

Stony Plain Horticultural Society  
Annual General Meeting  
February 1, 2022

The General Meeting of Stony Plain Horticultural Society was called to order by President Jo Anne Maw. at 7 Pm via Zoom.

We began with a short presentation from Jamielinn Marvelous and Orion Blackwell from the Spruce Grove Community Garden project, which is part of the Spruce Grove Agricultural Society.

The garden boxes are located on King Street in Spruce Grove. They started off with fifteen boxes and they now have 60 boxes. The cost to the gardener is \$30.00 per year. The \$30.00 fee covers the water and soil amendments.

We began our **AGM** at 7:19 pm. There were fifteen members present. Our bylaws indicate we must have twenty percent of our membership in attendance to have a quorum. Our membership stands at twenty-eight as of February 1, 2022.

Jo Anne introduced the members of the Board of directors. They include Katheryn Frechette, Vice President, Liz McAleese, Secretary, Katherine Loughlin, Treasurer, Penny Fedoruk-Brettelle, Membership, Dana Paterson, Social Media. There are presently three vacant positions, Promotions, Fundraising coordinator and Community gardens coordinator. The agenda was put up on the screen for everyone to review. Elaine Dextra moved the Agenda to be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Katheryn Frechette. The minutes of the last AGM from November 3, of 2021 were also put up on the screen Katherine Loughlin moved the minutes to be adopted as read, seconded by Michelle Stanley.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Jo Anne Maw**

The in person meetings were cancelled for 2021, with the exception of our September meeting which was held at the Stony Plain Legion. The legion was chosen because it had good ventilation and WIFI. We had our silent auctions of fruits and vegetables at the meeting as well as a speaker.

Membership fees were waived for 2021-2022. Those who paid in Sept 2021 had the fee applied to the current year.

The annual plant sale was held at the Spruce Grove Farmers Market.

The fall workshop was cancelled.

We are looking at the terms of some of the executive positions. There was talk of extending them from two to three year terms. It would not be prudent to have all the terms of the board of directors positions vacant at the same time.

Holding a position on the board of directors is beneficial to not only the members themselves but to all the membership as a whole.

We have had a good response with our zoom meeting.

**FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON Pat Munch**

The Plant sale was again very successful. The plant sale as mentioned previously was held at the Spruce Grove Farmers market. The venue was chosen because it complied with all the current covid restrictions. We hope to be back in Stony Plain at the Parkland Agricultural Services bldg. Our coordinator Pat Munch resigned her position. We are grateful to Pat for being plant sale coordinator for the last number of years. Pat was also a huge contributor of plants to the sale. Our one in person meeting was held at the Stony Plain Legion. We had a very successful silent auction of Fruits, vegetables and garden related items.

We are very grateful for all Pat has done as fund-raising coordinator. She has resigned this position and will be greatly missed.

### **COMMUNITY GARDENING Marybelle Titcomb**

Marybelle Titcomb, our community garden coordinator, has also resigned. Marybelle gardened with her team at the Library, St. Matthews church and also the Pioneer Museum. In 2021 the gardening was done only at the Museum. Marybelle and her team put in sixty collective hours at the Pioneer Museum. Thank you Marybelle for your work as community Garden coordinator.

We are hoping as a club to collaborate with Sangudo Garden Club on some garden tours and events.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Katherine Loughlin presented the reviewed Financial Statement and Balance sheet. The information was emailed out to the membership and was also put up on the screen for review and for members to ask questions.

After a brief explanation and questions a motion was made by

Katherine Loughlin for the Financial Statement and Balance sheet to be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Elaine Dextrase.

Katherine then reviewed the budget. A motion for the budget to be accepted as presented was made by Katherine Loughlin and seconded by Penny Fedoruk Brettelle. This was carried.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our new membership chairperson, Penny-Fedoruk Brettelle, reported that we have twenty-nine paid members as of February 1, 2022. Penny contacted each person on the membership list to see who would like to renew their membership.

**SOCIAL MEDIA-** Katherine Loughlin was our social media person for the past two years. Katherine has taken on many roles in our club and we are grateful for all that she has done for the club on Social Media. Katherine reported there were 516 followers on our FaceBook account. The Facebook account was used to advertise upcoming meetings and speakers and also to share gardening news. Another feature that was added to our website is online membership renewal. Fees for membership can be paid via e-transfer.

Thanks to Kortney Tompkins, our past board of directors secretary, for giving us a new Website. We are very grateful to Kortney for all her hard work on our website.

### **New social Media coordinator Dana Patterson**

We are pleased to welcome our new Social media coordinator, Dana Patterson.

Dana brings to our Social media some new ideas, such as flowers of the month and suggestions for a new modernised Logo to replace our old Logo. Dana suggested that she would like to visit every member's garden this summer and take some photos to perhaps be posted on our Facebook account. Dana was also going to explore that Instagram as a way of extending our visibility.

Dana suggested a new theme for the club "Growing Together". Dana presented some new logos for us to consider and vote on at the end of the meeting. After a brief discussion it was decided to table the vote on the logo and present more options to the membership.

### **Gardening at the Pioneer Museum**

A committee was established to look into the club's involvement in gardening at the Pioneer Museum. The committee members are Dana Patterson, Penny Fedoruk-Bretelle and Jo Anne Maw. Dana has looked into a plan for gardening at the Pioneer Museum to maintain the perennial beds and general maintenance. Dana suggested each member volunteer a couple of hours during the gardening year. The number of hours would be determined by the number of members in the club. Spring and Fall would require the most commitment of time. We are presently looking for a person to be our community Gardens coordinator.

Jo Anne thanked Liz McAleese for all her help and support . Liz was President for a number of years and now has taken over the position of Secretary.

A gathering was held on August 28, 2021, at the Pioneer Museum in Stony Plain, to remember deceased members of our club. Three plaques, with names of deceased members, were placed on the Memorial bench. The gathering was held outdoors and there were approximately eighteen people present.

There was an item of new business presented by Penny Fedoruk Brettelle. The question was about raising the membership fee. It was thought fifteen dollars was low. There was a discussion and it was thought this was something that could be tabled and discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting on February 16 and then brought to the membership.

### **By Laws**

The bylaws of the club have not been revised since 2001. It was thought there needed to be some revisions to bring them up to date. Katherine Loughlin along with Alice Ladd spent time looking at the bylaws and made suggestions to bring them up to date and with our current practices.

Katherine Loughlin emailed the revisions out to the membership and they were put up on the screen. Katherine went over every revision and there were questions and a discussion. It was Moved by Katherine Loughlin, seconded by Kathryn Frechette to amend our current laws as outlined.

The revisions to the bylaws were voted on at the end of the meeting and carried unanimously.

### **Vice President kathryn Frechette**

Kathryn presented her calendar of events for the upcoming year. This year there is a Seedy Sunday event in Edmonton on March 20, 2022 The date is Sunday March 20, 2022. There is also a proposed Seedy event proposed for Stony Plain. The details have yet to be announced.

We have been asked to partner with Sangudo, Magnolia and Lobstick Garden clubs to share tours and events. There are plans for June 26, to tour Joanne Maw's yard as well as Dana Patterson's yard after a tour of Kiwi Nursery. Kortney Tompkins has again offered club members to come to her Saskatoon Farm. Sangudo has some tours to share as well. Stay tuned for more details.

The date for the unplugged sale at High Q GreenHouse is Saturday, April 23 at 10 am. The details can be found on our calendar of events.

There is also talk of another Fall Workshop on Pruning and Seed Collecting.

## **Elections of Officers**

There were three vacant positions up for election. Fundraising Coordinator, Promotions and Community garden.

The floor was open to nominations.

Elaine Dextrase moved to nominate Holly Ethier for the position of Community Garden coordinator the motion was seconded by Dana Paterson.

Elaine Dextrase moved to nominate Femia Streefkerk for the position of Promotions coordinator. The motion was seconded by Kathryn Frechette.

The position of Fundraising coordinator remains vacant.

Welcome to our new committee leads. Thank you for letting your name stand and agreeing to take on these positions with SPHS.

Members voted via zoom for three things.

- (1) Amendment of the bylaws 100% in favour
- (2) Balance sheet 91% in favour
- (3) Financial Statement 100% in favour

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm