



Ontario Horticultural Association
 District 2 Annual General Meeting Minutes
 April 21, 2018
 Hosted by Manotick Horticultural Society
 Manotick United Church, 5567 Manotick Main Street



1. Call to order: 12:30pm. The District 2 Director, Sharlene Desjardins, called the meeting to order and welcomed OHA D2 society members and OHA guests.
2. Singing of O Canada and the In Memoriam took place in the morning. The In Memoriam board was placed for all to view during the day and a candle was lit during the reading of the names. Members who have passed on since our last AGM included:
Victoria “Vicky” Zotov – Deep River H. S.
Trevor Cole – Ottawa H.S. and Ottawa Valley Rock Garden H.S.
Marguerite Caplan and Marg Sauermaun – Pakenham H.S.
Vaino Varve and Althea Allard – West Carleton H.S.

3. **Approval of AGM Agenda**
 Motion to accept the agenda as presented. (someone from Kanata March)
 Seconded by Linda Bartlett, Perth. Motion carried.

4. **Society Roll Call:**

6	Almonte	3	Madawaska Valley	7	Perth & District
8	Beachburg	26	Manotick	4	Petawawa
3	Carleton Place & District	13	Nepean	1	Smiths Falls
3	Deep River	8	Ottawa	9	Stittsville-Goulbourn
11	Eganville & Area	12	OV Rock Garden	12	West Carleton
9	Greater Ottawa Water Garden	4	Pakenham		
11	Kanata March	7	Pembroke	9	D2 Executive

Total registrations 165

5. Sharlene Desjardins introduced the OHA representative, Dianne Westlake, District 4 Director. Dianne brought greetings from Rose ODell, OHA President. Dianne spoke about the new Garden Ontario website, the large number of pollinator gardens across the province, Bee City Canada, our OJES (Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards), the Awards booklet, the STBI fund and the fact that the Board of Director’s now uses teleconferencing monthly to cut down on costs. Rose also invited everyone to the 2018 convention in Kingston taking place on July 27 to 29 and hosted by District 3.

6. **Approval of Previous AGM Minutes – April 22, 2017**

Motion: Penny Herezcky (Stittsville-Goulbourn), seconded by ?? that the minutes of the April 22, 2017 District 2 AGM be accepted as recorded. Carried.

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes.**

All STBI cheques from the fund were distributed to all District 2 societies.

8. **Treasurers Report** was displayed on screen and explained by the treasurer.

Bank Balance as of December 31 st , 2017	
Investments	5,125.24
Bank Account	3,793.67
Petty Cash	64.15
Judges Funds included in bank account	711.71
Total	8,983.06

Income and Expense Account	
Total Income for 2017	1,637.20
Total Expense for 2017	3,412.61
Net Income (Loss)	(1,775.41)

Bookkeeping Notes for 2017: Accounts reflect January 1st through to December 31st, 2017 to coincide with the OHA financial year end.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Madeleine Archer, Perth and seconded by Brenda Williams, . Carried

The financial reviewers from 2017, Jane Anderson and Brian Carson resigned from the position for 2018. Karen Haddon and David Sissing volunteered to be the financial reviewers for 2018.

Moved by Penny Herezcky, Stittsville-Goulbourn and seconded by to ratify the appointment of Karen Haddon (GOWGHS) and David Sissing () as our 2018 financial reviewers. Carried.

Thanks were offered to Jane Anderson and Brian Carson for their service in 2017.

9. **New Business**

Changes to the OHA D2 Constitution were presented to the members on screen
Motion to accept the revisions to the Constitution Donna Christie, West Carleton and seconded Anne Clark Stewart, Manotick
Voting took place with 1 abstention, 1 opposed. Motion carried

Proxy voting forms will now be available for the 2019 AGM.

Youth grant forms will be revised to be more user friendly at the Society level and will be available for 2019.

Societies registered as charities in D2 are Pembroke, Carleton Place and Ottawa. To review your society status, you can click on the link and follow the instructions below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities-listings.html>

You can type in 'Horticultural' and it will list all the Horticultural Societies that have a charity number. Or you can look up individuals. Click on the name and it will give all you want to know.

Information from March Board Meeting

The OHA Board is requesting feedback from all Societies on the possibility of having a Convention every 2 or 3 years with just an AGM in between. Send feedback to Sharlene Desjardins at ohadistrict2@gmail.com.

The OHA AGM must have a quorum of 100 delegates from 50 Societies
Police checks are required for all leaders working with youth every 3 years. Code of Conduct forms are also required. Only one society is currently up to date. Societies cannot keep copies of police checks. The President must review the check and give it back.

50/50 draws. For all Societies that hold these types of draws. If you call it a 50/50 draw, a license is required. If you call it "Share the Wealth", no license is required.

The new website will hopefully be up and running in July. If you need help saving items on your site before the changeover, please contact Lori Ray from Pakenham at
The shovel will be in the ground at Queen's Park hopefully during pollinator week (end of 3rd week of June".

Bee City information to be sent out in the Communique

Please send a short paragraph and a photo of your pollinator garden with the sign to Sharlene

OJES (Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards) should be available for purchase at Convention.

All Societies are being asked not to approach Lee Valley for promotional materials.

The position of supplies coordinator for the OHA will be vacant after convention.

Application notice should be available soon.

10. Announcements

District 2 Service Award

David Hinks of the West Carleton Garden Club and Horticultural Society was presented with the District 2 Service Award by Sharlene Desjardins.

D2 Trophy and Acknowledgements

D2 trophy for highest % increase in adult membership was awarded to Pembroke at 40.86%.

Most # of volunteer hours/member was Manotick at 33.8 hrs/member

Highest number of new adult members was Ottawa at 64

Highest number of new adult members was Almonte at 37%

OHA Grants and D2 Grant Recipients

After a review of all grants over a 10 year period, the following adjustments will be made for 2019.

Trees will go from 25 to 20
Special Projects will go from 10 to 8
Community Garden grants will go from 2 to 3
Seedy Saturday grants will go from 2 to 4
Pollinator grants will go from 2 to 10

Grants awarded to District 2 in 2018 included:
Tree Grants – Manotick and Stittsville-Goulbourn
Special Project Grant – Eganville
Community Garden Grant – Stittsville-Goulbourn
Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grant – Deep River

Highway of Heroes

On March 9, 2018 the Ontario Government announced they are supporting the Highway of Heroes campaign with a one million dollar donation.

District Director's Remarks

We have 19 societies with 2,340 adult members who contributed 26,960.5 volunteer hours which equals 11.5 volunteer hours per member
The D2 executive contributed 658.5 volunteer hours.
District adult membership is up +1.49%
New adult members saw an increase of +18.84%
We currently have 306 youth members.

D2 Flower and Edibles Show

2018: None due to the proximity of the convention in Kingston.
2019: Host Required
2020: Host Required

District 2 AGM

2018: Manotick H.S. April 21st, 2018
2019: Host Required
2020: Kanata-March and West Carleton

District 2 Fall Advisory

2018: West Carleton November 3rd, 2018
2019: Host Required
2020: Host Required

11. Election of Officers

Sharlene Desjardins, District Director, thanked the 2017 executive members for their service.
Past District Director Kathryn Lindsay served her one year on the executive as support to the new District Director
Assistant District Director (ADD) Sheila King has served her term of office for Rideau Basin
Kathryn Lindsay, Past District Director, conducted the elections

Slate of nominations for 2018 executive

District Director Sharlene Desjardins

ADD Kathleen Lang re standing for Mississippi Basin Acclaimed

ADD Jane Woodcroft re standing for Ottawa Basin Acclaimed

ADD Anne Clark Stewart running for ADD Rideau Basin Acclaimed

ADD member at large - vacant

Positions of Secretary and Treasurer appointed

D2 Secretary Sheila King

D2 Treasurer Christine O'Reilly

Installation of the board and the secretary and treasurer was performed by OHA representative Dianne Westlake

The District Director invited everyone to attend the 2019 Convention in Kingston on July 27th to 29th hosted by District 3.

Information sheets were handed out to all societies re: information for proxy voting at convention and seed challenge information for convention.

12. The District Director thanked our hosts for the day, the Manotick Horticultural Society for the fantastic organization of the day's program, events, guest speakers and wonderful pollinator cookies
13. Adjournment
Motion - There being no further business, moved by Jane Woodcroft and seconded by Linda Bartlett that we adjourn at 1:40pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila King

Recording secretary D2

Sharlene Desjardins

District Director