

PENINSULA GARDEN CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 14, 2023

1. Call to Order

The 2023 Annual General Meeting was called to order by Janet Cram, vice president of the Peninsula Garden Club, at 7:05 p.m. Janet welcomed all members and guests. Members were checked in by the Greeters to ensure all were paid in full in order to vote. The club met their quorum of 25 members. A total of 46 members were in attendance for the meeting.

2. Adoption of 2023 AGM Agenda

A call for additions to the agenda was made by Janet Cram. As no additions were forthcoming, a motion to adopt the 2023 AGM Agenda was forwarded by Jane Stollery and seconded by Marie Peach. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of 2022 AGM Minutes

The minutes from the 2022 AGM were emailed to members one month in advance of the meeting. As there were no changes to the 2022 AGM Minutes suggested by the membership, a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 14, 2022 AGM was forwarded by Jan Dew and seconded by Bonita Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financial Report - Sandra Chisholm , Treasurer

The financial report was included in the 2023 Annual Report which was emailed to members prior to the AGM. This financial report included the following:

- Statement of Income and Expenses for the Year Ended September 30, 2023
- Statement of Financial Position as at September 30, 2023
- Notes to Financial Statements as at September 30, 2023
- Review of Financial Information – Pat Currie CPA, CA (Retired)

The Executive looked for many ways to trim our budget over the year. \$4700.00 was earned from our plant sales. Our net income for 2023 was \$1242.86, \$1172.00 of that amount from our one time library liquidation sale. A total of \$78.86 was deposited in our account.

There were no questions for the Treasurer.

5. Annual Report - Highlights from the Coordinators

The Annual Report also contained highlights from the committee coordinators and support members of the many jobs often completed behind the scene that ensures

our club runs smoothly. We are greatly appreciative of the work these members do. Janet thanked the coordinators and the many support members that work on the committees.

Josée Smith, our Sunshine Lady, reminded members to contact her if they know of someone requiring a note from the club. Janet noted the decline in entries to the Parlour Show and was looking for feedback as to how we could encourage more members to participate.

Janet also thanked Jane for communicating with the Mary Winspear Centre, responding to club correspondence and writing the Eblasts in addition to her membership duties. Thanks were also extended to Dannie Carson for sharing the position of Vice President with her, even though he was a new member and to Sandra Chisholm for everything she does in addition to being the treasurer, that helps the club meet all their obligations.

6. Changes to the PGC Bylaws

The following three motions were forwarded for member approval by Janet Cram on behalf of the executive:

Motion 1 – To increase membership fees from \$25.00 to \$30.00 beginning immediately. (**Bylaw - Membership 4.** Annual membership fees will be recommended by the Executive and ratified by the members at the AGM.)

A motion to amend Motion 1 to increase the membership fees from \$25.00 to \$35.00 was forwarded by Bonita Elliott in an effort alleviate some of the financial constraints of the club as outlined by our treasurer. This motion was seconded by Jamie Cox and approved unanimously by the membership. The fee increase will come into effect immediately. Members facing financial hardship can speak to the membership coordinator.

Motion 2 – Members or presenters who have items for sale at our meetings be asked to submit 10% of their sales amount to the club. (**Bylaw - Club Funds** – To be included as item 25.)

The motion was forwarded by Dannie Carsen, seconded by Jamie Cox and carried unanimously.

Motion 3 – To reduce the minimum number of meetings held annually from nine to eight.

Bylaw - Meetings 13 Now to read 'A minimum of eight General meetings will be held annually at a regular time, to be determined by the Executive unless extenuating circumstances dictate.'

The motion was forwarded by Dannie Carsen, seconded by Jamie Cox and carried unanimously..

The Executive has been asking for more involvement in the executive for several years. They decided the club could no longer function without a secretary and, without more help, would start the procedure of closing down the club if there were no changes by the April Meeting.

7. Election of Officers

In her position of Past President, Jane Stollery presided over the election of PGC Executive members for 2023. Nominations from the floor were requested three times for the position of Secretary and President. No other nominations for these positions were received from the floor. Jane nominated Sylvia Alderson from the floor for the position of Director.

Election of Officers - The slate of nominees is as follows:

President: Vacant

Vice-President: Janet Cram and Dannie Carsen to share this position

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Sandra Chisholm

Directors: Bernice Betts

Sylvia Alderson

Lynn Nash*

Jan Dew*

Jane Stollery

Margaret Kirkpatrick

Alicia Fernandez

Past-President: None

* Lynn Nash and Jan Dew to share the Director's position.

The slate of nominees for the Executive positions was sent to members prior to the meeting and requests for members to contact Janet, Jane or another executive member if they were willing to step forward to fill the vacant positions. Sylvia Alderson, Lynn Nash, Jan Dew and Jane Stollery came forward and their names were added to the list of directors which included Bernice Betts, Margaret Kirkpatrick and Alicia Fernandez.

The slate was voted on by the membership and carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the slate of nominees as presented by Jane Stollery and voted on by the membership was forwarded by Dannie Carsen and seconded by Jamie Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

Janet Cram declared that the slate of members as read was nominated.

8. Thank you to Executive, Coordinators and Committee Members

Long time directors Sandi DeLuca, Joyce Rodd and Dianne Cross, were thanked for their work and support for the club by Jane Stollery. A special thank you was also extended to Linda Gogol, Rosemary Taylor and Helene Dizey who purchased books and ran our library for thirteen years and Jean and Floyd Sidlick who looked after our Plant Stall for many years before retiring. The efforts and commitment of these members is greatly appreciated, especially as three years of their terms were under Covid restrictions.

After the AGM and Janet and Susan's plea for a member or two to take over the vacant position of Secretary, Kathryn Kreiser came forward and offered to take over this position. A motion to elect Kathryn Kreiser in the position of Secretary will be forwarded by the Executive at the February 2024 General Meeting.

Summary: We were unable to find a member to take over the position of President. . We will continue to encourage members to step forward to take on this position.

9. Next Annual General Meeting: November 11, 2024

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the 2023 AGM Meeting was forwarded by Cathy Schulhauser and seconded by Bonita Elliott. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.