Minutes
gardenKitchener AGM
January 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm
via Zoom

Call to Order and Welcome by President Andrea Gagne

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for 2022 (posted on the website)
- No errors or omissions noted
- MOTION: to accept the Minutes as posted. Moved by Joan Tracey; Seconded by Jeannette Makad; carried

President's Message – Review of the 2023 Achievements:
- 2023 was a great year; had a return to in-person events
- Events – Seedy Saturday, Bulb & Plant Sale, Plant Swap, Seminars/Workshops
- Seminars – split between in-person and online
- All planned garden tours happened – 3 garden tours with 12 properties
- 5 in-person workshops
- Membership increased to pre-Covid levels, up to 503 from 250 in 2022
- If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board contact gardenKitchener
- We had fantastic weather which impacted many things
- Continued progress on the Woodland Hillside
- Thank you to long time Board member Catherine Owens who retired in 2023

Reports
1. Treasurer's Report for the 2023 reporting year – full report available on the website
   - 2023 was a Covid recovery year for gardenKitchener
   - Woodland Hillside project (5-year plan) – total spent to date $9,210; grants from outside sources $6,620; KHS has allocated $5,000 to the initial stages
   - gardenKitchener: income $32,152, expenses $25,570; a one-time expense of $6,088 for new lighting for the Rockway Garden House. May bulb sale was a financial success $8,157. Program expenses $5,915
   - Rockway Gardens: income $270,444, expenses $260,803. Aggressive control of watering plus reain resulted in water cost of $2,834 vs $21,000 in 2022. Hydro was underbudget. Maintenance cost was $2,181 on a $1,000 budget
   - Bank Account balance at December 31, 2023 = $177,095, AP = $45,942
   - Investment account balance at December 31, 2023 = $242,643.15

2. Rockway Report – full report on website
   - Issues with a rat destroying plant starts grown by Rockway's head gardener Karin in the greenhouse lean-to attached to the back of the Garden House
   - Production was up to two months behind by the time the rat was caught and relocated
   - The Carpet bed plants were almost all destroyed; Jill Anderson (retired employee of the City of Windsor) contacted the City of Windsor Horticulture department and they donated some of their stock plants which allowed Rockway to complete the Honeybee design for the Carpetbed.
   - Incorporated edibles into the garden designs; produce donated to local organizations
   - Woodland Hillside (5-year project started in 2022) – 12 trees planted this year; when complete will have (from east to west) an alpine garden, tree section, native meadow, with fruit trees and shrubs at the base of the hill

- MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report and Rockway Report. Moved by Jeannette Makad, seconded by Bonita Hansra; carried

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws – sent to members via email on October 25, 2023
- Revised and updated wording for clarity, to align with the OHA Act, and to comply with changes to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)
- No revision suggested
- MOTION: to accept the proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Moved by Richard Derks, seconded by P.J. Gagne; carried

Election of Officers
- Conducted by Chrstine Webb, President of District 19
- Christine thanked the 2023 Board members, then dissolved the Board and declared all position vacant
- Call for Nominations x 3; nominations closed
- Slate of Board members elected:
    - Executive
        - President: Andrea Gagne
        - Past President: Maureen Gallagher
        - Vice President: Bonita Hansra
        - Secretary: Joan Tracey
        - Treasurer: Maureen Gallagher
    - Board Members — Anita Hansra, Bruce MacNeil, Debbie Chapman (Ward 9 Councillor), Jeannette Makad, Joan Tracey, Julie Aubie, P.J. Gagne, Richard Derks

Participants: 25 logins (26 people)

MOTION to adjourn at 7:27 pm
Moved by Maryanne Weiler, seconded by Bruce MacNeil; carried

Respectfully submitted
Joan Tracey, Secretary

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Presentation:
　　　Healing Plants
　　　Karin Davidson-Taylor, School Programs Officer, RBG