



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
District 2 Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2017

Hosted by Eganville & Area Horticultural Society

Rankin Culture & Recreation Centre, 20 Rankin Rink Rd at Hwy 41, Pembroke

1. **Call to Order:** 11:30 a.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: Pam Duplessis, Pembroke, seconded by Lawrie Barton, Beachburg that the AGM Agenda be accepted. Carried
3. Singing of O Canada
4. **Roll Call of Societies** - There were a total of 122 registrants.

4	Almonte	8	Madawaska Valley	4	Perth & District
8	Beachburg	3	Manotick	6	Petawawa
2	Carleton Place & District	9	Nepean	1	Smiths Falls
5	Deep River	6	Ottawa	2	Stittsville-Goulbourn
26	Eganville	5	OV Rock Garden	10	West Carleton
5	Greater Ottawa Water Garden	2	Pakenham		
5	Kanata March	11	Pembroke		

5. Kathy Lindsay introduced the D2 Executive – Outgoing District Director Kathryn Lindsay, Treasurer Karen Haddon, Secretary Linda Bartlett, Assistant District Director at Large Jamie Robertson, Assistant District Director Ottawa Basin Sharlene Desjardins.
 Absent: Assistant District Director Rideau Basin Sheila King.
 Vacant position: Assistant District Director Mississippi Basin
6. Kathy Lindsay introduced the OHA representative, James Graham, Past Past President. James brought greetings from Suzanne Hannah, President of the OHA . James spoke about getting membership for societies, try different ideas and projects. Garden Ontario Week – June 10-18, 2017. Pollinator Projects – our food source depends on it.
7. **In Memoriam** – Sharlene Desjardins placed a flower in honour of each member of all D2 societies who passed away since April 2016.
Almonte: Peter Goddard, Norma Isobel Paul
Beachburg: Kenneth Fink, Irene Kenney, Eric Stevenson
Eganville: Lauren Clarke
Kanata-March: Sudarshan Khosla, Wayne Stewart
Manotick: Dr. S. Burritt Collins
Nepean: Anne Brown (Life Member, Service Certificate), Zuhair Hassan, Michael Zay
Ottawa: Joan Elise Bates, Mary Milton, Catherine Montgomery, Bill Peacock, Joe Sanders
Pakenham: Rhetta Barr

Pembroke: Evelyn Whittle
Perth: Sue Dwyer
Petawawa: Brenda TerMarsch

8. **Approval of Previous AGM Minutes – April 23, 2016:**
[Motion](#) – Kathleen Lang (Smiths Falls), seconded by Anne Clark-Stewart (Manotick) that the minutes of the April 23, 2016 District 2 AGM be accepted as recorded. Carried
9. **Treasurer’s Report:** Karen Haddon presented highlights from the 2017 Financial Report.

Bank Balances as of December 31, 2016:

Investments	\$ 5,112.63
Bank Account / Cash on Hand	4,894.22
Judges	669.71
Petty Cash	<u>86.15</u>
	\$10,762.71

Income & Expenses Account:

Total Income 2016	\$ 1,360.32
Total Expense 2016	<u>1,377.55</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (18.56)

Bookkeeping Notes for 2016: Accounts reflect January 1 through December 31, 2016 to coincide with OHA’s financial year end.

[Motion](#) to approve the treasurer’s report by Jane Anderson, Manotick and seconded by Jane Lundt, Ottawa Valley Rock Garden. Carried

The financial reviewers from 2016, David Sissing & Karl Siemens resigned from the position for 2017. An appeal was made to the floor for 2 new financial reviewers for 2017. Anne Clark-Stewart & Jane Anderson volunteered to be the financial reviewers for 2017.

[Motion](#) by Donna Christie, West Carleton and Helen Halpenny, Almonte to ratify the appointment of Anne Clark-Stewart & Jane Anderson, both from Manotick, as our 2017 Financial Reviewers. Carried

Note: After the elections, Anne Clark-Stewart was elected as an Assistant District Director so she stepped down from the position of financial reviewer and was replaced by Brian Carson, Manotick.

[Motion](#) by Karen Haddon, GOWGHS, and seconded by Brian Haddon, GOWGHS, to ratify the appointment of Jane Anderson & Brian Carson, both from Manotick, as our 2017 Financial Reviewers. Carried

10. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** None
11. **New Business: D2 Constitution Revision.** Kathryn Lindsay explained the addition of Clause #11 – Indemnification of Directors and Officers to the D2 Constitution.
[Motion](#) to accept the addition of the Indemnity Clause to the District 2 Constitution as set out in the draft by Jamie Robertson, Ottawa, seconded by Madeline Archer, Perth. Carried.

[Motion](#) to indemnify outgoing D2 2016 Executive by Kathleen Lang, Smiths Falls, seconded by Jane Woodcroft, Deep River. Carried. Abstentions: 3.

District 2 Supplies. Ellen Vandersleen is storing the D2 supplies.

12. **ST BI Resolution** – Kathryn Lindsay reported on this from the OHA (Kathy has report).
13. **District 2 Service Award:** Madeline Archer, Perth was presented with the District 2 Service Award by Kathryn Lindsay.
14. **Announcements:** Kathryn Lindsay announced the following D2 events:
D2 Summer Flower & Edibles Show
2017 – Canada 150th Hosts: Almonte, Carleton Place and Pakenham in Almonte on August 12, 2017.
2018 - TBA

D2 Fall Advisory
...2017 – Deep River
...2018 – West Carleton

D2 AGM
2017 – Eganville
2018 – TBA

15. **District 2 Achievement Awards;** presented by Kathryn Lindsay to Societies for:
- Recruiting the highest number of new members in 2016
Ottawa Horticultural Society
 - Contributing the highest number of volunteer hours per member in 2016
Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society
 - For highest percentage of new adult members
Ottawa Horticultural Society
 - For highest increase in adult membership
Petawawa Horticultural Society
16. **D2 Trophy;** presented by Kathryn Lindsay to Petawawa Horticultural Society for highest % increase in adult membership between 2015 and 2016 at 30%.

District Director's Remarks: We have 19 Societies; 2,309 adult members; 27,929 volunteer hours; 12.1 VH/member.
D2 Executive: 881 volunteer hours
Adult membership: +2.9%
New adult members = +15.2%
Youth members = 265

17. District Director Service Awards presented to Linda Bartlett, Secretary and Karen Haddon, Treasurer for their service to the District over the past 6 years.

18. **Election of Officers:**

Jamie Robertson conducted the elections: We had two people step forward to become the District Director: Sharlene Desjardins and Kathleen Lang – both candidates were introduced and each gave a short speech as to why they would like to be District Director and their qualifications. A vote was taken before the lunch break – David Archer and Donna Christie were the scrutineers.

District Director: Sharlene Desjardins was declared the new District Director.

Nominations were taken from the floor for the 3 Assistant District Director positions open:

Assistant District Director: Rideau River Basin – **Sheila King** ~ acclaimed
Assistant District Director: Upper Ottawa River Basin – **Jane Woodcroft** - acclaimed
Assistant District Director: Mississippi River Basin – **Kathleen Lang** - acclaimed
Assistant District Director: At Large – **Anne Clark-Stewart** - acclaimed

Appointed:

Secretary: ???

Treasurer: ???

The new Board was installed by James Graham, OHA representative.

Invitation to 2016 OHA 111th Convention – D5 – Richmond Hill – July 21-23 2017

19. Thanks were given to our hosts for the day, Eganville & Area Horticultural Society, for their wonderful organization of the day's program, events, and guest speakers.

20. **Adjournment:**

Motion - There being no further business, moved by Pam Duplessis, Pembroke and seconded by Anne Clark-Stewart that we adjourn at 2:10 pm. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bartlett
Recording Secretary District 2

Kathryn Lindsay
District Director