



**White Rock and District Garden Club
Jan 11, 2022
General meeting on Zoom
Minutes**

17 members attended the meeting on zoom

Acting President: Mary Openshaw called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Motion of Acceptance of the Governance Proposal:

Moved by Melanie Rantucci and seconded by Iris Peacosh that:

“In the absence of an elected president for our club, the Executive propose to govern in a cooperative manner, with the help of Past Presidents until such time as a member volunteers to take on this position. To this end, these Past Presidents Donna Lawson, Eileen Davidson, Ken Parker, Claire Muirhead, Yvonne Pont, Melanie Rantucci, Patti Wolczuk and Mary Openshaw have agreed to take turns chairing out monthly meetings. Members of the 2022 Executive will collaborate on the running of the club’s business by taking turns monthly to be Chairperson fulfilling the duties of President.”

Discussion of the motion followed including:

Club members can contact anyone on the Executive for information
Acting Chairs of General Meeting for current and next month will attend Executive meetings

Motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes: Joyce O’Brien moved that the minutes of Dec 14th, 2021 be accepted as circulated. Linda Bradley seconded.

Acting President’s Report. **Mary Openshaw** commented that she spent many hours contacting people to develop the Governance proposal and other documents. She will continue with the Weekly Wed.

Secretary: Pat Catton reported that Treasurer and Membership Year End Reports for 2021 will be attached to Jan 11 2022 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Roark reported he is preparing for the accounts to be audited. 2021 income exceeded expenses.

Membership Report: Linda Bradley reported that 49 members have renewed for 2022. Linda will be contacting those who have not renewed. Margrit volunteered to assist.

Due to requirements for the privacy and photo statements, all members need to sign annually. Melanie will put a notice in the newsletter.

Linda will bring last years completed forms to the first in person meeting for those who didn't complete the form to initial for 2022.

Newsletter Report. Melanie Rantucci has completed first newsletter for 2022.

Comments are welcome.

She will be sending out the Weekly Wed. just as it comes to her to reduce workload.

Show Chairman; Mary reported for Donna Lawson. The schedule for 2022 is being developed and there will be several contemporary categories.

Trophies: No report

Publicity: No report

Plant Sale: Terry Haight reported the committee is meeting next Tuesday.

Discussion followed regarding how covid restrictions may affect the plant sale this year.

Plants Plus: Joyce O'Brien needs items other than books and puzzles for Plants Plus

Programs Report: Terry Haight reported that Egan Davis from White Rock Parks and Rec. is scheduled for the Feb. meeting.

Christine Allen on Garden Planning is a possibility for March meeting.

Terry has contacted Surrey Parks regarding a garden tour of the Glades and Dart's Hill for the Club.

Website Committee Report: Bev Sass reported on updates to the Website including some winter pictures.

The website will need a new poster for the Plant Sale. Mary will follow-up. Executive Members for 2022 are in the member's only section.

Plant of the Month. Iris Peacosh described a Dracena plant with exotic green leaves and a coral coloured stem. The plant was won by Mary Openshaw

New Business: No new business

Melanie and Mary presented on “What’s Happening in our Gardens in January” including seeds, storage of begonias and dahlias, removing snow from branches, pruning, gardening tool clean up, indoor plants, garden planning and starting plants.

Adjournment Tim Roark moved and Lorna Bury seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:43 pm

Next Meeting: Feb 8, 2022

Appendixes:

2021 Year End Treasurer’s Report
2021 Year End Membership Report

WHITE ROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB 2021 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Another year has passed and our garden club, like our members, has survived the nasty Covid virus in its various forms. We continue to be in a good financial position even with membership revenue dropping as expenses are down somewhat as well.

Our Guaranteed Investment Certificates with Coast Capital are secure and continue to generate revenue for potential future use. As these reach maturity they will be replaced with new GICs to ensure the continued strong financial position of our club. A budget has been approved by the Executive and membership for 2022 at the November 9th general meeting. It follows the excellent financial management practices utilized by Treasurers in previous years. As is the normal annual practice, a Financial Audit will be carried out to confirm our financial status and the results will be reported to the Executive and members early in 2022.

The departure of our President Diane Kew to Denman Island necessitated changes to our Signing Officers with Coast Capital. Fran Deptuck, our new Vice President and Pat Catton our Secretary will now be included as Signing Officers.

We look forward to a more active year ahead with the renewal and inclusion of new members to our club for a more active year ahead. Should any questions arise please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Roark, Treasurer
White Rock & District Garden Club
January 7, 2022

From: Linda Bradley whatdayisitbradley@gmail.com
Subject: Re:
Date: January 8, 2022 at 11:19 AM
To: Patricia Catton pcatton@shaw.ca, melanie mjrp@telus.net

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Here is my 2021 membership report

Membership:

Covid has had a huge impact on our membership. At the beginning of 2021 there were over 80 members in our garden club. As of January 2022, we are down to 50 paid memberships. Many of our members moved away from the area in 2021. We held monthly Zoom Meetings and in person meetings started to be held at Cranley Hall from September to December 2021. All members attending in person meetings must provide proof of double vaccines and wear a mask. In person meetings were attended by 20 members in September to almost 40 members in December as well as 3 to 5 people attending by zoom. We look forward to keeping in touch throughout the upcoming year.