

**Annual General Meeting
April 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m**

1. Welcome and introduction of current board members: At 10:00 am Jane Pritchard welcomed all who had come for the Annual General Meeting, and introduced the board members who are currently serving.

2. Review and approval of agenda: The agenda was adopted as submitted.

Approval of minutes of the AGM from April 8, 2017: The minutes were approved as printed. Jane encouraged members to read the minutes carefully so that all gardeners will know that in kind hours are a mandatory part of belonging to the community garden.

3. Treasurer's Report: Stan Tam reported that we generated \$3,509 in income. Our expenditures were \$2,181, leaving us with a surplus of \$1,327.

Discussion:

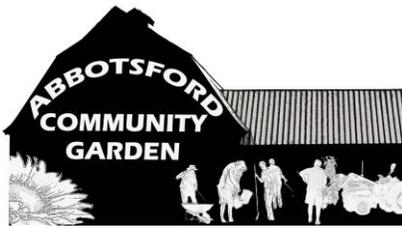
Part of our surplus is the result of not having purchased lawn mower(s) or hoses. It is our intention to purchase both hoses and mowers this year. Stan will meet with members of the maintenance team to determine whether we need one or two mowers.

Members wondered whether they can use the rototiller for their gardens. Due to liability issues, this is not allowed. We will probably have the farmer who tilled the potato field last year till the field again this year. Those who wish to rent rototillers to till their plots may do so.

A suggestion was made that boxes be built for the community winter squash.

It was moved by Max (plot #17) and seconded by Ron (plot #16) that the budget be adopted as received. All agreed.

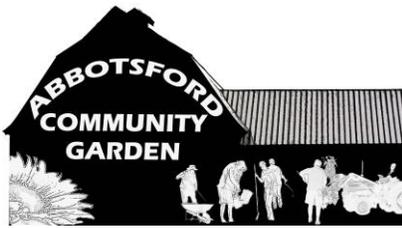
4. Around the Garden: Reminders of community Garden Rules (Jane)
- Lock for the main gate: This was an anticipated change. Due to a personnel change with the city, this plan has been cancelled. Our reason for changing the lock was to help reduce excessive theft. We do have a new lock for the equipment room. Distribution of keys to that room will be limited to members responsible for maintenance. Should we decide to change the lock for the greenhouse, the new lock would be a combination lock. The number would be shared with gardeners. Gardeners were reminded to lock the gates when they leave. Errors are to be made



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on the side of caution. Even if a gardener is locked inside, we all have keys that will let us out.

- Excessive harvesting of community patches: The difference between winter and summer squash was reviewed. Winter squash that is harvested too soon is inedible. Gardeners were reminded to take only enough vegetables for 1 meal when harvesting from the community plots. When digging potatoes, please take both the small as well as the large potatoes to avoid rats who will gladly eat the leftovers.
 - Stealing from other gardens: DO NOT! Even if it seems that a crop is being neglected, please leave it for the gardener who planted it. Please remember that some of us engage in winter gardening as well.
 - Responsible use of the compost pile: Please, no plastic or wood in the compost pile. Collection of compost is a service provided by the city. We fill it, they clear it.
 - Mushroom manure and zero waste compost: A load of mushroom manure has been delivered. It is for use at the Community Garden *only*. Please be aware that what we have needs to be shared by all. Net Zero Waste has donated compost that will be used for the summer squash *only*. Jane will find out what chipped wood is available to gardeners.
 - Invasive or offensive species: There is to be no cannabis grown in the garden as it is a noxious plant. Tobacco and horseradish are forbidden, as well as plants 6 feet or taller. All of this information is on the website.
 - Plot maintenance: Jim Bush has been revealed as the person in charge of plot maintenance. If you see stealing, please let Jim know. He will address it. If plants are too high or are of the forbidden variety, or if a neighbour's plot is causing problems, or if weeds are being treated outside of plots, let Jim know. Gardeners are given two warnings about infractions. A third infraction leads to eviction. Jim will take photographs to clarify concerns. He simply asks that we be good neighbours to one another. Also, please remember where parking is permitted and where it is not allowed. If gardeners are ignoring this, simply take a photo of their license plate and email it. The exception for parking is in the case of unloading heavy items. Finally please be aware of safety.
5. Mandatory in-kind hours: Vickie explained that this year the box with cards for marking in-kind hours has been replaced with binders designated for each area of responsibility. In the binders, there will be a page for each person who signed up to help in that particular area. The total number of hours completed will be marked at the top of that page. Space to write additional hours for the month will be provided. 5 days after each month's end, the previous month's page will be replaced with the next month's page. The tasks and list of team members will be posted on the wall. Gardeners are asked to remember that the task they signed up for is what they will do. Team leaders will email their teams regarding the work that needs to be done. There will be 3 Saturdays and 2 week day evenings for work bees. Those who are giving in-kind hours with work bees must attend 3 of the 5 work bees.



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6. For discussion and action by the Board:

- Can we find a way to credit in-kind hours for work that gardeners do which is not addressed through the regular groups, but which needs to be done?
- Should the herb pots be moved to the herb garden?
- Jane will see whether a spigot can be put on the side of the greenhouse that is near to the raspberries.
- Stan will meet with some of the Maintenance team to determine how many new mowers we need. May also check with those responsible for hoses, to see whether some need to be replaced.
- Jane will find out what wood chips are available to gardeners.

7. Election of new board members: Geoff Hughes-Games oversaw the nominations and election of new board members. First, he reviewed the names of those willing to remain in their current positions. Those who agreed were:

Jane Pritchard, Vice President
Vickie Semenov, In-kind hours coordinator
Karen Bush, Webmaster
Jim Bush, Plot Maintenance
Stan Tam, Treasurer
Shirley Tam, Registrar
Sue Seguire, Registrar
Kate Jordan, Recording Secretary

Geoff Hughes-Games has agreed to act as mentor to our new president.
Cindy Ritchie agreed to serve as our Correspondent Secretary
Heather Kelly agreed to serve as President.

This slate was elected to serve as the Board of Directors for the coming year.

8. Announcements: It is hoped that some of the new registrants might assume lead roles. All were invited to help themselves to the refreshments.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Jordan, recording secretary