

Russell and District Horticultural Society
Minutes of meeting Monday, June 19, 2017
7 p.m. upstairs at Russell Legion Hall

1. Carole van Die welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were 24 members present but no guests.
2. Marianne Vedder approved the May minutes, seconded by Diane Norman.
3. Carole gave a brief summary of the trip to the Central Experimental Farm. Four members attended the trip: Pegi and Erin Holtz, Carole van Die, and Marcel Beauchamp. After a look at the peonies and other flower beds, Marcel gave a tour of part of the arboretum which was followed by a picnic lunch. It was a very pleasant outing.
4. Margaret Helliker made two award presentations:
 - a) A life membership was awarded to Pegi Holtz in recognition of her years of membership and volunteering in many positions and on many committees within the horticultural society.
 - b) The President's Award was given to Jacqueline Wyss in recognition of her work as a director as well as her work as webmaster and yearbook editor.
5. Steve Mihouk from Trees for Tomorrow gave a brief presentation. Trees for Tomorrow is a local charitable organization promoting the planting of trees in the area. One major project was the planting of edible shrubs and berries along the fitness trail and the show garden by Mother Teresa Catholic School in 2014. They have a low profile at the moment but he is looking to promote more action in future. Volunteers and donations this year have come from air cadets, Essential Soils, and Hydro One. This year they would like to tag the surviving shrubs and therefore are looking for donations. The tags are approximately \$2/tag, with several hundred dollars needed to produce the required number of tags. An inventory will be done how many will actually be needed.
6. Carole let Steve and the members present know that the request will be brought up at the next board meeting.
7. Carole announced that volunteers are needed to man the society's booth as well as walk in the parade on July 1st. A sign-up sheet was available at the end of the meeting.
8. Carole ran the plant auction for the evening. A total of \$109 was raised over the course of the evening as well as another sale later in the week.
9. The treats tonight were provided by Gloria Bickertt.
10. The treats were eaten while enjoying the results of the Spring Flower Show.