

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES OF PARKDALE & TORONTO

Monday, November 30, 2020
Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting
Online Zoom Meeting

Ron Charlemagne chaired the meeting and welcomed members.
Barbara O'Malley represented the OHA.

Call to Order: Ron Charlemagne called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Ron Charlemagne spoke the Land Acknowledgement, and welcomed Barbara O'Malley from District 15, Ontario Horticultural Association.

Announcements:

Ron appealed for a volunteer to take on the Membership Coordinator position. It could be 2 or 3 people to split the work load. If interested, contact membership@parkdaletorontohort.com
Any members with lapsed memberships please renew.

Report on Quorum: The number of members present online was counted by visible names signed in to Zoom, and quorum was confirmed. (The required number for a quorum is 20.)

Additions to / Approval of the Agenda:

- Peter Iveson noted how the newsletter is changed. It is now a smaller, Bulletin format sent out by email.
- Barbara Japp moved to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Judy Whalen. Carried.

Approval of the November 25, 2019 AGM Minutes: Judy Whalen moved to approve the Minutes and was seconded by Barbara Japp. Carried.

President's Report — Ron Charlemagne:

Ron thanked everyone and acknowledged the honour of being president.

He talked about how this year has been so affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, especially since so many of our events have a social basis. In concern for our members' health we took an early stance and stopped in-person activities. Although we had to cancel the Plant Fair, we moved our general meetings to online Zoom connections. He challenged us to reply to the pandemic with "What can we give?" reminding us how important horticulture - growing plants and vegetables - is in our community.

(President's report is attached.)

Acceptance of the President's Report: Barbara Japp moved to accept the President's Report and was seconded by Judy Whalen. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Emieke Geldof:

Financially, this has been a very different year. The Plant Fair, our mayor fund raiser, was cancelled. Another change was that we had fewer requests for funding from our Community Gardens (4 instead of the 10 from last year). We were able to support Kathy's Garden and there are funds for it to carry over to next year. In summary we had total income of \$6,532.41, total expenses of \$6,039.28, leaving a profit of +/- \$500.00. Membership has gone down a little. We were at 176, we are now at 130 members.

We have a healthy reserve fund, which is our contingency fund in case we make less or spend more than expected.

The financial details were mounted on screen while Emieke spoke.

Thank you to this year's financial reviewers Ingrid Whittaker and Patty McKnight, who reviewed the financials for the year of October 1, 2019 through to September 31, 2020.

(Treasurer's report is attached.)

Appointment of Financial Auditors: Ann Wong and Mary Mosser have kindly offered to be next year's financial reviewers and will therefore be reviewing the financial statements from October 1, 2020 through to September 31, 2021 once completed.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and the reviewed financials for the year of October 1, 2019 through to September 31, 2020:

Carey Robertson moved to approve the Financial Report and was seconded by Anne Karpynczyk. Carried. No virtual hands were raised in opposition.

Handover of virtual gavel to Barbara O'Malley, Assistant Director District 15, OHA:

Message from the OHA: they send their greetings and congratulations on a successful year. Barbara O'Malley opened the elections and asked if anyone from the membership would like to add their names to the slate. She asked three times, no one came forward.

Elections of the 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors:

New Nominations: Annelies Groen.

Board Members Re-Standing at the 2020 AGM for 2021/22 for Another 2-Year Term: Ron Charlemagne.

Board Members Completing the Second Year of their 2-Year Term (2019, 2020): Emieke Geldof, Clement Kent, Barbara Japp, Helen Vorster, Judy Whalen.

Installation: The board voiced their willingness to be directors and the membership accepted the slate of directors. There were no objections either from a hand raised or from chat.

Handover of virtual gavel to Ron Charlemagne who thanked Barb O'Malley and closed out the meeting.

Adjournment of the 2019 AGM: Clement Kent made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Patty McKnight.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Vorster.