

SPHS General Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022



Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM **Location:** Stony Plain Legion

Time	Item	Action
7:06	1. Meeting called to order (Kathryn Frechette)	
	2. Welcome members and guests	
7:10	3. Icebreaker: Femia Streefkerk (Promotions Coordinator) started a pollinator garden inspired by the Alberta Native Plant Pollinator Garden. She then became interested in an online Bumble Bee nest box reporting program this summer. The program was set up via the Alberta Native Bee Council. While she had no luck in enticing Bumble Bees in any of the 4 boxes built, she will try again. Femia distributed print instructions to members in attendance.	
7:20	4. Order of Business	
	4.1 Approval of September 6, 2022 minutes (Michele Stanley) Will no longer read the minutes at meetings as most members receive these by email and they are posted on the SPHS website. Members will be asked to identify any errors or omissions and approve minutes.	Approved: Dana Paterson
	4.2 New Business (Jo-Anne Maw)	
	4.2.1 Reminder - Membership fees were due on September 30th, 2022	
	4.2.2 A new board member position has been created on the executive. The SPHS executive is looking for a Promotion Event Manager. This position involves working closely together with the Promotion Coordinator in order to maximize opportunities to promote SPHS activities/events through various means of communication to the public and to the membership. More details will be provided and members are encouraged to apply if interested.	
	4.2.3 Upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning Workshop on November 5th, 2022 from 10am to noon at the Pioneer Museum. Presenter Toso Bozik (IAC certified arborist). Will discuss pruning techniques, and how to manage diseased trees. Details will be advertised. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Workshop planned for December 10th, 2022; details will be advertised. 	
	4.2.4 Reminder - Annual General Meeting will be scheduled on February 7th 2023. Now is the time to start thinking about recruitment for the executive and board members whose terms of responsibility are ending. Positions available: President, Vice-President and Treasurer.	
	4.2.5 It was moved by Holly Thompson and seconded by Dana Paterson that Elizabeth McAleese be removed and Michele Stanley (Secretary) and Kathryn Frechette (Vice President) be added as signatories on the Stony Plain Horticultural Society bank account, in addition to Jo-Anne Maw (President), and Katherine Loughlin (Treasurer).	Motion approved. No opposition from members in attendance
7:30	5. Committee Updates	
	5.1 Vice President (Kathryn Frechette) 4.1.1 Update - November guest speaker Jim Philpot of West Grow Farms. He will tell us about his business; "Pesticide-Free Indoor Farm in Greater Edmonton"	
	5.2 Treasurer (Kathy Loughlin) 5.2.1 Financial Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Balance \$9985.18 GIC 3871.49 matures end of November Budget preparations are underway 	
	5.3 Recording Secretary (Michele Stanley) 5.3.1 A print copy of the meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes will be provided at general meetings, and mailed to members requesting print copies. As there is a cost to mailing items, we will be evaluating costs over the next year.	Michele: mail minutes and other communications to members upon request
	5.4 Membership (Penny Fedoruk-Brettelle) 5.4.1 Update - Presently have 39 members, several new members have joined recently.	
	5.5 Social Media (Dana Paterson) 5.5.1 update - Social Media followers FB 607, Instagram 67 and have now joined Next Door which is a Bulletin Board platform for communities. 5.5.2 Events will be posted on the SPSH website with a link to registration.	

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	<p>5.6 Promotions (Femia Streefkert)</p> <p>5.6.1 Fall newsletter will be distributed soon.</p> <p>5.6.2 Creating posters advertising the Pruning workshop and Christmas Workshop.</p> <p>5.6.3 Developing an activity calendar for 2023.</p>	
	<p>5.7 Community Gardens: Pioneer Museum (Holly Thompson)</p> <p>5.7.1 Update - Gardens at the Pioneer Museum: started fall clean-up, have left some items up for Halloweén decorating. Holly will be starting fall garden maintenance November 1st, members are welcome to volunteer.</p> <p>5.7.2 Planning for some garden design changes in the spring such as moving irises to the walkway by the front office.</p>	
7:30 PM	<p>5. Guest Speaker: Rebecca Nickurak - Horticulturist</p> <p>5.1 Topic: Fall Garden Cleanup and Composting. Rebecca provided some excellent tips on how to care for annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees for plant and garden health, bird and insect considerations, and aesthetics. Hot compost tips: Mix 75% greens (Nitrogen) like grass clippings, vegetable scraps, eggshells, plant trimmings provide the microbes and 25% browns (Carbon) like leaves, sawdust, paper, cardboard which feed the microbes. Turn every 3-7 days and when new material is added.</p> <p>5.2: Question & answer with speaker</p>	
	<p>6. Next meeting: November 1, 2022, 7:00 pm at the Stony Plain Legion</p>	
9:00	<p>7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:46</p>	