



**ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
District 2 Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2016**

Smiths Falls High School, Smiths Falls, Ontario
Host: Smiths Falls Horticultural Society

1. **Call to Order:** 12:55 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 with addition of Voting Rules:**
Motion: Sharon Mahussier, Madawaska Valley, seconded by Cheryl Gingras, Kanata-March that the AGM Agenda be accepted. Carried
3. Singing of O Canada
4. Charles Freeman, Director, District 1, explained the voting procedure as per the OHA Constitution. OHA constitution dictates that we distribute Yellow Cards for each qualifying vote for each society. There should be the same number of delegates as there are votes. Possible number of votes is 52. When we need to vote, please hold up the yellow cards and they will be counted and results declared.
5. Charles Freeman, Director, District 1, then thanked the hosts for the venue, brought greetings from the OHA President and Board of Directors. The OHA Board and Executive met in March for a weekend of meetings to discuss issues and concerns. **First**, after years of discussion and much planning, we have finally engaged the services of Urban Design & Co to create a **brand new Garden Ontario website for the OHA. Second, GardenOntario Week is back and scheduled for June 11-19, 2016.** Lee Valley has agreed to sponsor GardenOntario Week this year and the Canadian Garden Council will be promoting our OHA events during their Garden Days which are held June 17-19. **Lastly, the OHA will be supporting the Highway of Heroes Project** which involves the planting of 117, 000 trees along Highway 401, between CFB Trenton and Keele Street in Toronto to honour our fallen Canadian soldiers. We will be soliciting donations from interested members, Societies and Districts to help create this living tribute. The OHA will match donations, up to a maximum of \$2,500. Deadline to participate is June 30, 2016. See OHA Highlight report attached to minutes.
6. **Roll Call of Societies** - There were a total of 132 registrants.

6	Almonte	3	Madawaska Valley	7	Perth & District
7	Beachburg	19	Manotick	0	Petawawa
5	Carleton Place & District	4	Nepean	19	Smiths Falls
3	Deep River	9	Ottawa	4	Stittsville-Goulbourn
3	Eganville	7	OV Rock Garden	7	West Carleton
7	Greater Ottawa Water Garden	4	Pakenham		
12	Kanata March	6	Pembroke		

District 2 Board: District Director: Kathryn Lindsay; Assistant District Director- Mississippi River basin and Acting Secretary: Linda Bartlett, Treasurer: Karen Haddon, Sheila King, Assistant District Director- Rideau River Basin, Sharlene Desjardins, Assistant District Director – upper Ottawa River basin, Laurie Graham, Assistant District Director – at large.

7. **In Memoriam** – Kathryn Lindsay lead a two-minute silence to honour our members who passed away since April 2015.

Carleton Place & District: Hank Schappert, Alex Seggi

Deep River: Margaret Elliott

Eganville: Nathalie Warmerdam, Doris Peever, Jim Ferguson

Madawaska Valley: Margaret Sutter

Manotick: Janet Vanzile, Fred Harris. Michael Tyler

Nepean: Alice Ristow (Life Member)

Ottawa: JP Michel, Bruce Laforce, Virginia Peck

Ottawa Valley Rock Garden: Sheila Durnell

Pakenham: Verna Humphries, Retta Barr

Perth: Velma Smith, Stella Fanny Cooke (Life Member)

Smiths Falls: Kathy Willoughby

Stittsville-Goulbourn: Ron Mayberry

8. **Approval of Previous AGM Minutes – April 25, 2015:**

[Motion](#) – Elaine Petermann, Nepean, seconded by Marion Thompson, Deep River that the minutes of the April 5, 2014 District 2 AGM be accepted as recorded. Carried

9. **Treasurer’s Report:** Karen Haddon presented highlights from the 2015 Financial Report.

Bank Balances as of December 31, 2015:

Investments	\$ 5,091.54
Bank Account / Cash on Hand	5,091.54
Judges	569.71
Petty Cash	20.05
	<u>\$10,781.27</u>

Income & Expenses Account:

Total Income 2015	\$ 1,276.92
Total Expense 2015	<u>1,727.54</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (450.62)

Bookkeeping Notes for 2015: Accounts reflect January 1 through December 31, 2015 to coincide with OHA’s financial year end.

[Motion](#) to approve the treasurer’s report by Anne Clark-Stewart, Manotick. Carried

[Motion](#) by Karen Haddon, GOWGHS, to ratify the appointment of David Sissing & Karl Siemens as our 2016 Financial Reviewers. Carried

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

11. **New Business: D2 Constitution Revision.** Kathryn Lindsay explained the revisions being made to the D2 Constitution. Most of the changes were rewritten for clarification. The biggest change was eliminating a spring District 2 Advisory Meeting which was held at the same time as the AGM. There is now only one Advisory Meeting per year with the option to call additional meetings, if needed. A friendly amendment was added to the draft Constitution that Assistant District Directors shall serve no more than 3 consecutive years.

Motion to accept the revisions to the District 2 Constitution as set out in the draft by Kathryn Lindsay, seconded by Cheryl Gingras, Kanata-March. Carried.

District 2 Supplies. Alison Whitlock, who was storing the supplies, has moved away from our district and we need someone to take these supplies. ??? volunteered and arranged with Alison to take the supplies.

12. **Announcements:** Kathryn Lindsay announced the following D2 events:

D2 Summer Flower & Edibles Show

2016 - Perth & District – Saturday August 6, Perth Legion, Perth
2017 – Canada 150th Host TBC

D2 Fall Advisory

2016 – Stittsville-Goulbourn - Saturday, 29 October 2016, 10 am to 3 pm.
Stittsville Legion, 1491 Stittsville Main Street
2017 – Deep River

D2 AGM

2017 – TBC

Inter-District (District 1, 2 and 3) Judging Update

September 24, 2016, Kemptville

13. **District 2 Service Award:** Marion Thompson was presented with the District 2 Service Award by Sheila King.

14. **District 2 Achievement Awards;** presented by Kathryn Lindsay to Societies for:

- Recruiting the highest number of new members in 2015 at 58
Ottawa Horticultural Society
- Contributing the highest number of volunteer hours per member in 2015 at 24.2
Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society
- For highest percentage of new adult members
Almonte & District Horticultural Society
- For highest increase in adult membership
Almonte & District Horticultural Society

15. **D2 Trophy;** presented by Kathryn Lindsay to **Almonte & District HS** for highest % increase in adult membership between 2014 and 2015 at **39%**.

District Director's Remarks: We have 19 Societies; 2,245 adult members; 26,966 volunteer hours; 12.0 VH/member

D2 Executive: 1,052 volunteer hours

Adult membership: +1.9% (Society average), -1.45% overall

New adult members = +0.1%

Youth members = 196

16. **Election of Officers:** _Sheila King conducted the election; the following were nominated and acclaimed -

District Director: **Kathryn Lindsay** ~ acclaimed

Assistant District Director: Rideau River Basin – **Sheila King** ~ acclaimed

Assistant District Director: upper Ottawa River Basin – **Sharlene Desjardins** - acclaimed

Assistant District Director: Mississippi Rive Basin – **Lani Holland** - acclaimed

Assistant District Director: At Large – **James Roberston** - acclaimed

Appointed:

Secretary: Linda Bartlett

Treasurer: Karen Haddon

The new Board was installed by Charles Freeman, Director, District 1 representing the OHA.

Invitation to 2016 OHA Convention – D19 – Kitchener – Theme: Experience the Grand

17. Thanks were given to our hosts for the day, Smiths Falls Horticultural Society, for their wonderful organization of the day's program, events, and guest speakers.

18. **Adjournment:**

Motion - There being no further business, moved by Penny Irwin and seconded by Margot Belanger that we adjourn at 2:00 pm. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bartlett
Recording Secretary District 2

Kathryn Lindsay
District Director