

SPHS General Meeting MINUTES

April 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM (doors open at 6:30) **Location:** Kinsmen Room, Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum

Reminder: Gates to the Museum will be locked after the icebreaker activity (approximately 7:20 pm)

| Time | Item | Action |
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| 7:00 | 1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 | |
| | 2. Welcome members and guests, overview of housekeeping items (washrooms, evacuation in case of emergency) | |
| 7:10 | 3. Icebreaker (15-20 min): seed packet activity and tips for planting carrots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive seed packet activity was done with members using kraft paper. Jo-Anne guided members in how to seed carrots. Water the soil, press a board down onto the soil, then sow seeds in a row. Do not add extra soil. Press the board on top of the seeds, leave the board in place until the seeds have germinate. Protect the seeds until strong enough; if soil is dry, water on top of the board so water runs down. If seedlings are small, prop on blocks to allow some sun. Source: Root and Refuse Farm https://rootsandrefuge.com | |
| 7:25 | 4. Order of Business | |
| | 4.1 Errors or Omissions March 7, 2023 minutes: (Michele Stanley) None | Approved |
| | 4.2 New Business <p>4.2.1 Jo-Anne reviewed house keeping items at the Pioneer Museum (new location). The Kinsman Room is the main meeting location; if the room location changes, signage will be posted to re-direct.</p> <p>4.2.2 Alberta Horticultural Association Conference - June 24th, 2023 in Olds Alberta. There is an opportunity for two members to attend; gas money and admission will be provided by the SPHS. Please indicate interest in attending by the end of May, email SP</p> <p>4.2.3 Bench show judges and volunteers needed at the Spruce Grove Agra Fair, Aug.</p> | |

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| | <p>25th, 26th, 27th, 2023. If any member is interested in volunteering please email SPHS and your name will be forwarded to the coordinators.</p> <p>4.2.4 Promotions Manager still needed to assist with coordinating workshops and activities such as volunteer coordinator, making posters, etc. Please contact sphortsociety@gmail.com if you are interested.</p> | |
| 7:35 | 5. Committee Updates | |
| | <p>5.1 Vice President (Kathryn Frechette)</p> <p>5.1.1 Next month's meeting is Bring a friend Night! You & your friend both get to enter a draw for a gift basket with an approximate value</p> <p>4.1.2 Native Pollinator Community will be the topic for discussion at the next meeting.</p> | |
| | <p>5.2 Treasurer (Kathy Loughlin)</p> <p>5.2.1 Process of moving the bank account to ATB is started</p> <p>5.2.2 Bank Balance - April 3, 2023 \$7,739.96. GIC is also approximately \$3000</p> | |
| | <p>5.3 Recording Secretary (Michele Stanley)</p> <p>5.3.1 No report</p> | |
| | <p>5.4 Fundraiser Coordinator (Kathy Loughlin)</p> <p>5.4.1 No report</p> | |
| | <p>5.5 Membership (Penny Fedoruk-Brettelle)</p> <p>5.5.1 We now have 55 members!</p> | |
| | <p>5.6 Social Media (Dana Paterson)</p> <p>5.6.1 Plant Sale Primer is now posted on the SPHS website: https://www.sphsociety.ca/contactus</p> <p>5.6.2 Instagram 75 Facebook followers 645</p> | |
| | <p>5.7 Promotions (Femia Streefkert)</p> <p>5.7.1 "Unplugged Sale" at Hi Q Greenhouses, Morinville April 15, 2023. Please note this is a date change from what was publicized due to the size of the club. Starts at 10:00, This is an opportunity to purchase plugs at reasonable prices.</p> <p>5.7.2 Plant Sale promotional cards were distributed for members to give to friends, neighbors and post in the community.</p> | |

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| | <p>5.8 Community Gardens: Pioneer Museum (Holly Thompson)</p> <p>5.8.1 Volunteers are needed to help with maintenance of gardens at the Pioneer Museum. This allows us to showcase gardening and engage the community in learning about gardening. Any time you can commit to helping is welcome. 2-3 hours a week from May to October are needed. May is spring clean-up. Tools are supplied and an orientation is planned. A schedule is available for signup - pairs or groups are welcome to sign up. The sign up sheet will be brought to the next meeting also. Members are welcome to email sphortsociety@gmail.com</p> | |
| | <p>5.9 Plant Sale Coordinator (Kevin Loughlin)</p> <p>5.9.1 County Agriculture building is booked for May 27, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>5.9.2 Plant sale presentation was provided with information about the annual plant sale. Houseplants will be available this year. Tips on how to prepare plants were provided. SPHS will price plants. Any donation, no matter how small, is welcome. A Plant Sale Guidelines and Information was distributed and available on the website at the link provided. Boxes are welcome also (beer flats, costco boxes, etc.). Plant drop off is between 6-8 pm on May 26. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks for the sale; please contact sphortsociety@gmail.com and put "Plant Sale" in the subject line to volunteer for the sale, or ask any questions you may have.</p> | |
| 7:45 | <p>6. Question & Answer Period or Move & Mingle</p> <p>Question & Answer session on plants - mold control, aphids, how wonderful Earth Apple potatoes are! A carnivorous plant called butterwort works on fungus gnats.</p> | |
| 8:00 | <p>7. Guest Speaker: Alana Tollenaar, owner of Backyard Birds Nature Shop, Spruce Grove. Topic: Creating Bird-friendly Gardens. Alana gave a comprehensive overview of how to create a bird-friendly habitat. Birdgardens.ca is a terrific resource for plants to attract birds. Merlin Bird ID app is also recommended. Alana also offered members a 10% discount when they shop in her store!</p> | |
| | <p>8. Next meeting: May 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm Reminder: it's Bring a Friend Night!</p> | |
| 9:00 | <p>9. Meeting Adjournment @ 9:23</p> | |