

2020 AGM May 27 via Webex

Meeting opens for sign in and setup 18:30

Call to order: 19:00

1. Greetings from Caihla, Chair of the YCGC garden board

To facilitate the passing of motions during the meeting, we will have a mover, a seconder, then Caihla will ask if there is anyone opposed. Hearing nothing, we'll deem the motion passed and move on.

This season is going ahead but will look a lot of different. The board has been in contact with the environmental health officer and they have approved our suggestions for staying safe while gardening during covid-19. Since the rules might change, the [current rules](#) will be available on the web site

We have a requirement that you donate 25% of your produce to one of our listed organizations. We have checked and the recipients of garden donations are still accepting and will receive at their doors. You can see the list of recipients on our website <http://www.ykgardencollective.org/food-security/donation-organizations>

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the Agenda as presented:
- b. Moved by: Dave Taylor
- c. Seconded by: Dave MacMillian

3. Approval of last year's AGM Minutes, The [minutes](#) are posted on the website.

- a. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes: Dave Taylor
- b. Seconded by: Christine Wenman
- c. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Tracy Carroll
- d. Seconded by: Amanda Johnson-Dunbar

4. Business arising from the minutes

- a. The Farmer Market decided they didn't have the volunteer power to support the market angels program. So that idea didn't go anywhere.
- b. We did not make any progress on the expansion of the Niven garden or Niven berry patch but we will try again this year. If you are interested in helping (or running) this project please let Rae Braden or the board know.
- c. We've asked the city several times but continue to get no answer on charges for water usage. Background: we used to be charged for water usage, but the city stopped a few years ago for no known reason, so we have been expecting a water bill that hasn't arrived.
- d. There was a question about PayPal fees, in 2019 the total cost was \$189.72. PayPal works very easily for the garden board, this year about 7 people paid by cheque, the rest by PayPal. We see no reason to change anything.

5. Treasurer Report

- a. The [report](#) is posted on the website
- b. Last year we had an operating surplus of \$1,092.04
- c. We anticipate the same this year excluding any expansion work on Niven or Old Town gardens.
 - i. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented: Caihla MacCuish
 - ii. Seconded by: Anita Gue

6. Membership Report

- On May 27th there are 251 members and all of the gardens are now full. However, most years one or two people cancel, so if anyone knows anyone who wants a plot they should still sign up on the website and if a plot becomes available, they'll be contacted (unless there's already a waiting list for the Site they choose).
- We need to contact the waitlist people to see if they want to help build the Niven expansion.

7. Donations Report

- The majority of the organizations that would like donations of vegetables have been updated on the website.
- Membership should be aware that several organizations have changed when and how they would like donations to be dropped off due to health concerns related to their clients and staff. Most notably the Salvation Army. Please refer to the [website](#)!
- Root vegetables, lettuce and herbs were all mentioned. Everyone expressed their gratitude for the donations and what a treat they were to receive. Most donations are used to make meals in house, very little is given to clients to take home.

8. New Business

No new business

Find out what the city plans are for the area between site 2 and the ditch.
Maybe plant raspberries.

Caihla introduced and thanked the Site managers.

9. Elect board of directors

We elect board members, then the board decides which role they will play.

The following board members are willing to continue

Caihla, Dave, Tracy, Amanda, Eva, Erin, Jennifer

- Call for nominations (we have spots for 10 board members)

1	Caihla MacCuish
2	David Taylor
3	Tracy Carroll
4	Jennifer Daley Bernier
5	Eva Walker
6	Amanda Johnson-Dunbar
7	Andrew Wheeler
8	Tim Thurley
9	Erin Riebe
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Move that nominations close: Dave Taylor
Seconded: Ann Peters

- Election (if required) -- not required

10. Announcement of New Board

11. Closing remarks

- a. City reports that the water is to be turned on by June 10.
- b.

12. Motion to adjourn: Caihla

Time: 19:46