

**Grimsby Garden Club - Annual General Meeting  
Monday Nov 28 2016 – Livingston Activity Centre**

**Welcome:** President, Beth Sommers.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the 2014 AGM and 2015 AGM were handed out, available on the website and presented for approval.

- Motion to accept: Lil Howarth
- Seconded Joanne Johnston
- Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Howden

An audited financial statement was presented and is available on the website and posted on the bulletin board at the back of the Livingston Hall.

- The revenues for 2016 totalled \$14,238 and the expenses \$14,958. Net income (loss) was \$-700 and much better than forecast due to sponsorships and fund raising this year.
- Cash & investments of \$11,492
  - Motion to accept: Sheldon Frank
  - Seconded: Dorothy Wood
  - Carried

**President's Annual Report:** Beth Sommers

- Beth highlighted the major events of the year, and indicated that the blog and the website have the detailed report of 2016 activities. Delivered a well-attended speakers series of varied topics.
- GGC completed the revision of the Club constitution in 2016. The OHA default constitution was reviewed and updated, circulated to significant stakeholders, made available to the membership for review, and passed in a membership vote. A constitution amendment has been put forward to remain consistent with the OHA default constitution.
- Completed the renovation of the Elm Street Beds and added significantly added to the hanging baskets along the town's Main Street. This was done in partnership with the Town of Grimsby, along with a donation from LJM Developments.
- Substantially improved the Annual Plant Sale with more potting up sessions, signage, plant sale day display and organization, and more vendor donated plants.
- Actively promoted the GGC at the Grimsby Home & Garden Show, the GGC Annual Plant Sale and the Grimsby Farmers Market (with an educational booth 2 times throughout the summer and fall).

- Awarded 2 scholarships to graduating high school students entering horticultural, landscape architecture or environmental programs .
- Annual "off-site" meeting toured Dynamic Daylilies growing and hybridizing field.
- Reviewed and revised the Trillium Awards. We moved to a nomination system, supported by advertising and sponsorship where residents and friends nominated the gardens for judging and had a celebration and awards ceremony at Town Hall. Awarded a Garden of the Month from May to October.
- Hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Volunteer Appreciation evening in August and initiated a member only event consisting of a garden tour and BBQ.
- Decorated a Christmas Tree in the Rotary Christmas Tree Festival and trimmed the Christmas tree in the town hall, and participated in the DIA Christmas wreath competition by judging the displayed wreaths.

Beth asked the membership to approve the actions of the executive and board for the 2016 year.

- Motion to accept: Liz Willison
- Seconded: Betty Repa
- Carried

**Installation of Officers & Directors:** - Sandy Martin represented OHA District 9 and called for nominations from the floor. Mary McLaren nominated Sharon Fisher from the floor. Sharon accepted the nomination. The membership voted in favour.

The 2017 officers and directors were installed as follows:

- President – Wendy Frank
- Vice President - vacant
- Secretary – Roberta Blackie
- Treasurer – Jim Howden
- Past President – Beth Sommers
- Directors:  
Peter Carr-Locke, Lauren Doig, Sharon Fisher, Jim Howden, Joanne Johnston, Sue Lusted, Donna McGlone, Mary McLaren, Betty Repa, Ginny Thiessen.

The GGC 2016 AGM was preceded by the Annual Christmas pot Luck dinner and followed by a regular meeting. Sandi Martin was the speaker.

Minutes reported by Marilyn Cornwell, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.