



BC Council of Garden Clubs
Fall General Meeting
October 28, 2023
Bonsor Recreation Complex
6550 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby

Notice of Motions:

#1 - Motion to accept the Minutes of the Fall General Meeting from October 1, 2022.
(Please see the Minutes from the October 1, 2022 Fall General Meeting below.)

#2 – Motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2024.
(Please see the Proposed Budget below.)

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B.C. Council of Garden Clubs

Fall General Meeting

October 1, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bonsor Recreation Complex, Burnaby, B.C.

1. Welcome

First Vice President Cindy Tataryn started the meeting at 10:00 and warmly welcomed everyone to our return to in-person meetings.

2. BCCGC Business – Cindy Tataryn, First Vice President

Cindy introduced the current members of the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs executive. Then she confirmed the number of member clubs in attendance and determined that a quorum had been reached for voting purposes.

3. Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda

The agenda for this Fall Meeting was circulated to the member clubs in advance as part of the delegates package.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Jutta Zeisler of the Dunbar Garden Club, seconded by Jill Wright of the Richmond Garden Club. Motion passed.

4. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the 2021 Fall General Meeting

The minutes from the 2021 Fall Meeting were circulated to the member clubs in advance of the meeting as part of the delegates package.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2021 Fall General Meeting made by Lorna Cloutier of the New Westminster Horticultural Society, seconded by Anna Camporese of the B.C. Floral Art Society. Motion passed.

5. Spring AGM and Elections

Cindy noted that we have tentatively scheduled the Spring AGM for Saturday, April 1, 2023, so save the date!

We are looking for three people to volunteer to form a Nominations Committee – the current executive may not be members of the Nominations committee. Please contact Cindy to volunteer for this committee.

Also call if you would like to have your name stand for any of the following positions on the BCCGC Executive, or if you know someone in your club who we should approach for a position,

The executive positions up for election at the 2023 AGM will be:

- (1) President – two-year term
- (2) 2nd Vice President – two-year term
- (3) Secretary – two-year term (Treasurer – two year term)
- (4) Scholarship Fund Committee – three-year term

6. Treasurer's Report – Ann Peters, Treasurer

Ann briefly reviewed this past year's financials and the proposed budget for 2023, which was circulated to member clubs in advance of this meeting as part for the delegates package.

Motion to approve the proposed budget for 2023 made by Victor Froese of the Floral Artists of the Fraser Valley, seconded by Patty Molnar of the North Surrey Horticultural Society. Motion passed.

7. Vendors

Cindy introduced the vendors in attendance and thanked them for their support of the B.C. Council: Front Yard Farms, Jim Haliburton of Kelpman, Janice Bobic of My Father's Garden Jam Company and Dwight Young of Growers Delight.

Jim Haliburton then spoke briefly about The Visioneers, a global leadership organization with the goal of developing leaders and getting young people involved in shaping their world, including getting them engaged in gardening again.

[coffee break]

8. Scholarship Fund Report – Shonagh MacRae, Committee Chair

Shonagh presented information on the Scholarship Fund, which was also supplied in the delegates package sent out ahead of the meeting. She was pleased to report that clubs and individuals have continued to be generous in supporting the fund, reviewed some of our top donors, and noted that donations have remained steady over the past 10 years. The money paid out to students is gradually rising every year as the fund grows. Shonagh also reviewed the topics studied by our award recipients this year, and noted that the Scholarship Committee will be looking for a third member (for a three-year commitment) when her term ends in the spring.

9. Scholarship Recipient Presentation – Inbar Avrahami Saraf

Inbar specialized in sustainable agriculture and the environment during his studies at UBC and reviewed his project from fall 2020, in which he collaborated with Zaklan Farms in Surrey to build a black garlic fermenter. It could also be used for germinating seeds and dehydrating. He also worked as a research assistant at the UBC Sustainable Agricultural Landscapes Lab and studied wheat varieties and how to maximize nutrient use from soil.

10. Floral Design Show – Results and Comments

Floral Design Judge Jennifer Zuk reviewed the entries in the Floral Design Show and announced the results:

Marlene Tambre, Floral Artists of the Fraser Valley, “Best in Show”

Sandra Froese, Floral Artists of the Fraser Valley, “Honourable Mention”

Cindy thanked everyone who entered the show for their beautiful work, and also thanked the New Westminster Horticultural Society for handling the draw table for the meeting.

[lunch break]

11. Emma Best and Jackson MacPherson, Invasive Species Council of B.C., on the Japanese Beetle

Emma and Jackson provided an overview of the Japanese beetle’s characteristics in comparison to other beetles and of their spread internationally. They feed on 300 different types of ornamental and horticultural plants. Currently the council uses traps for surveillance and monitoring and apply a spray (like GrubGONE) to control the larvae. For the adult beetles you can try using the BeetleGONE bio insecticide.

[break and draw table]

12. Speaker: Egan Davis, “The Long Grass Movement: Long Grass Management in Passive Turf Areas”

Egan first looked at the future of grass cutting and lawn management and spoke about the robotic lawn-mowing machine that was trialed by the City of Richmond. Then he presented examples of successful long grass pastures from around the world such as Great Dixter, where the flowering plants that grow with the grasses are semi-parasitic or fully parasitic so grass cannot become the dominant species, and

close to home in Jericho Park, where there's owl clover thriving in a grassy area. All of these sorts of complex long grass meadows are based on symbiotic relationships – e.g. lupins create nitrogen so you often see them, as they work with so many different plants, and legumes like clover create the nitrogen needed by lawns.

Grass will usually become dominant unless held in check by other factors – e.g. parasitic plants, bad soil, lack of water (for instance, alpine meadows are not usually good for grass). Bulbs and other types of plants/flowers that go dormant in the summer create a good mix (e.g. *Camassia*). You also get this mix in places where the soil/site has been disturbed. You can sow seeds for yarrow after aerating your lawn in the spring – they will fall into the holes

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the BC Council's 2022 Fall Meeting made by Janet Bennie of Gibsons Garden Club, seconded by Jutta Zeisler of the Dunbar Garden Club. Motion passed. Meeting ended by Cindy Tataryn at 3:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by BC Council secretary Pam Robertson.

BC Council of Garden Clubs

January – December 2024

	Proposed Budget	Comments
Advertising Income	700	Bulletin ads
Affiliation Membership Fees	8,000	200 clubs at \$40
Interest Earned	400	From term deposits
Bi-Annual Meetings		
Income		
AGM Spring meeting draw table donate to scholarship fund	500	Members donations to draw table
AGM registration	4,000	100 members at \$40 registration
Vendor Table for Spring Meeting - Donated to scholarship fund	150	5 tables at \$30
Fall meeting draw table - donate to scholarship fund	500	
Fall meeting registration	4,000	
Vendor Table for Fall Meeting - donate to scholarship fund	150	5 tables at \$30
Total Bi-Annual Meetings Income	9,300	
Expenses		
Speakers - Spring AGM	(1,000)	2 speakers
Venue – Spring Mtg	(1,355)	Venue and catering and misc expenses re meeting
Catering Spring meeting	(4,800)	
Floral Design Show Spring AGM	(400)	Ribbons and judges fee
Miscellaneous - Spring AGM	0	
Speakers - Fall Mtg	(1,500)	1 speaker
Venue – Fall Mtg	(1,355)	Venue and catering
Catering Fall Meeting	(4,800)	
Floral Design Show Fall Mtg	(50)	
Miscellaneous - Fall Mtg	0	
Donation to scholarship fund as above	(650)	
Total Bi-Annual Meetings Expenses	(15,910)	
Net Bi-Annual Meetings	(6,610)	
Courses & Manuals		
Income		
Floral Design Judges Course	0	
Floral Design Manual (\$40x 13)	520	Sale of manuals
Floral Design Manual updates	0	
Floral Design Workbook (\$15 x 17)	255	Sale of workbooks
Flower Arranging Course	2,000	Registration Fees
Horticultural Judges Course	0	
Horticultural Judges Manual (\$25 x 13)	325	Sale of manuals plus binders Misc incl part cost of Zoom
Total Courses & Manuals Income	3,100	
Expenses		
Flower Arranging Course	(2,000)	Venue / Instructors / Supplies/refunds
Floral Design Judge's Course	(150)	
Horticultural Judges Course	(200)	Venue / Instructors / Supplies

Floral Design Workbooks	(2,000)	Supplies, printing, binding
Manual - Floral Design Judging & Exhibit Standards	(2,000)	Revisions / Photos / Printing / Postage
Manual - Horticulture Judging & Exhibits Standards	(500)	Printing / Postage
Total Courses & Manuals Expenses	(6,850)	
Net Courses & Manuals	(3,750)	
Administrative Expenses		
Accounting	(300)	Accounting software & annual financial overview
Board Meetings	(200)	Cost of Zoom for board meetings
Communications - Contest prizes	(250)	
Office	(100)	
Printing & postage	(200)	Postage / office supplies/secretarial expenses
Scholarship Committee Expenses	(300)	Travel, postage
Website Items; Licensing	(600)	Website maintenance
Total Administrative Expenses	(1,950)	
Profit / (Loss)	(3,210)	