

Russell and District Horticultural Society
Minutes of meeting Monday, November 20, 2017
6:30 p.m. at Russell Meadows Retirement Centre

1. Carole van Die welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - a. There were about 42 members present
2. The evening began with a potluck dinner with wonderful food provided by all.
3. Lindley McPhail approved the minutes from the October meeting, seconded by Linda Duhammel.
4. Carole announced that membership renewal will begin at our next meeting in January. Memberships will be the same price at \$10/person.
5. Peter van Die gave the Treasurer's report. Some highlights: numbers are similar to last year, some variability due to the collection of fees for tables at the Living Locally Fairs, money for upkeep of MacDougall park and Library still to go out, total in bank account \$22,000.
6. Pegi Holtz read the proposed changes to the by-laws in the Society's constitution. Louise Houle approved the changes and Marilyn MacMillan seconded the changes. The members present voted and approved the changes. The amendments to the constitution will be posted on the society's website.
7. Marianne Vedder gave an update about the trees planted on her father's property. Of the 60 trees planted, all the deciduous were sold, for a total of \$640, and a few of the spruce and pine were sold bringing the total brought in from the tree sales to \$720.
8. Carole announced that our Society is looking for someone to fill the position of Publicity RDHS for the upcoming year. Anyone interested is to contact Carole.
9. Carole also announced that the OHA has posted three positions on their board. Job descriptions were available on the front desk all evening.
10. Carole requested that people sign up to work at the Living Locally Fair in January. She would like to have the volunteers set up so she does not have to call everyone closer to the date. People are also needed to make soup, beans, and/or chili. Sign-up sheets were also on the table and were circulated around the tables.
11. 'Elections' were held for the 2018-2019 year hosted by Louise Houle. Executive members will remain the same as 2017-2018: President: Carole van Die; Vice-President: Grace Stapper; Past President: Marcel Beauchamp; Treasurer: Peter van Die; Secretary: Erin Holtz. The society can have as many directors as it needs/wants, so if anyone would like to volunteer, please speak to a member of the executive.
12. Winners of the place setting competition were as follow:
 - a. Canada 150: Gloria Biickert
 - b. Bling, Bling, Bling: Johanne St. Denis
 - c. Christmas: Marie-Claire Ivanski
13. The evening was concluded with a trivia game and a craft to make centrepiece arrangements using Christmas mugs, greenery, and small decorations.