

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

Virtual Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Ottawa

Minutes (DRAFT)

ATTENDANCE

The members present constituted a quorum, and fifty-five people were in attendance.

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Eric Jones, President, served as Chairman and Shirley Ewen, as Secretary.

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Eric Jones welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He asked that only members vote and to do so by raising their hand if they did not agree with the motion. Links to the agenda, minutes of the 2022 AGM and financial statements were sent to all those who registered.

Approval of Agenda - MOVED by Shirley Ewen and Seconded by Dell Durnin THAT the agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

Minutes - MOVED by Shirley Ewen and Seconded by Dell Durnin THAT the Minutes of Annual General Meeting, May, 2022 be approved. **CARRIED**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FCEF has been maintaining the gardens for 35 years. Eric noted that change was in the air and thanked the Board members who were stepping down. He listed the many accomplishments of the past year, such as the plant sale in 2022, the installation of the last of the celebration benches, new garden tours, self-guided tour brochures, tree tours, restored woodlands, the Newsletter, and Master Gardener lectures. The future holds another plant sale, a new tree donor program, a Shelterbelt brochure, a new tree book in 2024 and two new stamps depicting our peonies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Randy Taylor presented a summary of the Financial Review carried out by Numeris CPA Professional Corporation.

MOVED BY Randy Taylor and Seconded by Heather Webster THAT the FCEF 2022 Audited Financial Statements prepared by Numeris CPA Professional Corporation be accepted. **CARRIED**

Appointment of 2023 Auditors – MOVED by Randy Taylor and Seconded by Heather Webster THAT, based on the results of an RFP that was issued in 2022, and the successful bidder being Numeris CPA Professional Corporation, this company be appointed as the auditor for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 financial statements. **CARRIED**

REMARKS BY RILEY BROCKINGTON, Councillor for River Ward

Riley forwarded a note as he was unable to attend. Eric read the greetings from Riley who expressed thanks to the volunteers for all their work.

Election of Board Members – MOVED by Eric Jones and Seconded by Dell Durnin that Chantale Neapole, Janice Tayles, Cheryl Hutcheson, Elizabeth Atkinson, Dianne Caldbick, Mark Vigder, Christina Fiedorowicz, Linda McLaren, and Donna Pape be elected to the FCEF Board of Directors. **CARRIED**

The Board will also include returning Directors Eric Jones, Shirley Ewen, Heather Webster and Dell Durnin.

The FCEF Board wishes to acknowledge the many years of excellent service of Blaine Marchand, Deborah Higdon-LeBlond, Randy Taylor, Richard Hinchcliff and Rob Stuart. We thank them gratefully and wish them well.

MOVED BY Eric Jones and seconded by Shirley Ewen THAT the Board be granted the power to add additional Board members as appropriate prior to the 2024 AGM. **CARRIED**

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION FOR TERMS OF SERVICE – Christina Fiedorowicz recognized those volunteers who have put in 5, 10, 15, 20, and 24 years of service. They are listed at the end of the minutes. She will be calling them together to celebrate their years of service.

GUEST SPEAKER. Tina Liu, Senior Landscape Architect, National Capital Commission, was our guest speaker. Her topic was ‘The Tulip Legacy and 75 years of Tulip Design in the Canada’s Capital’. She recounted the history of planting tulips in Ottawa, how the tulip festival has developed, and how the design of the tulip beds has changed over the years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Eric Jones, Acting President

Shirley Ewen, Secretary

2022 Volunteer Years of Service

5 Years - Dell Durnin, Andy McGregor, Robert Stuart

10 Years - Linda Horrocks, Sue Killam

15 Years - Beverly Brooks, Fiona Cowell, Janet Hyland, Ben Pascolo-Neveu,
Eileen Reardon. Josephine Stanic, Roger Taguchi

20 Years - Rick Carpenter, Kevin O'Connor

24 Years - Polly McColl

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