All remaining items may be disposed.

10. Garden expansion project - We are looking into building another box or two this year for use next year. Also, we are looking to know who has what in terms of the area that Lee Coats build. The board will create a new chart.

11. Re-investment of \$5,000 into term deposits/GIC

Motion to continue to invest this amount for another term. 1-Bill Nye. 2 - Louis Ingratta Motion passed.

12. Proposed budget for 2017

Motion to accept the 2017/18 budget. 1-Ron Elmer 2-Mike Chebbo. Motion passed.

13. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn 1-Louis Ingratta; 2-Mike Chebbo; Motion passed.
