



New Westminster Community Garden Society

AGM Meeting Minutes - Feb 23, 2017

Call to order

A meeting of the Membership of the NWCGS was held at the New Westminster Public Library meeting room on Feb 23, 2017 at 6:45 pm.

Meeting Chair

- Carol De Waal - Board member & representative of Mary Mount garden

Approval of 2016 AGM meeting minutes

- There was no discussion or comments about the minutes
- Kevin F. moved to approve the minutes as presented
- Murray O. seconded

President's Report

Carol de Waal presented a brief report of the activities of the Board over the past year

Garden Reports

Each garden has a representative who sits on the Board. There was a brief presentation from each:

- Carol - Mary Mount
- Julia - St Mary's
- Stephanie - Simcoe
- Kevin - City Hall

The City Hall garden is a proposed new garden in our City. It has planned to be installed on the lawn of City Hall. It has approval to go ahead and they hope to open sometime this spring or summer.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Murray Ovens - Treasurer

The Society has \$14,255 in the bank. There were no significant expenditures in the past year.

There was discussion as to why we have such a large surplus and whether we should reduce membership fees. It was pointed out that the money is available to the garden for improvements or equipment. It was also discussed that if a garden is shut down the Society is responsible for returning the property to its original condition, therefore a contingency is required.

Don T. moved to approve the financial statement as presented.

Mary seconded.

Special Resolutions

Two resolutions were presented by Murray Ovens for discussion with the Membership.

Resolution #1: To add to the Society's constitution the following:

This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members.

Murray moved to add this to the Society's constitution

Motion was approved by the Membership

Resolution #2: To add to the Society's bylaws the following:

Part 13 - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the society, the board of directors will donate any/all surplus funds to a registered charity located in New Westminster, BC.

Murray moved to add this to the Society's Bylaws

Motion was approved by the Membership

Election of Board Members

The existing Board members were re-elected by the membership, with the addition of a garden representative for the new City Hall garden.

Kevin moved to accept the Board members

Paula seconded

The Board members for 2017/2018 are:

- President: will be shared by Board members
- Vice President: Don Toffolatto
- Treasurer: Murray Ovens
- Secretary: Jana Konkin
- Social Media Coordinator: Alix Cote
- Mary Mount Rep: Carol de Waal
- St Mary's Park Rep: Julia Murphy
- Simcoe Rep: Stephanie Mercier
- City Hall Rep: Melody

Meeting adjourned

At 7:30 pm

Jana Konkin

Secretary

April 05, 2017

Date: