

Gloucester Allotment Garden Association Annual General Meeting and Registration

Meeting Held: 20 March 2018
Louis Riel High School Cafeteria
1665 Bearbrook Road, Blackburn Hamlet
Ottawa, Ontario

Executive Members present: John ApSimon, Roger Eyvindson, Catherine Dixon, Harvey Nuelle, Wayne Bissett, David Lamb, Bill Gloss, Brian Linseman, Paul Mekis, Margaret Don, Charlotte Gupta, and Registrar Irene Harrison.

Absent: Don Gray, Diane Pilon, Barry Mayer, Claude Brisebois.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Welcome: President John ApSimon welcomed the members to our Annual General Meeting and registration.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting: A copy of the 2017 AGM Minutes are posted on our website.

Motion: That the minutes of the 22 March 2017 meeting be approved as circulated. Moved by Louis Doyle. Seconded by Bill Gloss. Carried.

2017 Financial Statements and Budget: Roger Eyvindson presented the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2017. After registration fees and a water grant of \$2,000 we posted a surplus of \$1,915.60. Expenses were lower than usual in 2017. Anderson used only one-third of the usual water required and tilling proceeded more quickly than usual, resulting in a lower fee. Treasurer Roger Eyvindson expects a deficit in 2018 of \$1,400, but fortunately we have reserves in the bank of \$16,000 and can easily cover this shortfall.

Motion: That the financial statements of December 31, 2017 be approved as presented. Moved by Louis Doyle. Seconded by Pierre Provost. Carried.

Community Information:

Canadian Organic Growers - Organic Gardening Workshops

<http://cog.ca/ottawa/organic-gardening-seminars>

For further information call David Townson at 613 834-5091.

David informed us that COG was offering 3 Saturday morning workshops this spring.

Just Food

Justfood.ca/community-gardening-network

E-mail: CommunityGardening@justfood.ca

Jordan Bouchard informed us that Just Food will be offering 53 skill-building workshops this season. On April 29th there will be a plant swap and Open House at the Just Food Farm, 2391 Pepin Court, Ottawa

Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard (GEFC) 613-749-4728

Erin O'Manique, Executive Director, introduced the programs GEFC is working on and urged members to plant a row and donate the produce to the Food Cupboard. She also encouraged members to participate in a community food assessment survey and provided cards at our information table.

Laura Dudas from the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association also introduced herself and spoke of the co-operation between our Garden Association and the Blackburn neighbourhood.

Community Support:

Our thanks to the following community groups for ongoing support:

Councillor Jody Mitic

Friends of the Mer Bleue - Anderson Water System Grant

Lafarge Canada

Just Food

Modification of the Rules for the Orient and Anderson Gardens:

Paul Mekis and Margaret Don highlighted the changes to the rules governing each of the garden sites.

Motion: That the Rules presented to the Annual General Meeting on March 20, 2018, be approved as circulated. Moved by Louis Doyle. Seconded by Theresa Brychey. Carried.

(The text of the revised rules for each garden are posted on our website <http://gaga.ncf.ca>)

2018 Program Overview:

President John ApSimon thanked Louis Doyle for his many years of service on the Board and directing the fall clean-up. We now have a vacancy on the Board for this position.

President ApSimon reviewed our fees for the 2018 season:

\$60 for a full plot

\$30 for a half plot

\$10 reduction in fees for volunteer work performed for the Association (staking, clean-up, etc.) in the previous season

\$5 reduction for registering on March 20 after the Annual General Meeting

Reductions are limited to one per person

Harvey Nuelle introduced our new Communications Director, Wayne Bissett. All members are contacted three times during the season and it is important that we have up to date contact information.

Dave Lamb advised members that tilling would take place the 2nd week in May, compost delivery the 3rd week in May and straw bales would be available to purchase in June. Be careful to leave 10 feet at the front of your plot for compost. (Seedlings planted there will be buried.)

Water will be turned on by the City on the May long weekend. Please advise us of any damage to our water taps.

Bill Gloss is looking for a volunteer to take over the staking committee. Each year Bill makes and paints at least 40 new stakes. The stakes suffer from being run over or rot. It is important to leave a one-foot wide margin on either side of each stake. Ditches between garden plots are not permitted and will be filled in. We have 400 plots to stake and last year the team of 25 volunteers accomplished the work in less than 3 hours.

Nomination and Election of Officers: President ApSimon directed the members to review the list of those standing for election to the 2018 Board of Directors, circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion: That the named members be appointed to the Board of Directors. Moved by Louis Doyle. Seconded by Ella Szabo. Carried.

Adjournment: John ApSimon thanked the members for attending and moved that the 2018 Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Catherine Dixon. Carried. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. and Registration began.