

Yellowknife Community Garden Collective

Annual General Meeting Minutes 6:30pm, Thursday, April 11, 2019 Northern United Place

1. Meeting begins – Greetings, Opening Remarks, and Introduction of Board
Time: 19:00
2. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Misty
Seconded: Karen Johnston
in favour: motion carried
3. Approval of last year's AGM Minutes
Moved: Theresa
Seconded: Lauren
in favour: Motion Carried
4. Business arising from the minutes
- No items for further discussion
5. Treasurer Report
 - Review Income and Balance Sheet
[2019 financial statements](#)
 - Review and approve the Budget

Question: Insurance of \$800, what insurance are we paying?

Answer: General liability insurance that is required by the city of Yellowknife as a condition of the lease.

Question: What are our PayPal fees?

Answer: It is not certain what this is exactly at this time but the understanding is that it is a 3% flat fee.

Question: Rather than PayPal can the board consider using e-transfer instead of PayPal?

Answer: The bank account that the board has and the email addresses we have do not allow for e-transfers as we are a non profit organization. PayPal has been a successful manner for receiving membership fees

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented

Moved: Eric

Seconded: Anne

in favour: motion carried

6. Proposal of Farmer's Market - Garden Angels

The proposal for partnering with the Farmer's Market - Garden Angels was circulated prior to the meeting (Dave please attach / insert).

The idea is that if you abandon your plot, the site manager will attempt to confirm that the plot is indeed abandoned and will turn over the plot to the Farmer's Market - Garden Angels to manage and tend the plot for the remainder of the season.

The Farmer's Market - Garden Angels will donate 25% of the produce to a non profit organization and will sell the remaining.

It was recommended that the Societies Act be reviewed to confirm that this proposal conforms to the requirements of the legislation.

Question: Why are plots not being offered to the membership?

Answer: We do offer unplanted plots to members for free if they are not allocated by 10 June.

Comment: Last year we had a number of plots that were not allocated and they became overtaken by weeds.

Question: Why are abandoned plots not offered up to other members for taking over?

Answer: We can consider this.

Question: Is it possible that the YCGC could use member volunteers to tend and sell the abandoned produce and then sell the produce for a revenue stream for the YCGC?

Answer: We can consider this. It has been recommended that we compile a list of people before hand so that we can allocate and getting these plots producing.

It has been suggested that the YCGC attempt to find member volunteers first, if no member takes the plot over then the plot can be offered up to the Farmer's Market - Garden Angels.

Some members have indicated that they are amenable to the prospect of having more local produce available at the Farmer's Market.

Suggestion: Ensure that the City is aware and consulted on this.

Suggestion: The Farmer's Market has a table that gardeners can donate their produce for sale and the revenue would remain with the Farmer's Market.

Question: Would we provide some feedback about ethical pricing?

Answer: We do not intend to advise the Farmer's Market how much they should sell the produce for.

Question: Is there a hard date by which time a plot needs to be planted?

Answer: June 10. In the past years the garden site managers have sent out emails to remind gardeners to plant their plots.

Question: What do you consider to be an abandoned plot?

Answer: Some plots are signed up for and never planted; some plots are planted and then the gardener does not come back; some plots are never allocated.

Question: Have we considered rotating plots?

Answer: We have tried rotating in the past and it is not effective.

The board will continue to pursue this proposal

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Christina

in favour: motion carried

7. Proposal, turn the second half of Niven garden into a berry patch and maybe a couple more garden plots.
- we don't have enough gardeners to fill the plots available, although Niven is full, we have money and space. the Kam Lake orchard site has been successful.

Question: Would this be paid for with the money we have in the bank?

Answer: Yes

Question: Would we hire someone to build it?

Answer: The Niven site was built by members but, the berry patch at site two was built by an individual

Question: If this is approved what is the process to make this happen?

Answer: A board member, likely Dave, will coordinate the plan, obtain permits, cost out supplies and order more bushes

Moved that the BOD work towards creating a couple more garden spaces and a berry patch at the Niven site.

Moved: Misty

Seconded: Greg

in favour: Motion carried

8. Membership Report

We have 238 garden spaces available, 202 have been allocated, slightly more than this time last year. As of a week or so ago almost all the plots had been paid for.

We advertised a number of places this year but still have spaces available.

Question: How do we sign up for another plot?

Answer: An email will go out to the membership inquiring if any current gardeners would like an additional plot.

Dave reviewed the process for obtaining a plot on the website and the table on the membership application page.

Question: How does it work when the number of plots is 35 but the number of spots is 39?

Answer: Some plots have more than two gardeners.

9. Elect board of directors

- Call for nominations

Eva has indicated that she is interested in Education Coordinator
Amanda has volunteered to return to the board

Caihla MacCuish	
Kaitlynn Dewhurst	
Bob Reid	
David Taylor	
Tracy Carroll	
Erin Riebe	
Jennifer Daley Bernier	
Eva	
Amanda	

- Election (if required)
Not required

10. Announcement of New Board

11. Questions and Discussion

12. Closing remarks and adjourn – meet with site managers

- Moved: Erin
- adjourn 20:15