



**NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

June 3, 2023 – 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Rosaria Student Center, Mount St. Vincent University

Hosted by District 4

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Kathy d'Entremont called the meeting to order at 8.30am
2. Roll Call
Quorum verified with 30 out of 50 clubs represented
3. Adoption of Agenda
Kathryn Davidson moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Glynis Thomas.
Motion carried..
4. Minutes of June 11, 2022, Annual General Meeting (attachment)
Arthur Haskins moved to approve the minutes of the previous AGM; seconded by
Kathy Newton. Motion carried.
5. President's report
Kathy d'Entremont presented her President's report.
6. Treasurer's Report and Financials (attachments)
Susan Hazelwood presented the treasurer's report and Financial documents
Susan mentioned that the e-transfer facility was working well.
The audit was performed, and completed, with suggestion by Deb Bowes-Lyon an
Geoff MacDonald. Susan moved to continue having the audit performed by two board
member; seconded by Liz Hill. Motion carried..
The assessment process is still proving to be a problem.
Tags and Seals have been moved under the duties of the treasurer.
Our membership numbers are back up to pre-COVID levels.
Going forward, all projects must have funding secured before they can be undertaken.
Susan moved to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Lilian Dunlap. Motion
carried.
7. Nominations: Pamela MacLean (attachment)
Pamela MacClean presented the nomination report
Last minute changes to the nomination report were Ginny Blayney for vice chair and
Melissa Weir for secretary.
Liz Hill for district 3N director, Brenda Grasser for district 3S director needed approval.
New nominations came in the form of Kathryn Davidson for district 7, and Lori Reed
for district 5.
Pamela moved to approve the nomination report; seconded by Brenda Grasser.
Motion carried.

8. New Business

8.1 Approval of by-law amendments

Susan Hazelwood spoke about the changes to the by-laws.

Glynis Thomas made a motion to approve the changes; seconded by Kathryn Davidson. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Most improved membership 2023

Deb Bowes-Lyon announced the award was won by the St Mary's Bay Club and presented it to Anne Gratton, as their district director

9. 2024 Convention – Hosted by District 7

Kathy d'Entremont spoke about the '24 convention to be held on the 7,8,9th June 2024 at the Rodd Grand in Yarmouth. Room rates have been fixed at \$114 a night.

10. Door Prize

The door prize (Magnolia) was won by Holly MacNevin

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Janet Rose



NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
June 11, 2022 – 8:45 am to 9:45 am
Inn on Prince, Truro
Hosted by Central District 3

Minutes

12. Call to Order
Kathy d'Entremont called the meeting to order at 8.55am and welcomed everyone
13. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum: Secretary
Attendance of delegates was noted as they arrived for the meeting and picked up their voting cards. 31/53 clubs were represented
14. Adoption of Agenda
Michele Stevens motioned to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Bibiane Lessard. Approved.
15. Minutes of June 8, 2019 Annual General Meeting.
Although the minutes for 2019 were attached, Kathy d'Entremont pointed out that the previous AGM had, in fact, been held via Zoom in 2021. Kathy read the minutes of that meeting. Pamela MacLean motioned to approve the minutes, as read. Seconded by Brenda Grasser. Approved.
A motion was then made by Pamela to amend the Agenda to reflect the fact that the most recent meeting minutes were from 2021, not 2019. Seconded by Deb Bowes-Lyon. Approved.
16. President's report
Kathy d'Entremont presented her report (as below)
17. Treasurer's Report and Financials (Previously shared)
In the absence of the Treasurer, Ginny Blayney presented the Financial report.
Pamela MacLean mentioned that there was an error in the calculations under General Expenses in the 22-23 Budget. Total General expenses should be \$300, not \$200.
Discussion: A member asked whether any grants had been applied for. Deb Bowes-Lyon answered that the only sizable expense that the Association had had over the past year had been for the Website Development, and there were no grants available at that time for this exact use.
Anne Gratton motioned to approve the Financial reports, as amended. Seconded by Cathy Newton. Approved.
18. Nominations
Pamela MacLean presented the Nominations Committee report:
Board
Chair: Kathy d'Entremont
Vice Chair: Deborah Bowes-Lyon

Past Chair: Pamela MacLean
Nomination Chair: Pamela MacLean
Secretary: Ginny Blayney
Treasurer: Susan Hazelwood
Tags and Seals: Susan Hazelwood
Website Content: Susan Hazelwood
Historian: Dixie Cress
Plant GiveAway: Geoff MacDonald
Photo Contest: Sharon Bryson
Newsletter Editor: Emily Walker
Awards: Pamela MacLean

District Directors:

District 1 Cape Breton: Glynis Thomas
District 2 Eastern: Anne Gratton
District 3 Central North: **Vacant**
District 3 Central South: **Vacant**
District 4 Halifax: Nancy MacCara
District 5 Valley: Melissa Weir
District 6 South Shore: **Vacant**
District 7 Western: **Vacant**

When asking for any nominations from the floor, Michele Stevens was proposed for the position of District Director for District 6 by Sue Gilmour and seconded by Evelyn Snyder. Approved.

Pamela motioned to approve the slate of Board and Directors, including the addition. Seconded by Darlene Hart. Approved

19. New Business

The Mahone Bay club brought up the issue that they had had with their NSAGC giveaway plants. They had a lot of trouble getting them to grow, as the plants were so small when they arrived. Bibiane Lessard mentioned that her club had had similar problems. Sharon Bryson noted that these Balloon Flower plants were notoriously slow growing and difficult. Arthur Haskins suggested that we request some tips from the suppliers if all future plants were to be supplied in this format.

On the flip side, Liz Hill said that she and her club had had great success with the plants.

20. 2023 Convention – Hosted by Halifax District 4

Pamela MacLean spoke about the 2023 Convention: It's taking place on 3rd and 4th June at Mt St. Vincent's University. Student residences will be available for convenient and affordable accommodations. The November Newsletter will contain the registration form.

21. Door Prize

Daylily named 'The Fiddler', in memory of Emily Tuck, was won by Jane Swallow.

22. Adjournment – Pamela Maclean moved to adjourn.

President's Report, NSAGC AGM
Saturday, June 11, 2022

Good morning and thank you all for attending the 2022 AGM of the NS Association of Garden Clubs; the first in-person one since 2019. Thank you to the delegates for representing your clubs so that we may have a quorum for completing the voting process.

The past two and ½ years have been challenging, to say the least. Clubs have struggled with membership, and a few have decided not to rejoin the NSAGC. Hopefully, this is just a temporary measure until they can get re-established.

A common theme reported by Garden clubs across the province is that members are not stepping up to participate in executive and committee roles. Instead, they are relying on a small handful of people to constantly reinvent themselves. The clubs need fresh faces with new ideas to avoid stagnation.

As a reflection of the situation with provincial garden clubs, the NSAGC is also faced with low participation. It is becoming more and more difficult to find willing candidates, primarily for the District Director positions. I cannot emphasize enough how important their role is in keeping the clubs connected. It is not a demanding job but, none the less, provides a major link between the clubs and the NSAGC.

Without District Directors, the NSAGC structure will be forced to change, and I don't know what impact that may have on how we are able to support the garden clubs. So please, I implore you, volunteer.

We all think that we haven't much to offer but, as JFK so famously stated; "Every person can make a difference, and every person should try."

To continue, on a positive note; we have also seen progress during the pandemic. This year, we launched our fresh new website at nsagc.com! It isn't perfect, yet, and we welcome your feedback to help us improve.

Our NSAGC Facebook page has grown to 14,572 members, last time I checked. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all those folks joined their local garden club?

2022 is the "Year of the Garden", and justifiably so, with the Canadian Garden Council reporting nearly 83% of Canadian households tended some form of a garden in 2021. How encouraging is that?

To kick off my second year as your chairperson, I intend to thoroughly enjoy every moment of this convention and fully appreciate what we have all overcome to be here today. I hope you do too!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy d'Entremont

President's Report 2023 AGM

Good morning and thank you all for attending the 2023 AGM of the NSAGC. Since our meeting this time last year, the Board has welcomed seven new District Directors. With so many new people, we felt it necessary to conduct a special training session last fall. I think that most are settling into their roles and getting to know the clubs within their given districts.

Communication with and between the garden clubs remains a priority. This board would not exist without you, and it is our duty to keep you informed and to support you club's endeavors. Our website is a valuable source of information and I encourage you all to become familiar with it and to post your club's events on the calendar.

The Scotia Gardener is another way for us to share what our clubs are doing. By submitting reports of your club's activities, you not only inform others but may in fact provide inspiration.

The plant giveaway this year was much more successful than last, with a larger plant purchased and distributed to the membership. Also, all the extra plants have been sold.

There has been some drain on our finances over the past years, leaving us in a situation where we must consider some adjustments. With decreased revenue due to Covid and increased expenditures for website development, an extra meeting and inflation, the board has opted to conduct the September meeting via Zoom. This is not the ideal format but will suffice temporarily. Going forward, we will be looking at ways to increase revenue and cut costs to create a balanced budget.

It's hard to believe that my two year term as your chairperson has already passed and I will be handing the reins over to Deb Bowes-Lyon shortly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and the executive for their patience and support during my term.

In closing, I ask that you take an active role in your club. Most garden clubs are managed through the efforts of a very few members. With more participation from the membership, the workload is dispersed. Many hands make light work!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy d'Entremont June 3, 2023

Financial Reports

Memberships for Past 9 years

2014-2015 1807 members and 7 affiliated clubs
2015-2016 1669 members and 6 affiliated clubs
2016-2017 1646 members and 6 affiliated clubs
2017-2018 1669 members and 6 affiliated clubs
2018-2019 1694 members and 6 affiliated clubs
2019-2020 Fees not collected because of COVID
2020-2021 Fees not collected because of COVID
2021-2022 1557 members and 5 affiliated clubs
2022-2023 1660 members and 5 affiliated clubs

Balance Sheet
Year Ending March 31, 2023

ASSETS

Bank Accounts

Chequing	7,269.73
Savings	6,921.66

TOTAL Bank Accounts	14,191.39
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Other Assets

Tags & Seals Inventory	709.29
Due from District 4 Convention	1,000.00

TOTAL Other Assets	1,709.29
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TOTAL ASSETS

<u>15,900.68</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

None	0.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
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EQUITY

15,900.68

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

<u>15,900.68</u>

Profit & Loss Statement

Year Ending March 31, 2023

2022-2023

INCOME

Income from Sales		
Newsletter Advertising	150.00	
Sales of Surplus Plants	3,306.00	Note 1
Sales of Tags & Seals	55.93	
<u>Saltscapes Plant Sales</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL Income from Sales	3,511.93	
Income from Other Sources		
Affiliated Garden Clubs Dues	250.00	
Garden Clubs Dues	7,407.00	
<u>Interest</u>	<u>83.70</u>	
TOTAL Income from Other Sources	7,740.70	
TOTAL INCOME	11,252.63	

EXPENSES

General Expenses		
Awards	380.80	
Newsletter	0.00	
Photo Contest	250.00	
<u>Plant Giveaway</u>	<u>3,689.42</u>	
TOTAL General Expenses	4,320.22	
Meeting Expenses		
Board Meetings	3,288.25	Note 2
<u>Board Members</u>	<u>2,110.72</u>	Note 3
TOTAL Meeting Expenses	5,398.97	
Operating Expenses		
Bank Fees	68.96	
Directors expenses	0.00	
Financial statements review	0.00	Note 4
Incidentals (postal, printing, etc.)	354.52	
Insurance	1,338.00	
Joint Stocks Membership	31.15	
<u>Web Site</u>	<u>2,576.00</u>	Note 5
TOTAL Operating Expenses	4,368.63	
TOTAL Expenses	14,087.82	

OVERALL TOTAL	-2,835.19
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- Note 1 Includes \$425 from early 2023
- Note 2 Meeting room, lunch, accommodations
- Note 3 Travel expenses to/from Board meetings and within Districts for meetings
- Note 4 Audit may incur some travel costs for 2 Board Members
- Note 5 Web site costs will be yearly maintenance and hosting going forward

Proposed Budget 2023/2024

\$5 Membership Fees

	2023/2024 Budget	2022/2023 Actuals	
INCOME			
Income from Sales			
Newsletter Advertising	150.00	150.00	
Sales of Surplus Plants	3,400.00	3,306.00	
Sales of Tags & Seals	50.00	55.93	
TOTAL Income from Sales	3,600.00	3,511.93	
Income from Other Sources			
Affiliated Garden Clubs Dues	250.00	250.00	
Garden Clubs Dues	8,300.00	7,407.00	Note 1
Interest	84.00	83.70	
TOTAL Income from Other Sources	8,634.00	7,740.70	
TOTAL INCOME	12,234.00	11,252.63	
EXPENSES			
General Expenses			
Awards	100.00	380.80	Note 2
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	
Photo Contest	250.00	250.00	
Plant Giveaway	3,700.00	3,689.42	
TOTAL General Expenses	4,050.00	4,320.22	
Meeting Expenses			
Board Meetings	1,700.00	3,288.25	Note 3
Board Members	1,500.00	2,110.72	Note 4
TOTAL Meeting Expenses	3,200.00	5,398.97	
Operating Expenses			
Bank Fees	70.00	68.96	
Incidentals (postal, printing, etc.)	55.00	354.52	
Insurance	1,338.00	1,338.00	
Joint Stocks Membership	31.15	31.15	
Web Site	1,000.00	2,576.00	Note 5
TOTAL Operating Expenses	2,494.15	4,368.63	
TOTAL Expenses	9,744.15	14,087.82	
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	2,489.85	(2,835.19)	

Note 1 Dues will increase to \$5

Note 2 4 directors leaving the Board in 2023

Note 3 Need to decrease by 50% in 2023. Holding September meeting via Zoom

Note 4 2023 - District travel + 50% in Board travel

Note 5 Hosting and maintenance

Nominations Report

NSAGC AGM June 3, 2023

Proposed Nomination Report Board

Chair: Deborah Bowes-Lyon

Vice Chair: Vacant

Past Chair: Kathy d'Entremont

Nomination Chair: Kathy d'Entremont

Secretary: Ginny Blayney

Treasurer: Susan Hazelwood

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District 3 Central South: **Brenda Grasser**

District 4 Halifax: Nancy MacCara

District 5 Valley: Melissa Weir

District 6 South Shore: Michele Stevens

District 7 Western: Kathryn Davidson

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela MacLean

NSAGC Nomination Chair

June 3, 2023