ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
District 2 Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2015
Petawawa Civic Centre, Petawawa, Ontario
Host: Pembroke & Petawawa Horticultural Societies

1. **Call to Order**: 1:00 p.m. The District 2 Director, Kathryn Lindsay, called the meeting to order and welcomed OHA D2 Society members and OHA guests.

2. **Approval of AGM Agenda**:
   Motion: Lori Ray, Pakenham, seconded by Sharon Mahussier, Madawaska Valley that the AGM Agenda be accepted. Carried

3. Singing of O Canada

4. Penny Stewart, Director, District 3, thanked the hosts for the venue, brought greetings from the OHA President and Board of Directors. She also reported that D2 had over 25,000 volunteer hours. She thanked all volunteers from D2 and Societies. The OHA is focusing on youth – the next generation – they are our future. The OHA is taking a strong stance on the use of neonicotinoids pesticides and is encouraging our members to check with their garden centres if these pesticides are being used before purchasing plants. The OHA convention is being held in Lancaster on July 3-5, 2015. Garden Ontario week is 3rd week of June – week.gardenontario.org for more information.

5. **Roll Call of Societies** - There were a total of 126 registrants.

9	Almonte	3	Madawaska Valley	5	Perth & District
8	Beachburg	7	Manotick	15	Petawawa
2	Carleton Place & District	3	Nepean	1	Smiths Falls
3	Deep River	6	Ottawa	4	Stittsville-Goulbourn
7	Eganville	8	OV Rock Garden	7	West Carleton
2	Greater Ottawa Water Garden	5	Pakenham		
6	Kanata March	25	Pembroke		

District Director: Kathryn Lindsay; Assistant District Director and Acting Secretary: Linda Bartlett
Absent: Karen Haddon, Treasurer. Joanne Jackson, Assistant District Director, Sheila King, Assistant District Director

6. **In Memoriam** – Kathryn Lindsay presented the tribute to those who had passed on within the last year.
   Carleton Place & District: Ted Sheinfield, Donald MacPhail; both members for more than 25 years
   Deep River: Paul Morel
   Madawaska Valley: David Newing, Stan Suter
   Manotick: Joan Bakker
   Nepean: Gail Keeffee, John Manchester, Clarence McLaren, Lois Froh
   Ottawa: Virginia Peck
   Pakenham: Dorothy Reid
   Pembroke: Bernice Fraser, Evelyn Gehlert
   Petawawa: Gordon Strathy, Irene Lemke
   Stittsville-Goulbourn: Ron Mayberry

Pembroke Horticultural Society and Kathryn Lindsay presented an award in memory of Gord Strathy, who passed away in March of this year, to his daughter.

7. **Approval of Previous AGM Minutes**:
   Motion - Jamie Robertson, Ottawa, seconded by Alison Whitlock, Manotick that the minutes of the April 5, 2014 District 2 AGM be accepted as recorded. Carried

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Linda Bartlett presented highlights from the 2014-15 Financial Report and Interim Budget Report as given to the D2 exec by Karen Haddon, Treasurer.

Bank Balances as of December 31, 2014:

Investments	$ 5,047.27
Bank Account / Cash on Hand	$ 6,184.62
	$11,231.89

Income & Expenses Account:

Total Income 2014	$ 1,583.83
Total Expense 2013	$ 2,758.26
Net Income (Loss)	$(1,174.43)

Bookkeeping Notes for 2014:

- Accounts reflect January 1 through December 31, 2014 to coincide with OHA's financial year end.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Madeline Archer, Perth, and seconded by Keith Collins**.** Carried

Motion by David Archer, Perth and seconded by Brian Carson, OVRGS, to ratify the appointment of Jane Anderson & Margot Belanger as our 2015 Financial Reviewers. Carried

9. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** None

10. **New Business:** None

11. **Announcements**: Kathryn Lindsay presented 90th Anniversary Certificate to the Pakenham Horticultural Society

12. **District 2 Service Award**: To Jeff Blackadar presented by Kathryn Lindsay

13. **District 2 Achievement Awards**; presented by Kathryn Lindsay to Societies for:
    - Attaining the highest percentage of new members in 2014 at 34%
      Kanata-March Horticultural Society
    - Recruiting the highest number of new members in 2014 at 65
      Ottawa Horticultural Society
    - Contributing the highest number of volunteer hours per member in 2014 at 32.2
      Manotick Horticultural Society

14. **D2 Trophy**; presented by Kathryn Lyndsay to Pembroke Horticultural Society for highest % increase in adult membership between 2013 and 2014 at 66%.

District Director's Remarks: We have 19 societies, 2,278 members – 26,432 volunteer hours with an average of 11.6 hours per member. Adult membership up/down = 12%; Average new adult members = 16%

Youth members = 199
15.

16. **Election of Officers:** Penny Stewart conducted the election; the following positions were nominated and acclaimed.
    District Director: **Kathryn Lindsay** ~ acclaimed
    Assistant District Director: Rideau Basin – **Sheila King** ~ acclaimed
    Assistant District Director: Ottawa Basin – **Joanne Jackson -** acclaimed
    Assistant District Director: Mississippi Basin – **Linda Bartlett** ~ acclaimed –

    Appointed:
    Acting Secretary: Linda Bartlett – no volunteers stepped forward
    Treasurer: Karen Haddon

    Assistant District Director: At Large: **Vacant**

    We had two nominations for this position:
    – Laurie Graham, nominated by Paul Pietsh and Linda Bartlett.
    – Kathleen Lang, nominated by Hope Bell and Marion Thompson

    We had to go to Vote for the position. Two scrutineers, David Archer and Lori Ray, conducted the vote and proclaimed that Laurie Graham was elected as Assistant District Director at Large.

    The new Board was installed by Penny Stewart, Director, District 3.

17. **2015 Convention Update**: Penny encouraged everyone to attend the OHA Annual convention in Ancaster on July 3-5, 2015.

18. As of this event, we do not have a Society yet to host the D2 Spring Advisory/AGM.

19. Thanks were given to our hosts for the day, Pembroke and Petawawa Horticultural Societies, for their wonderful organization of the day's program, events, vendor's marketplace and guest speakers.

20. **Adjournment:**
    Motion - There being no further business, moved by Jack vanGemeren and seconded by Cheryl Gingras that we adjourn at 2:10 pm. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Bartlett	Kathryn Lindsay
Recording Secretary District 2	District Director