

**Friends of the Central Experimental Farm
Amis de la Ferme expérimentale centrale**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors
April 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Eric Jones, Shirley Ewen, Donna Pape, Dell Durnin, Robert Stuart, Randy Taylor, Blaine Marchand

GUEST: Heather Webster

ABSENT: Richard Hinchcliff, Deborah Higdon-LeBlond

AGENDA:

- **MOVED by Shirley Ewen and SECONDED by Rob Stuart THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED.**

MINUTES:

- **MOVED by Donna Pape and SECONDED by Shirley Ewen THAT the minutes of the March, 2022, meeting be approved. CARRIED.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Eric

- Extended a welcome to Heather.
- AAFC is bringing in new rules for access to Building 72
- All Board members are reminded to register for the AGM.

TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL ISSUES - Randy

- FCEF has a balance of \$119,079.00.
- **MOVED by Randy Taylor and SECONDED by Donna Pape THAT the financial report for the end of March, 2022, be approved. CARRIED.**

PROJECTS UPDATE

- **Bench Project:** - We are awaiting sites for the benches before going to the donors. They will be given choices of the location based on when they sent in the funds. Delivery of benches is expected in May and the installation is set for June.
- **Building Book:** A number of copies have been sent out on consignment.
- **Garden tours:** Rob - Information for eight tours has been given to Shelley so it can be posted on the website. Registration is on-line. Tour guides to be assigned.
- **Woodland improvement:** Eric - AAFC is purchasing some plants and growing others. FCEF will purchase some smaller plants and assist with planting and watering.
- **The Tree book:** Eric - The format has been decided: a revision with a couple additional walks. Two new maps will be added showing tours of the gardens and the shelter belt.
- **Master Gardener lectures:** Donna - fifty people attended the ZOOM lecture on Native Plants.
- **Greeting Cards:** Dell - The six photographs have been selected for a series on Pollinators. Dell will also speak with Deborah Farrow who has produced cards with watercolour designs to see how many are scenes of the Farm, to

help us determine if it would be appropriate to sell them on our on-line boutique, and if so, in what format.

- **Creation of pathways:** Eric – Jeremy has identified this as a priority, but a plan is necessary before a grant application can be made.
- **Upgrading of the arches:** Fiona-AAFC may proceed with this project using its own resources.

AGM

- The agenda was discussed and approved.
- Appreciation for volunteer service- 5 and 10 years to receive a package of cards; 15 and 20 years will receive a copy of the Building Book.

MEMBERSHIP – Deborah e-mailed a report.

- A total of 402 memberships (a decrease of 8 from last month) which includes 502 people.

RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS - Donna

- The volunteer recruitment session was well attended and Donna has received 45 forms.

EVENTS- Donna

- Plant Sale – three more vendors have signed up
- Book Sale – will be postponed until September 24.

GARDENS – Blaine

- The garden team meeting will be held on April 26 at 10:00 am.
- Blaine is organizing several tours: May 17 for students from Vankleek Hill, May 24 for diplomatic spouses, and three peony tours on June 2, 7, and 9.

PARKING – Donna

- Parking is an issue and Donna will request more passes for volunteers.

AUCTION of the Ode to Experimental Farm portfolio– Blaine

- Blaine has been unable to contact Walkers Auctions but will send the evaluation documents of the portfolio to Spooners Auctions.

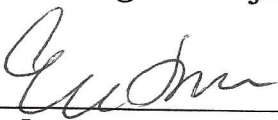
NEW BUSINESS– Eric

- **MOVED by Shirley Ewen and seconded by Dell Durnin that Heather Webster be added to the FCEF Board of Directors. Carried.**

NEXT MEETING

- The next FCEF Board meeting will be held May 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



Eric Jones, President



Shirley Ewen, Secretary