

Yellowknife Community Garden Collective

Annual General Meeting Agenda 6:30pm, Thursday, April 19, 2018 Northern United Place

1. Meeting begins – Greetings, Opening Remarks, and Introduction of Board
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm
Review of requirements for membership gardeners.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the 2018 AGM Agenda
Moved: Tasha Stephenson Seconded: Sandra Mann
3. Approval of last year's AGM Minutes
Motion to approve the 2017 AGM Minutes
Moved: Tracy Carroll Seconded: Tracy Bock
4. Business arising from the minutes
 - a. Several approaches were made to the city about the water but the Collective has not received a bill. A \$3,000 reserve for a (back) water bill will be reserved and a budget \$1,500 will continue for a current year water bill.
 - b. The board checked with the donation recipient organizations this spring they all expressed that they were happy with what we provided. We did get a few minor points, and these were added to the information on the donations page of the web site. If you encounter any issues or have comments on the donations, please email us at info@ykgardencollective.org.
5. Treasurer Report
Reviewed Income and Balance Sheet

Review and approve the Budget
Motion to approved the income and balance sheet for the 2017/ 2018 year
Moved: Bob Reid Seconded: Dave Taylor
6. Proposed garden cleanup deposit policy
Proposal to pay someone to cleanup plots that are abandoned, or overrun with weeds.
A deposit for the cleanup will be kept over the course of membership. When member leaves the Collective s/he will receive money back garden has been kept up.

Discussion/ Questions:

- Is it just weeds or also building supplies with unkept materials? Mostly soil which is a bigger project, whereas unsightly material is easier to clean up.
- Low income ? Will it deter gardeners - Angel Fund for those who cannot pay? Or application to waive for low income?
- Adding \$5 - \$10 per year as cleanup? Is there an economic process behind the \$50 decision. If shortfall made up with general revenue.
- What is the percentage of gardens that are abandoned each year? Each garden site is different and depends on returning gardeners.
- Effort of managing the deposits? Onerous of the board. Once system is in place, shouldn't be too bad. Check garden by mid May.
- Leave plot fallow for the year? - It doesn't really work. MUST BE WEEDED/SIFTED - only way.
- Hours instead of \$\$ - Sweat Equity.
- Free plots to give away? - Don't usually get taken.
- Polluter pays. But not financial barriers. Self identified as low income - piece of opportunity to cleanup.
- Fall check up instead of spring? Most likely will be checked in the fall but will have until the spring to know for sure.
- Have a volunteer option for cleanup.

Summary of Discussion - 3 options:

\$50 deposit

\$5-10 per year increase

Hours instead of \$\$

This 2018 year will be our tester year.

Motion to approve the \$3000 from the budget for garden clean up in the 2018 year.

Moved: Dave Taylor Seconded: Tasha Stephenson

7. Membership – Tracy

There are 233 gardener spots. 12 full plots are still open at site 1, and 7 at site 2.

There is general advertisement on facebook & YK Trader.

8. Elect board of directors

Time commitments - monthly meeting is ~ 1.5 hours. Depending on the position, there are a few more jobs to do throughout the month.

Call for nominations

- Jennifer Daley Bernier
- Marina St. Croix
- Meagan Wohlberg

Move to close to nominations

Moved: Diana Mathisen Seconded: Anne Peters

Election (if required)
Not required.

9. Announcement of New Board

10. Questions and Discussion

Q: Will renovations to be done in site one to boarders & who will pay? Site 1, at members own cost. Many plots don't have boxes, but until all have, garden board is not responsible.

Gardeners must make sure items are not treated with chemicals; Materials should follow the organic gardening practices. will have guidelines for gardeners.

Q: Garden waste is taken away and then we have to pay for compost in the fall? There is not enough labour to create good compost. It does not get hot enough to kill the weeds.

The board will put information up about composting. The city compost program provides information about compost make up.

11. Closing remarks and adjourn. Afterwards there will be meetings with site managers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Sandra Mann