

**Russell and District Horticultural Society**  
**Minutes of meeting Monday, January 15, 2018**  
**7 p.m. at Russell Meadows Retirement Centre**

1. Carole van Die welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
  - a. There were about 18-20 members present
2. Sue Barr was taking memberships for the same price as last year: \$10/member.
3. Grace Stapper approved the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dev. Meetings adopted by everyone.
4. Carole announced that the district AGM will be held Saturday April 21 at St. Mary's Centre in Williamstown. She needs to know by next meeting who would like to attend as the club pays for the meal. There are also competitions such as flower, photography, poetry, etc. and everyone is encouraged to submit entries.
5. Pegi Holtz reminded everyone that the Living Locally Fair is Saturday, January 20 and please attend. Sue and Connie will be manning the horticultural society's booth at which will be artifacts from the 1<sup>st</sup> fair. There will be a cafe with 500 cupcakes, soup and buns. There will be 137 exhibitors this year. John Jackson recommended carpooling and Pegi said that horticultural society members can park behind the fire hall.
6. Carole announced that she has the list for snacks for meetings and there are still a couple volunteers needed.
7. The speaker for the February meeting is Marcel Beauchamp who will be talking about the communication between trees.
8. Connie Johnston announced that the fundraising trivia nights for good causes are up and running again upstairs at the arena. There are upcoming ones February 3 and March 3 for \$10/person and tables are teams of 6.
9. The guest speaker for the evening was Cindy Cluett from Beyond the House. She spoke about Dwarf Conifers. A few points from the evening:
  - a. A dwarf is anything smaller than the species
  - b. Every year more and more varieties are available
  - c. New varieties are produced from cuttings from witches brooms
  - d. An indication of how large an evergreen will grow is evident by looking at the annual growth.
  - e. The size on tags is the 10 year size. Evergreens continue to grow, but growth slows, not stops.
  - f. Climate and annual conditions affect growth.
  - g. One way to control growth is by candling new growth.

- h. The following is a list of conifers from the presentation:
- i. *Abies lasiocarpa* 'Compacta' - Rocky Mountain Fir
  - ii. *Abies balsamea* 'Nana' - Dwarf Balsam Fir
  - iii. *Abies koreana* 'Silberlocke' - Silver Curls Siberian Fir
  - iv. *Abies horizontalis* 'Aurea' - Golden Korean Fir
  - v. *Larix kaempferi* 'Diana' - Contorted Japanese Larch
  - vi. *Larix kaempferi* 'Pendula' - Weeping Japanese Larch
  - vii. *Larix eurolepis* 'Varied Directions' - Hybrid Larch
  - viii. *Larix laricina* 'Steuben' - Hybrid Larch
  - ix. *Picea abies* 'Pendula' - Weeping Norway Spruce
  - x. *Picea abies* 'Acrocona' - Acrocona Norway Spruce
  - xi. *Picea abies* 'Aarburg' - Aarburg Norway Spruce
  - xii. *Picea abies* 'Clanbrassiliana' - Clanbrassiliana Norway Spruce
  - xiii. *Picea glauca* 'Pendula' - Weeping White Spruce
  - xiv. *Picea glauca* 'Echiniformis' - Dwarf White Spruce
  - xv. *Picea omorika* 'Nana' - Dwarf Serbian Spruce
  - xvi. *Picea pungens* 'Fat Albert' - Fat Albert Colorado Blue Spruce
  - xvii. *Picea pungens* 'Thume' -- Thume Colorado Blue Spruce
  - xviii. *Pinus strobus* 'Contorta' - Contorted White Pine
  - xix. *Pinus strobus* 'Pendula' - Weeping White Pine
  - xx. *Pinus strobus* 'Glauca Nana' - Dwarf White Pine
  - xxi. *Pinus strobus* 'Blue Shag - Dwarf White Pine
  - xxii. *Pinus strobus* 'Pumila' - Dwarf White Pine
  - xxiii. *Pinus pumila* 'Blue dwarf'
  - xxiv. *Pinus mugo* 'Slowmound' - Slowmound Mugo Pine
  - xxv. *Pinus sylvestris* 'Glauca Nana' - Dwarf Scots Pine
  - xxvi. *Pinus resinosa* 'Morel' - Morel Red Pine
  - xxvii. *Pinus sylvestris* 'Wolting's Gold' - Wolting's Gold Scots Pine
  - xxviii. *Chamaecyparis thyoides* 'Heatherbun' - Heatherbun False Cypress
  - xxix. *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Filifera Aureovariegata' - Variegated False Cypress

- xxx. *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Mops' - Mops False Cypress
- xxxii. *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Lemon Thread' - Lemon Thread False Cypress
- xxxiii. *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Golden Pincushion' - Golden Pincushion False Cypress
- xxxiv. *Juniperus horizontalis* 'Motherlode' - Motherlode creeping juniper
- xxxv. *Juniperus horizontalis* 'Limeglow' - Limeglow creeping juniper
- xxxvi. *Juniperus horizontalis* 'Glomerata' - Glomerata creeping juniper
- xxxvii. *Juniperus chinensis* 'Blaaw' - Blaaw Juniper
- xxxviii. *Juniperus chinensis* 'Saybrook Gold' - Saybrook Gold juniper
- xxxix. *Juniperus chinensis* 'Gold Lace' - Gold Lace Juniper
- xl. *Juniperus chinensis* 'Robusta Green' - Robusta Green Juniper
- xli. *Thuja occidentalis* 'Sunkist' - Sunkist Cedar
- xlii. *Thuja occidentalis* 'Ohlendorfii' - Ohlendorfii Cedar
- xliii. *Thuja occidentalis* 'Degroot's Spire' - Degroot's Spire Cedar
- xliiii. *Thuja occidentalis* 'Rheingold' - Rheingold Cedar
- xliv. *Thuja occidentalis* 'Filiformis' - Filiformis Cedar
- xlv. *Microbiota decussata* - Russian Arborvitae
- xlvi. *Taxus cuspidata* 'Dwarf Bright Gold' - Dwarf Golden Yew
- xlvii. *Thuja dolabrata* 'Nana' - Dwarf Hiba Arborvitae
- xlviii. *Ginkgo biloba* 'Mariken' - Mariken Ginkgo